

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 Jayawardanapura/Eastern/Rajarata/Sabaragamuwa/Wayamba/KDU

MD IN TRANSFUSION MEDICINE EXAMINATION – JULY, 2024 (2012 PROSPECTUS)

1. The above examination will commence on **01 July 2024**. The examination will be held in Colombo.
2. Applications are invited from medical officers possessing the following requirements to sit the above examination:
 - (a) Attendance in the period of in-service training in each of the specified clinical training rotations, as per the General Regulations and Guidelines of the PGIM
 - (b) Satisfactory progress report
 - (c) Satisfactory Multi Source Feedback forms
 - (d) Satisfactory completion and acceptance of the dissertation
 - (e) Satisfactory completion and acceptance of portfolio
 - (f) Submission of **Professionalism and Ethics in Medical Practice Strand Certificate issued by the PGIM along with the application.**
3. The examination shall consist of three components, ie-
 - a) **Theory Papers – Essay**
Paper I – 3hours. **All 5 questions to be answered.** The type of question will be either a single question or in parts or short notes.
 - Basic Sciences (Immunology, Genetics, Haematology, Microbiology, Parasitology)
 - Immunohaematology (Red cells/Platelets/White cells)Paper II – 3 hours. **All 5 questions to be answered.** The type of questions will be either a single question or in parts or short notes
 - Blood Centre Operations
 - Clinical Transfusions/Recent Advances
 - b) **Practical – The Practical examination has 3 components**
 - Clinical Case Discussion (Paper work) – 3 hours (Problem based 14 data interpretation questions)
 - Haematology Exercises related to transfusion – 3 hours (Consists of three parts each carrying equal marks
 - Part 1: morphology, slides or pictures
 - Part 2- wet practical on quality assessment on blood products
 - Part 3- wet Practical on coagulation on a case based scenario
 - Immunohaematology exercise –Red cell serology exercise – 3 hours. (A wet practical on a problem based case scenario)
 - c) **Viva Voce** – Duration 30 minutes (two panels with at least two examiners in each)

4. A candidate should score 50% or more of the total mark given for the examination **AND** 50% or more for theory **AND** 50% or more for practical **AND** 50% or more for Clinical Case Discussion (Paper Work) and obtain 50% or more for at least 7 of the 14 data interpretation questions **AND** 45% or more for the Haematology exercises related to transfusion **AND** 50% or more for the immunohaematology exercise – red cell serology exercise.
5. Past question papers can be downloaded from our website www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk
6. 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.
7. 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 attempt the candidate should undergo a minimum period of one year further training before permitted the sixth (06) attempt.
8. The allocation of training units will be done as described in “General Regulation and Guidelines 2024” which is available on the PGIM web site: www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk. The allocated training unit/s shall not be changed for personal reasons.
9. 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 effective date of Board Certification. The trainee status of trainees will be terminated in those who delay commencing overseas post-MD training by more than four (04) years after the expected date of completing local post-MD training.
10. 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.
11. There should be no delay in submitting the research report within the stipulated period as prescribed in the prospectus. Any delay will be added to the effective date of Board certification.
12. 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 effective date of Board Certification.
13. Following the completion of prescribed requirement for Board Certification including overseas training the prospective trainee applies for Board Certification with the relevant documents within one month following the completion of such requirements. If this is not followed, the date of Board Certification will be delayed.
14. The candidates should pass the Pre-Board Certification Assessment to be eligible for Board Certification. The details are available at the PGIM for perusal.
15. The prescribed fees for the examination shall be as follows:
 - a) Application fee - Rs. 7,500.00 (non refundable)
 - b) Registration fee - Rs. 14,000.00 (non refundable)
 - c) Examination fees - Rs. 125,500.00candidates 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.
16. The Application form could be downloaded from our website www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk

