

My No. PGIM/EX/3/MD/S/II (25/2)
Postgraduate Institute of Medicine,
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Colombo 7.
2nd September 2025.

To : Director/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/Rajarata,
Sri Jayewardenepura/EUSL/KDU

MD (SURGERY) EXAMINATION – OCTOBER 2025 (PROSPECTUS 2011)

1. The above examination will commence on **8th October 2025**. The examination will be held in the **PGIM, Colombo and CSTH, Kalubowila**.
2. Applications are invited by me from medical officers possessing the following requirements to sit the above examination.
 - (a) Should have Passed the Selection Examination in Surgery;
 - (b) Should have successfully completed the training programmes approved by the Board of Study in Surgery on basic surgical skills, basic laparoscopic skills and trauma care. **Certificates of successful completion to be provided.**
 - (c) Should have completed the clinical training appointments in Basic Surgical Training Programme satisfactorily and accepted by the Board of Study – appointment cards will be checked.
 - (d) Should have passed the in-training OSCE.
 - (e) Portfolio/Case Report assessment should be satisfactory.
 - (f) Research components accepted by the Board of Study in Surgery.

and

- (g) A certificate of the Professionalism & Ethics in Medical Practices Strand organized by the PGIM should be submitted along with the application.

Note:-

Only those whose Case Report has been already accepted and approved by the Board of Study would be eligible to sit the MD examination. Case Report should have been submitted at least 6 months before the examination. The Case Report will undergo a plagiarism check by the PGIM.

3. The examination shall consist of (1) Written Papers (2) Objective Structured Viva Examination (OSVE) and (3) Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE). The content areas from which the questions are based on are described in the Prospectus.

Marking would be based on the following format.

Failure	1
Borderline	2
Pass	3
Good pass	4
Excellent pass	5

4. **Requirements to pass the MD examination.**

Candidate should obtain a minimum total of 9 marks

AND

Not obtain less than 3 in any two components

AND

Not obtain less than 2 for any single component

AND

Obtain a minimum of 3 at four out of six OSVE stations

AND

Obtain a minimum of 3 at five out of seven OSCE stations

5. The following sub-specialties will be available to the candidates who pass the examination

A. General Surgery or General Surgery with special interest training in

- a. Upper Gastrointestinal Surgery
- b. Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Surgery
- c. Lower Gastrointestinal Surgery
- d. Breast Surgery
- e. Endocrine Surgery
- f. Trauma Surgery

B. Gastrointestinal Surgery or Gastrointestinal Surgery with special interest training in:

- a. Upper Gastrointestinal Surgery
- b. Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Surgery
- c. Lower Gastrointestinal Surgery

C. Paediatric Surgery

D. Plastic Surgery

E. Thoracic Surgery

F. Urological Surgery

G. Vascular Surgery

H. Neurosurgery

I. Cardiothoracic Surgery

J. Surgical Oncology

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 MOH prior to the post MD allocation.

6. For guidelines on **Special Interest Training** refer “General Regulations & Guidelines for Trainees 2025, section 13.3” at <https://online.pgim.cmb.ac.lk/regulation2025/trainee/> and amendment at <https://pgim.cmb.ac.lk/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/ammendments23.pdf>
7. Past question papers are available in the PGIM Library. <https://library.pgim.cmb.ac.lk/>
8. Candidates who are eligible to sit the MD examination are required to be present for the first scheduled examination after completion of the training program. 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.
9. Please note that the **candidates are allowed only 6 attempts of the MD (Surgery) examination which must be made within a period of 8 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 being permitted to sit for the sixth attempt.
10. The allocation of Post MD training units will be done as described in “General Regulations and Guidelines -2025 which is available on the PGIM website www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk. The 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 date of effective 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 available at the PGIM website for perusal.

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

(a) Registration fee	- Rs. 15,500/= (Non-Refundable)
(b) Examination fee	- Rs. 138,000/=
(c) Application fee	- Rs. 8,500/= (Non-Refundable)
(d) Case Book assessment fee	- Rs. 8,500/= (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 could be downloaded from our website www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk

18. All examination Applications and other documents are collected through a Google Form <https://forms.gle/FPfia3FWGB7RcpoHA> on or before **21st September 2025**. Trainees have to use the email account created by the PGIM. 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 (e.g. 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 only 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.

23. 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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