**Circular Letter No.97/ 2026**

PGIM/EX/2/MD/Med (27/1)
Postgraduate Institute of Medicine,
160,Professor Nandadasa Kodagoda,Mw
Colombo 7.
02.11.2026

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 /Sri Jayewardenepura
/Rajarata/EUSL/Sabaragamuwa/Wayamba/KDU

**MD MEDICINE EXAMINATION – FEBRUARY/MARCH 2027 (2016 PROSPECTUS)**

1. The above examination will commence on **1st February, 2027.**
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 supervisors
   (b) Satisfactory performance at the RITA.
   (c) Submission of the Casebook with a pass rating.
   (d) Submission of the up-to-date, completed Portfolio for Stage 1
   (e) Certificate of the Professionalism and Ethics in Medical Practice Strand (organized by the PGIM) should be submitted along with the application.
   (f) Any other requirements stipulated by the PGIM.

   Note :- a) -Attendance according to the paragraph 10 (Leave) of the PGIM General Regulations and Guidelines for Trainees 2026.

3. The MD examination consists of 4 components. The written component, the clinical component, the observed history-taking/communication skills (OHT/CS) component, and the viva voce component. The written component is carried out first, and only candidates who obtain a minimum of 50% will be allowed to proceed to the other three components.

   **3.1 The written component –**
   Paper 1: Structured essay questions (SEQs) - 2 hours
   Paper 2: Case histories - 2½ hours
   Paper 3: Data interpretation. - 2½ hours
   Paper 4: Slide interpretation **-** 1 hour

   To pass the written component, the candidate must obtain a minimum of 50% of the total 100 and secure a minimum of 40% in each of the 4 subcomponents.

   The clinical and oral components of the examination will commence on **15th March, 2027.**

Note : Candidates who obtain 50% or more in the written component will be given exemption from sitting the theory paper for a maximum number of four (04) more attempts or for a maximum period of two (02) years whichever is the earlier, from the date of commencement of the examination where the candidate passes the theory component.

**3.2 The clinical component:**

The clinical component consists of the following 2 subcomponents: the long case and the short cases.

3.2.1 The long case: 1 patient, 45 minutes/ discussion 30 minutes

3.2.2 The short cases: 5 stations, 10 minutes in each station

The Total mark for each short case will be 100 and the final mark for short cases will be 100X5/5=100

**3.3 The observed history-taking/communication skills component:** 2 stations, 20 minutes each.

The final total mark allocated to OHT and CS will be 100+100/2=100

**3.4 The viva voce component:** 40 minutes duration, 2 panels

The mark will be allocated independently by the four examiners. The final total mark is 100.

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

- Overall mark must be 50% or more.
- Minimum of 50% in the theory component, with at least 40% in each of its subcomponents.
- Minimum of 50% in the clinical component, with a minimum of 50% in the long case and 50% at short cases.
- Minimum of 40% in the observed history-taking/communication skills component.
- Minimum of 40% in the viva component.

**4.** Candidates shall refer to the prospectus 2016, amendments and other relevant documents for details of the examination.

**5.** When a Trainee is unsuccessful at one of the prerequisites/module examination/assessments during pre-MD training and is therefore not be eligible to sit for the next scheduled MD Examination, the said MD Examination shall be counted as an attempt.

**6.** Candidates who are eligible to sit the MD in Medicine 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.**

**8.** Candidates are also informed that the Board of Study will allocate Senior Registrar appointments in General Medicine and subspecialties listed in the prospectus (according to merit and the requirements of the Ministry of Health). The requirements of the Ministry of Health shall be confirmed only after the release of the results. Such numbers shall be conveyed to the successful candidates at or before the Allocation Committee Meeting.

**9.** The allocation of training units will be done as described in "General Regulation and Guidelines 2026" which is available on the PGIM web site: www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk. and according to the approved procedure by the PGIM based on merit. The allocated training units shall not be changed for personal reasons. The number of available 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 allocation.

**10.** 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.

**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.** 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.

**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.

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

**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 prescribed fees for the examination, are as follows :-

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| a. | Application fee | - Rs. 9,500.00 (non refundable) |
| b. | Registration fee | - Rs. 17,500.00 (non refundable) |
| c. | Examination fee | - Rs. 153,000.00 |

(Private candidates will be charged 50% more on each fee of the PGIM)
**Note that the only payments made through the PGIM online portal will be accepted.**

**17.** The application form also could be downloaded from our website www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk Candidates are required to pay **Rs. 9,500.00** application fee, **Rs. 17,500.00** the registration fee and **Rs. 76,500.00** 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 Oral components will have to pay the balance examination fee of **Rs. 76,500.00 once informed by the PGIM.**

Candidates who exemption from sitting the written papers **these candidates are required to submit a fresh application together with a letter wish to appear only for the clinical and oral components of the examination before the closing date of applications. Candidates who opt for the clinical and orals need to pay the Application fee Rs. 9,500.00 Registration fee of Rs. 17,500.00 and Rs. Rs. 76,500.00 as the examination fees.**

**18.** All examination applications and other documents will be collected through a Google Form https://forms.gle/cAUfoa9aSf96hwmq5 on or before on **4th January, 2027.** The trainees have to use the email account created by the PGIM to log into 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 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 (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.** The results will be valid and official after confirmation of the Senate of the University.

**21.** Candidates are requested to visit the PGIM website (http://pgim.cmb.ac.lk) for further updates.

**22.** Please refer the new regulations laid down by Ministry of Health regarding release of Medical officers of Department of Health in MOH website – www.health.gov.lk.

**23.** Please bring the contents of the Circular Letter to the notice of all medical officers concerned in your department/division/faculty.

Professor Surangi G. Yasawardene
MBBS, PhD
Director
Postgraduate Institute of Medicine
University of Colombo

Professor Surangi G. Yasawardene
Director/PGIM