

**Circular Letter No. 56 / 2024**

PGIM/EX/16/MD/CM/CD (24)  
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To: DDG-PHS,  
Directors/Epidemiological Unit/MCH/Special Campaigns,  
Director/NHSL, Colombo,  
Directors/MSs of Teaching/General Hospitals,  
Provincial 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 (COMMUNITY MEDICINE/COMMUNITY DENTISTRY) PART II (BY  
THESIS) EXAMINATION – DECEMBER 2024 (2009 PROSPECTUS)**

1. The above examinations will commence on **09<sup>th</sup> December 2024** at the PGIM.
2. Applications are invited by me from medical officers/dental surgeons who have satisfactorily completed the MD (Community Medicine/Community Dentistry) Part II training programme of 1 year and 9 months by **01<sup>st</sup> November 2024**.
3. Candidates are required to submit Professionalism & Ethics in Medical Practice Strand Certificate issued by the PGIM along with the application.
4. **You are required to give notice of your intention to enter the examination through your supervisor/s on or before 09<sup>th</sup> August 2024.** The final title of your thesis and the name/s of your supervisor/s should also be indicated for consideration by the Board of Study. **You should submit the letter of intention to** (Link) - <https://docs.google.com/forms/2009Prospectus>
5. Please note that candidates are required to submit the MD thesis **on or before 3.00 p.m. by 08<sup>th</sup> November 2024** with the completed application. **No extension of time will be allowed under any circumstances.** The thesis has to be submitted in triplicate in loose bound form and a soft copy (The submission link will be informed once you submit the letter of intention)
6. The MD examination will be based on a viva voce examination where the candidate will have to successfully defend the thesis.
7. Please note that **candidates are allowed only 6 attempts at the MD examination which must be completed within a period of 7 years from the date of first examination.** However, after failing the fifth attempt the candidate should undergo a minimum period of one year's further training before permitted the sixth attempt.

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8. Please note that the minimum period allowed for submission of the thesis shall be two (02) years from the date of registration for the MD part I training programme. The maximum period allowed for successful completion of the MD examination will be seven (7) years from the date of registration for the MD Part 1 training programme.
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 date of effective Board Certification.
10. 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.
11. The allocation of Post MD training units will be done as described in “General Regulation and Guidelines – 2024 and according to the approved procedure by the PGIM based on merit. The allocated training units shall not be changed for personal reasons.
12. 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.
13. For candidates who entered the MSc in Community Medicine/ Dentistry training programme after 2010, the minimum duration of Post MD training required to be eligible for Board Certification shall be one year local and one year overseas.
14. Following the completion of prescribed requirement for Board Certification including overseas training, the prospective trainee should apply 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.
15. The Candidates should pass the Pre-Board Certification Assessment to be eligible for Board Certification. The details are available at the PGIM for perusal.
16. The prescribed fees for the examination, shall be as follows :-
  - Registration fee - Rs. 14,000.00 (Non refundable)
  - Application Fee - Rs. 7,500.00 (Non refundable)
  - Examination fees - Rs. 125,500.00
  - Assessment fee - Rs. 59,000.00 (Non refundable)

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

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

17. Candidates who are submitting notice of intention to enter the examination **should pay the Registration and Examination fees** and produce the receipt **with the “Notice of your intention” to enter the examination on or before 09<sup>th</sup> August 2024.**
18. If the PGIM does not receive the payment slip before the said date it will be assumed that you will not be sitting the forthcoming examination that will be scheduled from **09<sup>th</sup> December 2024.**

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19. The **assessment fee of Rs. 59,000.00** and **Application fee of Rs. 7,500.00** should be paid and receipt has to be submitted along with the Application form on or before **16th August 2024**.
20. The application form can be downloaded from the website [www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk](http://www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk).
21. All examination applications and other documents are collected through a Google Form. The link will be sent only to the candidates who have submitted their letter of intention on time. Trainees must use the email account created by the PGIM. The exam application with all the relevant documents must be attached as a single PDF document since this portal does not allow uploading multiple documents. **Please note that incomplete, handwritten, late submissions and applications sent via email will not be accepted.**
22. Each year only the scheduled Examination in the approved examination calendar will be held. **No repeat or additional examinations will be held.**
23. 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.
24. The results will be valid and official after confirmation by the Senate of the University.
25. Please refer the new regulations laid down regarding release of Medical Officers/Dental Surgeons of Department of Health in MOH website - <https://www.health.gov.lk/>
26. Candidates are requested to visit the PGIM website ([www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk](http://www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk)) for further updates.
27. Please bring the contents of this Circular Letter to the notice of all medical officers/dental surgeons concerned in your department/division/faculty.



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