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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/
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MD (DERMATOLOGY) EXAMINATION – JANUARY 2027 (2014 Prospectus)

1. The above examination will commence on **18th January 2027.** The examination will be held in Colombo.

2. Applications are invited by me from medical officers possessing the following requirements to sit the above examination.
   (a) Candidate must successfully complete the assessment I
   (b) Candidate must successfully complete the assessment II
   (c) Candidate must successfully complete one year period of training in Advanced and Applied Dermatology.
   (d) Satisfactory progress reports from the trainers.
   (e) Attendance according to the paragraph 10(leave) of the PGIM "General Regulations and Guidelines for Trainees 2026".
   (f) Should have completed Professionalism and Ethics in Medical Practice Strand – (**Certificate to be submitted along with the application**.)

3. The MD (Dermatology examination shall consist of Four components. ie **Written component** (Paper I (Long Questions) Paper II (Structured Questions) **OSCE**, **Clinical Component** (Long Case, Short Cases) and **Viva Voce.**

4. In order to pass the MD examination, a candidate should obtain 60% or more from the final total mark and 60% or more for written examination and 60% or more for Objective Structured Clinical Examination and 60% or more for the clinical examination.

   In the event a candidate obtains 60% or more for the written examination and fails the clinical components (OSCE and Clinical Cases) he or she can be exempted from the written paper for two subsequent attempts.
   These candidates are required to submit a fresh application together with a letter indicating whether they would sit again for the theory component or wish to appear only for the clinical and viva components of the examination before the closing date of applications.

5. Past question papers are available in the PGIM Library. https://pgim.cmb.ac.lk/library/

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6. Candidates who are eligible to sit for the MD Part II 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 examination will be counted as an attempt.

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 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. 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. There should be no delay in submitting the research project report within the stipulated period as prescribed in the prospectus. If there is 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.

13. 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 delay in a 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 fees - Rs. 153,000/=
    (c) Application Fee - Rs. 9,500.00 (Non refundable)

    (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.

    Candidates who opt for the clinical and viva need to pay the application fee Rs. 9,500/- , registration fee of Rs. 17,500/-and Rs. 76,500.00/-as the examination fees.

15. Application form can download from our website www.pgim.cmb.ac.lk

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16. All examination applications and other documents are collected through a google form. https://forms.gle/TGnW6Ws61qu3NNh88 on or before **24th December 2026**.All applicants should have a Gmail account to access the Google form. The exam applications with all the relevant documents must be attached as a single PDF document since the portal does not allow uploading of multiple documents. Please note that incomplete, handwritten, late submission and applications sent via email will not be accepted.

17. 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 behavior, 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.

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

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

20. Please refer the new regulations laid down by Ministry of Health regarding release of Medical Officers of Department of Health - www.health.gov.lk/

21. Candidates are requested to visit the PGIM website https://pgim.cmb.ac.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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