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To : Deputy Director General/NHSL,

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/ Rajarata/  
Sri Jayewardenepura/EUSL/KDU/Rajarata/Sabaragamuwa/Wayamba.

**MD (PSYCHIATRY) EXAMINATION – NOVEMBER 2024 (PROSPECTUS 2013)**

1. The above examination will commence on **25<sup>th</sup> November 2024**.
2. Applications are invited from medical officers possessing the following requirements to sit the above examination.
  - (a) Have completed satisfactorily the 3 years clinical training under the supervision of a Consultant Psychiatrist in a Psychiatry Unit recognized by the Board of Study;
  - (b) A pass grade at the OSCE examination;
  - (c) Acceptance of the Casebook;
  - (d) A certificate of the Professionalism & Ethics in Medical Practices Strand organized by the PGIM should be submitted along with the application.

**Notes: -**

- (I) Candidates who hold an overseas postgraduate qualification (CCST or equalant) in Psychiatry acceptable to the Board of Study in Psychiatry could apply for exemption from the Selection Examination in MD (Psychiatry) and the stipulated training in Stage I. They should apply in the first instant to the Board of Study with supported documentation of their training programme.
- (II) Only those whose Case Books have been accepted and approved by the Board of Study would be eligible to sit the examination. No candidate will be allowed to attempt the examination if his/her Case Records Book has not been duly accepted and approved by the Board of Study. The Case Book should have been submitted at least 6 months before the examination.
- (III) The above criteria must be satisfied before the date of closer of applications for the MD (Psychiatry) examination.

3 The applicants to be eligible for enrolment to the Post MD training programme should pass the MD (Psychiatry) examination. The format of the MD (Psychiatry) examination for the perusal applicants is described in the **Prospectus 2013 and Amendment 1**.

4. The MD (Psychiatry) examination shall consist of Two components. ie **Written component** (MCQ Paper, Essay Paper and Structured Essay Paper), and **Clinical Component** (Long Case, Short Cases and Viva Voce on Patient Management Problems).The MCQ paper will consist of 60 questions of five responses each of the multiple true false type to be answered in two hours. The SEQ paper will consist of 10 questions to be answered in three hours. In the Essay paper the candidate will be required write an essay on a given topic during one hour.

5. The candidate should obtain a minimum of 50% marks from each of the two components (i.e. theory component and clinical component) to pass the examination.

6. Past question papers are available in the PGIM Library; [www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk](http://www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk)

7. 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 the reasons acceptable to the Board of Study, the examinations will be counted as an attempts

8. **Please note that candidates are allowed only 6 attempts of the MD (Psychiatry) examination which must be made within a period of 8 years from the date of first examination.** However, after failing the fifth attempt the candidate should undergo a minimum period of one-year further training before permitted to sit for the sixth attempt.

9. At the point of post MD allocation, the base specialty and any available subspecialties which are approved at the time of the post MD allocation will be offered to candidates, according to merit. The number of available base specialty and subspecialty training vacancies offered for Post MD training if any will be determined based on the vacancy list provided by the Ministry of Health prior to the post MD allocation.

10. The allocation of post MD training units will be done as described in “General Regulation & Guidelines 2024” which is available on the PGIM website [www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk](http://www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk) and according to the approved procedure allocated training unit/s shall not be changed for personal reasons.

11. 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.

12. 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.

13. 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.

14. 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.

15. The candidates should pass the Pre- Board Certification Assessment to be eligible for Board Certification. The details are in the PGIM website for perusal.

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

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| (a) | Registration fee         | - Rs. 14, 000/= (non refundable) |
| (b) | Examination fees         | - Rs. 125.500/=                  |
| (c) | Application fee          | - Rs. 7,500/= (non refundable)   |
| (d) | Case Book Assessment fee | - Rs. 7,500/= (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. The application form can be downloaded from our website [www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk](http://www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk)

18. All examination Applications and other documents are collected through a Google Form <https://forms.gle/TpdvNcJ2wZLB431H8> on or before **28<sup>th</sup> October 2024**. All applicants should have a Gmail account to access the Google form. The exam application with all relevant documents must be attached as a **single PDF** document since this portal does not allow uploading of multiple documents. **Please note that incomplete, handwritten, late submission and application sent via email will not be accepted.**

19. 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.
20. The results will be valid and official after confirmation by the Senate of the University
21. Please refer to the new regulations laid down by Ministry of Health regarding release of Medical Officers of Department of Health in MOH website.
22. Candidates are requested to visit the PGIM website for further updates ([www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk](http://www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk)) )
23. 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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