

Circular Letter No. 45 /2024

My No. PGIM/EX/14/MD/OG
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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 OBSTETRICS & GYNAECOLOGY EXAMINATION – AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2024
(PROSPECTUS 2017)

1. The above examination will commence on Tuesday **15th August 2024**.
2. Applications are invited by me from medical officers possessing the following requirements to sit the above examination.
 - (a) Satisfactory completion of 27 months of training (Stage 1,2 and 3) in Obstetrics & Gynaecology in main training units.
 - (b) Satisfactory completion of one Obstetrics and Gynaecology appointment of 6 months duration in a unit in the peripheral circuit (Stage 3).
 - (c) Satisfactory completion of one Gynaecological Oncology appointment of 3 months duration in an approved unit (Stage 3)
 - (d) Obtain a “Pass grade” for both ISTA 1 and 2.
 - (e) Satisfactory progress reports acceptable to the BOS.
 - (f) Satisfactory Multi Source Feedbacks acceptable to the BOS
 - (g) A duly completed Training Portfolio which is accepted (“Pass” grade) by the assessors.
 - (h) Research proposal accepted and satisfactory progress reports of the Research project.
 - (i) Satisfactory professional conduct and attendance during the training period certified by the trainers.
 - (j) Good health certified by a specialist approved by the PGIM.
 - (k) Candidates are required to submit **Professionalism and Ethics in Medical Practice Strand Certificate** issued by the PGIM.

Note : It is a requirement by the Board of Study for the candidates to present the Portfolio maintained by them during the training period as a Registrar **for the examination** with the necessary certifications by the Supervisory Consultants.

3. The examination will consist of 3 components:

(1) Theory			
Written Paper	-	06 questions SEQ (04 questions) SAQ (02 questions)	03 hours
MCQ	-	60 questions 30 SBA 30 EMI	02 hours
(2) OSCE	-	09 stations	135 minutes
(3) Clinical	-	Obs. Case	60 minutes
		Gyn. Case	60 minutes

The candidate must obtain a total of 500 marks out of 1000 marks (50%) in Written Paper + MCQ component to proceed to the remaining parts (Clinical & OSCE) of the MD examination.

Requirements to pass the examination: -

The candidate must obtain a total mark of 1200 (60%) or more out of 2000.

Also,

50% (500 marks) or more out of 1000 marks for Theory (Written & MCQ)

AND

60% (240 marks) out of 400 or more for OSCE

AND

60% (360 marks) out of 600 or more for Clinical should be obtained to pass.

4. The application form can be downloaded from the website <http://pgim.cmb.ac.lk>
5. Candidates who are eligible to sit the MD 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.
6. 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 fifth (05) attempt the candidate should undergo a minimum period of one year further training before permitted the sixth (06) attempt.
7. The allocation of training units will be done as described in "General Regulation & Guidelines 2024" which is available on 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.

8. 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 effective Board Certification. Post-MD trainees 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.
9. 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.
10. There should be no delay in submitting the dissertation or research report within the stipulated period as prescribed in the prospectus. If there is a delay, the Board Certification will be delayed accordingly.
11. The trainees must, within one (01) 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 delay of the effective date of Board Certification.
12. The candidates should pass the Pre-Board Certification Assessment to be eligible for Board Certification. The details are available in the PGIM website for perusal.
13. The prescribed fees for the examination, shall be as follows:-

(a) Registration fee	Rs.	14,000/= (Non Refundable)
(b) Application fee	Rs.	7500/= (Non Refundable)
(c) Examination fee	Rs.	126,000.00/=

The first instance candidates are required to pay Rs. 14,000/- for the registration, Rs. 7,500/- for Application and Rs. 63,000/- the examination fee for the Theory Paper (Written & MCQ). Those who qualify the Theory Examination will required to pay the balance examination fee of Rs. 63,000/- in order to proceed for the rest of the examination.

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

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

14. The application form can be downloaded from the website <http://pgim.cmb.ac.lk>
15. All examination applications and other documents are collected through a Google Form <https://forms.gle/V6vXGGMev43gYF6c6> on or before 29th July 2024. Trainees have to use the email account created by the PGIM. 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.**

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 (e.g. perceived biases, discriminatory behavior, 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 only after they are approved by the Senate of the University.
18. Each year only the scheduled examination in the approved examination calendar shall be held. No repeat or additional examinations will be held.
19. Please refer the new regulations laid down by Ministry of Health regarding release of Medical Officers of Department of Health in MOH website – www.health.gov.lk
20. Candidates are requested to visit the PGIM website for further information. <https://pgim.cmb.ac.lk/>
21. Please bring the contents of this Circular Letter to the notice of all medical officers concerned in your department/division/faculty.


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