

Circular Letter No.037

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To : Deputy Director General/NHSL, Colombo
Directors/MSS of Teaching/General Hospitals,
Regional Directors of Health Services,
Deans of Faculties of Medicine/Medical Sciences,
Universities of Peradeniya/Colombo/Jaffna/Ruhuna/Kelaniya/
Sri Jayewardenepura/Eastern/Rajarata/Sabaragamuwa/Wayamba/KDU

MD IN FORENSIC MEDICINE EXAMINATION – JUNE 2024 (PROSPECTUS 2018)

1. The above examination will commence on **06th June 2024**. The examination will be held in Colombo.
2. Applications are invited by me from Medical Officers possessing the following requirements to sit the above examination:
 - a. Satisfactory completion of three years training in all components of the in-service training program.
 - b. Satisfactory progress reports acceptable to the BOS.
 - c. Satisfactory Multisource Feedback System (4) acceptable to the BOS.
 - d. A duly completed training portfolio accepted by examiners.
 - e. Satisfactory completion of “LOG BOOK” (included –in Training Portfolio) containing record of work carried out and signed by supervisor/trainer.
 - f. Satisfactory professional conduct and attendance during training period certified by the trainers .
 - g. Acceptance of the research project or journal publication.
 - h. Obtain the minimum marks required for all components of the Continuous assessments.
3. The MD examination consists of 4 components. The written component, the OSPE component, the clinical component and the Histopathology component.

3.1 The written component

- (i) Paper 1 : MCQ Paper
- (ii) Paper 2 : SEQ Paper

3.2 The clinical component

The clinical component consists of the following 2 subcomponents: the long case, 4 short cases.

3.2.1 The long case

3.2.2 The short cases

3.3 OSPE component

3.3.1 OSPE – consist of 18 stations.

3.4 Histopathology examination

3.4.1 Histopathology Examination

The criteria to pass the MD Examination are as follows:

In order to pass the MD in Forensic Medicine Examination, a candidate shall obtain a minimum pass marks for each component as prescribed in the prospectus 2018,

(A) An overall mark of 350 (50%) or more out of 700, and

(B) 150 or more out of 300 marks for the written component, and

(C) 75 or more out of 150 marks for the clinical component, and

(D) 60 or more out of 150 marks for the OSPE and

(E) 40 or more out of 100 marks for the Histopathology examination.

4. Candidates who are eligible to sit the MD Forensic Medicine examination are required to be present for the first scheduled examination after completion of the training programme. If a candidate does not apply or does not sit the first scheduled examination or subsequent scheduled examinations for reasons not acceptable to the Board of Study, the examinations will be counted as attempts.

5. Please note that **candidates are allowed only six (06) attempts at the MD examination which must be completed within a period of eight (08) years from the date of the first examination.** However, after failing the fifth (05) attempt the candidate should undergo a minimum period of one year further training before permitted the sixth (06) attempt.

6. The allocation of training units will be done as described in “General Regulations and Guidelines 2024” which is available on the PGIM website www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk and according to the approved procedures by the PGIM based on merit. The allocated training unit/s shall not be changed for personal reasons.

7. Post-MD trainees should commence post-MD overseas training within two (02) years after the expected date of completing local post-MD training. Any delay will be added to the date of Board Certification. Post-MD trainee who delay commencing overseas post-MD training by more than four (04) years after the expected date of completing local post-MD training will have their trainee status terminated.

8. The minimum duration of Post MD training required to be eligible for Board certification shall be one year local and one year overseas. However the duration may be more than two years in certain specialties and the information is available in the prospectus.

9. There shall be no delay in submitting the research project report within the stipulated period as prescribed in the prospectus. Any delay will be added to the effective date of Board Certification.

10. The trainees must, within one (1) calendar month of satisfactory completion of the prescribed requirements, apply for Board Certification. All relevant documents must be submitted with the application. Failure to do so will result in a effective date of Board Certification.

11. The candidates should pass the Pre-Board Certification Assessment to be eligible for Board Certification. The details are available in the PGIM Website.

12. The prescribed fees for the examination, shall be as follows:

(a) Registration fee	- Rs. 14,000.00 (Non refundable)
(b) Examination fees	- Rs. 126,000.00
(d) Application fee	- Rs. 7,500.00 (Non refundable)

Candidates from non-state sector will be charged 50% more of the above specified fees

Note that only payments made through PGIM online portal will be accepted.

13. The application form also could be downloaded from the website www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk.

14. All examination applications and other documents are collected through a Google Form (<https://forms.gle/xM4tHLHDG9Dnror4A>) on or before 23 May 2024. Trainees have to use the email account created by the PGIM to access the google form. The exam application with all relevant documents as a single PDF document since this portal does not allow uploading of multiple documents. Please note that incomplete, handwritten, late submissions and applications sent via email will not be accepted.

15. Each year only the scheduled examination in the approved examination calendar will be held. No repeat or additional examinations will be held.

16. The candidates will be issued an “Examination Feedback Form” with the admission documents. Feedback in Part II should be limited to concerns, if any, regarding the conduct of the examination (eg. perceived biases, discriminatory behaviour, harassment, intimidation) and NOT regarding the format or content of the examination. The form should be sent back to Director/PGIM under confidential cover within 48 hours after conclusion of the examination. No concerns regarding the examination will be entertained after 48 hours of conclusion of the examination or following the release of results nor will these be investigated by the PGIM.

17. The results will be valid and official after confirmation by the Senate of the University.

18. Please refer the new regulations laid down by Ministry of Health regarding release of Medical Officers of Department of Health in MOH website – <http://www.health.gov.lk/en/>.

19. Candidates are requested to visit the PGIM website <http://pgim.cmb.ac.lk/> for further updates.
20. Please bring the contents of the Circular Letter to the notice of all Medical Officers concerned in your department/division/faculty.

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