

To: Deputy Director General /NHSL,
Directors 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 (ORTHOPAEDIC SURGERY) EXAMINATION – MAY 2026
(PROSPECTUS 2016)

1. The above examination will commence on **04th May 2026**. The examination will be held in Colombo.
2. Applications are invited by me from medical officers possessing the following eligibilities to sit the above examination.

The final examination in MD-Orthopaedics will be held at the end of 4 years and 3 months of training.

- (1) Successful completion of the training programme approved by the board of study in Orthopaedics surgery.
- (2) Satisfactory completion of the clinical training appointments in BOT and HOT
- (3) Passed the OSCE and OSVE
- (4) Passed the portfolio assessment.
- (5) Acceptance of research component by the Board of study in Orthopaedic surgery.
- (6) Satisfactory completion of RITAs
- (7) A certificate of the Professionalism & Ethics in Medical Practices Strand organized by the PGIM should be submitted along with the application.

3. The MD (Orthopaedic Surgery) examination shall consist of (i) two theory papers – (i) Theory Paper I (ii) Theory Paper II (iii) Operative Surgery Viva– OSVE (iv) Orthopaedic Principles and Basic Sciences Viva – OSVE (v) Clinicals I - Long Case (Observed history taking and discussion) Communication Skills-OSCE (vi) Clinicals II - Short Cases – OSCE. The content areas from which the questions are based on is described in the Prospectus.
4. The candidate will have to obtain a minimum mark of 9 or above in at least five (5) components and a minimum mark of 8 in the remaining component. The mark obtained in each component will be the average of all the individual marks awarded for that component. The marks obtained in each component will be presented in 2 decimal points and will not be rounded off to the closest integer.
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 examination are required to apply and sit 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 examination will be counted as attempts.
7. Please note that the **candidates are allowed only 6 attempts to pass the MD 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 of further training before permitted to sit for the sixth attempt.
8. The allocation of Post MD training units will be done as described in “General Regulations and Guidelines -2026 which is available on the PGIM web site www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk. The allocated training units 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 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.
10. 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.
11. 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.

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

13. 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.

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

(a) Registration fee	- Rs.	17,500/= (Non Refundable)
(b) Examination fee	- Rs.	152,000/=
(c) Application fee	- Rs.	9,500/= (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.

15. The application form can be downloaded from our website www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk

16. All examination applications and other documents are collected through a Google Form, <https://forms.gle/JPSkoTBmgv7RVJLM6> on or before **6th April 2026**. Trainees have to 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 of multiple documents. **Please note that incomplete, handwritten, late submissions and applications sent via email will not be accepted.**

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.

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. Candidates are requested to visit the PGIM website for further updates www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk

21. 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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