

My No. PGIM/EX/12/MD/GM (25/1)  
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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/  
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**MD IN GERIATRIC MEDICINE EXAMINATION – FEBRUARY 2025**  
**(PROSPECTUS 2017)**

1. The above examination will commence on **3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025**. 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 the **30 month** pre-MD training programme, with documentary proof of same, including the satisfactory evaluation from all respective trainers (altogether 14 trainers);
  - (b) Attendance according to the Paragraph 10 (Leave) of the PGIM General Regulations and Guidelines for Trainees 2024.
  - (c) Satisfactory performance at the RITA;
  - (d) Submission of the case book or approved exemptions for cases;
  - (e) Submission of the up-to-date, competed Portfolio;and
  - (f) Candidates are required to submit **Professionalism and Ethics in Medical Practice Strand Certificate issued by the PGIM along with the application.**
3. The MD examination consists of 3 components. The written component, the clinical component and the viva voce component.

**3.1 The written component**

- (i) Paper 1 : Structured essay questions (SEQ) – 2 hours
- (ii) Paper 2 : Case histories - 2½ hours
- (iii) Paper 3 : Data Interpretation - 2½ hours
- (iv) Paper 4 : Slide Interpretation – 1 hour

**To pass the written component, the candidate must obtain a minimum of 50% of the total.**

**Note:** Candidate who obtain a minimum of 50% in the written component will be allowed to attempt the clinical and viva voce components on four consecutive attempts or over two years from the date of passing the written component with the mark, whichever expires first.

The Clinical and Viva Voce components of the examination will commence in **February 2025**.

### **3.2 The clinical component**

The clinical component consists of the following 3 subcomponents: the long case (1 station), the short cases (5 stations), the observed history – taking and communication stations (one station each).

- 3.2.1 The long case (Geriatric long case) – consist of 1 patient, who will be allocated to a candidate for 45 minutes. Comprehensive holistic discussion over 30 minutes.
- 3.2.2 The short cases – consist of 5 stations, 10 minutes in each station
- 3.2.3 The observed history taking - 20 minutes
- 3.2.4 The communication station – 20 minutes

**3.3 The Viva Voce component** – 2 panels, 20 minutes in each panel.

**The criteria to pass the MD Examination are as follows:**

- Overall mark must be 50% or more
- And minimum of 50% in the written component
- And minimum of 50% in the clinical component with a minimum of 50% in the long case, a minimum of 50% in the short cases and a minimum of 40% in the observed history – taking and communication stations.
- And minimum 40% in viva component.

4. Candidates who are eligible to sit the MD Part II 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](http://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 effective 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 at the PGIM for perusal.
12. The prescribed fees for the examination, shall be as follows:
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| (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.**

Candidates are required to pay **Rs. 14,000/- as registration fee, Rs. 7,500/- as application fee and Rs. 63,000/- for the examination entry fee** for the written component in the first instance. Those who qualify to proceed for the rest of the examination, ie. Clinical and Viva Voce Components will have to pay the **balance examination fee of Rs. 63,000/-**.

13. The application form also could be downloaded from the website [www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk](http://www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk).
14. All examination applications and other documents are collected through a Google Form <https://forms.gle/6xWYANTmRQfxXGFSA> on or before **08 January 2025**. 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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