Circular Letter No 95/2026

My No. PGIM/EX/10/MD/Oph/Optics (26/2)
Postgraduate Institute of Medicine,
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28th October 2026

To: Director General/NHSL, Colombo,
Directors/MSS of Teaching/General Hospitals,
Provincial Regional Directors of Health Services,
Deans of Faculties of Medicine/Medical Sciences,
Universities of Peradeniya/Colombo/Jaffna/Ruhuna/Kelaniy,
Sri Jayewardenepura/Rajarata/Eastern/Sabaragamuwa/Wayamba/KDU.

MD (OPHTHALMOLOGY) OPTICS AND RFRACTION EXAMINATION DECEMBER 2026 (PROSPECTUS 2014)

1. The above examination will commence on **09th December 2026.**

2. Applications are invited by me from medical officers possessing the following requirements to sit the above examination.

   (a) Should possess six months of training in a recognized training unit after successful completion of MD (Ophthalmology) Ophthalmic Basic Sciences Examination. During this period the trainee is expected to gain proficiency in theoretical and clinical aspects of Optics and Refraction.

   (b) There will be two Continuous Assessments by a panel of examiners before MD (Ophthalmology) Optics and Refraction examination. The candidate must obtain pass marks in at least in one of the two assessments to be eligible to sit the examination.

   (c) Satisfactory progress report for the six months of training in Ophthalmology acceptable to the BOS (annexure 12 in prospectus)

   (d) Attendance according to the paragraph 10 (Leave) of the PGIM General Regulations and Guidelines for Trainees 2026.

3. This examination shall consist of three components

   I. MCQ Paper (45 questions – 1 ½ hours)
   II. Structured Essay Paper (4 questions – 2 hours)
   III. Refraction Clinicals (2 Cases – 30 minutes) & Structured Oral/Viva Voce examination (15 minutes) } Compulsory to pass

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4. In order to pass **the examination,** a candidate must:

Obtain a minimum final closed mark of 20 (a grade of **PASS - P** or an **EXCELLENT PASS – EP)**

And

Obtain a minimum closed mark of 20 for Refraction-Clinicals and Structured Oral / Viva voce examination component

And

Not obtain more than one closed mark of less than 20 in the other two components (MCQ, and Structured Essay)

And

Not obtain a closed mark of less than 15 in either the MCQ or the Structured Essay component.

5. Past question papers can be downloaded from the PGIM Library. http://librepository.pgim.cmb.ac.lk/handle/1/2146

6. Candidates who are eligible to sit the MD (Ophthalmology) Optics and Refraction 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 examination will be counted as an attempt.

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

(a) Application fee	- Rs. 9,500/-	(Non Refundable)
(b) Registration fee	- Rs. 17,500/-	(Non Refundable)
(c) Examination fee	- Rs. 42,000/-	(Non Refundable)

Note that only payment made through PGIM online portal will be accepted.
(candidates from non-state sector will be charged 50% more of the above specified fees)

8. The application form can be downloaded from the website http://pgim.cmb.ac.lk

9. All examination Applications and other documents are collected through a Google Form https://forms.gle/m35QmiAVwzwVibjY6 on or before **20th November 2026**. Trainees have to use the email account created by the PGIM. 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.**

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10. 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.

11. The results will be valid and official only after they are approved by the **Senate of the University of Colombo.**

12. Each year only the scheduled Examination in the approved examination calendar will be held. **No repeat or additional examinations will be held.**

13. Please refer to the new regulations laid down by Ministry of Health regarding release of Medical Officers of Department of Health website – http://www.health.gov.lk/en/

14. Candidates are requested to visit the PGIM website for further updates. http://pgim.cmb.ac.lk.

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

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