Circular Letter No. 87/2026

My No. PGIM/EX/13/MD/Med/Micro (25)
Postgraduate Institute of Medicine,
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28th September 2026

To: Deputy Director General/NHSL,
Directors/MS of Teaching/General Hospitals,
Regional 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

Director/MRI,

MD (MEDICAL MICROBIOLOGY) EXAMINATION – NOVEMBER 2026
(PROSPECTUS 2024)

1. The above examination will commence on **19th November 2026**.

2. Applications are invited by me from medical officers possessing the following requirements to sit the MD (Medical Microbiology) examination.

In order to be eligible to sit for the final examination, trainees must

I. Show at least 80% attendance and satisfactory completion in each of the following training components

a. Hospital based clinical microbiology appointments

b. Each of the special hospital microbiology appointments (paediatrics and oncology)

c. Each of the ward-based appointments (medical, respiratory, paediatric wards and NIID)

d. Infection control and prevention workshop

e. Antimicrobial workshop

f. Workshop on laboratory management

g. Each of the special appointments

h. Special lecture series

i. Tutorials in clinical parasitology

II. Obtain satisfactory progress reports from each trainer of hospital microbiology appointments

III. Submit a set of Multi-source Feedback Assessment forms (at least 12 forms from 15 raters)

IV. Acceptance of the portfolio

V. Qualified at the desk evaluation for the dissertation

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3. The examination shall consist of three parts with six components, as set out below:

C1 – Written Paper I
C2 – Written Paper II
C3 – Practical examination
C4 – Oral examination on the dissertation

4. To pass the MD in Microbiology Examination, a candidate is required to obtain the following:

Need to score minimum 3 for at least 25 questions and minimum of 2 for remaining 5 questions of C1, C2 and C3.

And

Obtain Pass from composite evaluation of the dissertation

5. Candidates shall refer to the relevant prospectus for details of the examination.

6. 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 examination for reasons not acceptable to the Board of Study the examinations will be counted as attempts.

7. Please note that **candidates are allowed only 6 attempts at the MD examination which must be completed 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 permitted the sixth attempt.

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8. The allocation of post MD training units will be done as described in "General Regulations & Guidelines – 2026" and according to the approved procedure by the PGIM based on merit. 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. 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. 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 at the PGIM for perusal.

13. 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 delay of effective date of Board Certification.

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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. 152,000.00
(d) Dissertation assessment fee	- Rs. 19,000.00 (Non refundable)

(Note that only payments made through PGIM online portal will be accepted)

(Candidates from non-state sector will be charged 50% more of the above listed fees)

15. The application form also could 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/y1EzfmW2yjsMNros7 on or before **30th October 2026.** Candidates have to use the email accounts created by the PGIM 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 submissions and applications sent via email will not be accepted.**

17. Each year only the scheduled examination in the approved examination calendar shall be held. No repeat or additional examinations will be held.

18. 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.

19. The results will be valid and official after confirmation by the Senate of the University.

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

21. Please refer the new regulations laid down by Ministry of Health regarding release of medical officers of Department of Health in MOH web site - www.health.gov.lk/.

22. 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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