

My No. PGIM/EX/8/MD/Part I/His (26)
Postgraduate Institute of Medicine,
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To : Deputy Director General 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 PART I IN HISTOPATHOLOGY EXAMINATION – MARCH 2026
(2016 PROSPECTUS)

1. The above examination will commence on **23 March 2026**.
2. Applications are invited from medical officers possessing the following requirements to sit the examination.
 - (a) Attendance according to the Paragraph 10 (Leave) of the PGIM General Regulation and Guidelines for trainees 2023.
 - (b) Sitting the assessment of the Course in Basic Laboratory Sciences.
 - (c) Satisfactory progress reports.
 - (d) Submission of the Portfolio to the PGIM one month before the examination.
3. The examination shall consist of three components i.e. Theory, Practical & CBLS Assessment
 - Component 1 - Theory - Paper I (40 MTF/15 SBA/15 EMI) – 3 hours
Paper II (04 Essay Questions) – 3 hours
 - Component 2 - Practical - Histopathology Slides (20 Slides) – 3 hours
Cytopathology and Special Stains (10 Cases) - 2 hours
 - Component 3 - CBLS - Assessment following CBLS Lecturer Course
Assessment
4. To pass the examination, the candidate should have:
 - (i) 50% or more from the total aggregate mark AND
 - (ii) 50% from Component 1 AND
 - (iii) 50 % from Practical 1 of Component 2 AND
 - (iv) 50 % from Practical 2 of Component 2
5. Past question papers are available in the PGIM Library.
<http://librepository.pgim.cmb.ac.lk/handle/1/2146>
6. Candidates who are eligible to sit the MD Part I 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. Contd...../2-

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 (05) 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 2026” which is available on the PGIM website 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.
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. 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.
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 dissertation or 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, with one (01) calendar month of satisfactory completion of the prescribed requirements, apply for Board Certification. All relevant document must be submitted with the application. Failure to do so will result in a effective date of Board Certification.
13. The candidates should pass the Pre-Board Certification Assessment to be eligible for Board Certification. The details are available on the PGIM website.
14. The prescribed fees for the examination shall be as follows:
 - a) Application fee - Rs. 9,500.00 (non refundable)
 - b) Registration fee - Rs.17,500.00 (non refundable)
 - c) Examination fees - Rs.82,000.00(candidates from non-state sector will be charged 50% more of the above listed fees)

Note that the only payments made through the PGIM online portal will be accepted
15. All examination Applications and other documents are collected through a Google Form. <https://forms.gle/4QQSc9DQwyuySwoUA> on or before 05 March 2026. All applicants should have a Gmail Account to log in to a google form. PGIM trainees have to use the email account created by the PGIM. You should attach your exam application with all the relevant documents as a single PDF document since this portal does not allow you to attach multiple documents. **Please note that incomplete, handwritten, late submission and application sent via email will not be accepted.**
16. The Application form could be downloaded from our website www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk
17. Each year only the scheduled Examinations in the approved examination calendar will be held. **No repeat or additional examinations will be held.**
18. Please refer the new regulations laid down by Ministry of Health regarding release of Medical Officers of Department of Health website – www.health.gov.lk/

19. The results will be valid and official after confirmation by the Senate of the University.
20. 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.
21. The candidates who pass the Selection Examination and are selected for the MD Programme should undergo the Professionalism & Ethics in Medical Practice Strand organized by the PGIM. Please note that this is compulsory for all MD trainees and should be completed within the first two years of pre-MD training. A certificate will be issued to trainees who complete this strand successfully.
22. “The orientation programme on **‘PGIM library resources and services’** is mandatory for all postgraduate trainees who enter PGIM training programmes. Please refer library.pgim.cmb.ac.lk/ for more information”
23. A trainee following a full time PG Certificate or PG Diploma or MSc or MD programme shall not be permitted to sit another selection examination for a full time PG Certificate or PG Diploma or MSc or MD. If the trainee leaves the course before completion of a programme/course of study, he/she shall not be permitted to sit for another selection examination for a minimum period of two years from the date of leaving the programme/course of study. This rule shall not apply for online and part time courses.
24. Candidates are requested to visit the PGIM website www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk
25. Please bring the contents of this Circular to the notice of all medical officers concerned in your department/division/faculty.


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