

## Changes to Examination Regulations 2019

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### Medical Sciences Board

Approved by Jane Dale on behalf of Medical Science Board, 7 March , 2019

**Title of Programme:** Second BM

**Brief note about nature of change:** To be consistent with the terminology used in the naming conventions of the units of assessment data on SITS and to amend out of date terminology.

#### **Effective date:**

**For students starting Second BM Years 4, 5 and 6 in MT 2019.**

And

**For first examination from 2019-2020.**

**Location of change:** In Examination Regulations 2018

<http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2018-19/secobm/studentview/>

#### **Details of change:**

##### **Year 4**

##### *Syllabus and Examination*

In Year 4, students are required to satisfy the examiners in:

(a) the Laboratory Medicine course (concerning the application to human disease of the principles of Laboratory Medicine, including Histopathology, Microbiology and Infection, Clinical Biochemistry, Immunology, and Haematology);

(b) Medicine;

(c) Surgery.

Each candidate will be assessed according to the methods approved by the Medical Sciences Board and notified to candidates before the commencement of each course of instruction.

Candidates must satisfy the relevant head of department or his or her deputy, or the Director of Clinical Studies and the Associate Director of Clinical Studies, that they have attended a course of instruction, and attained the necessary skills, knowledge and understanding in:

(a) ~~The Patient Doctor~~ **2-Course II: introduction to clinical practice** (being an introduction to clinical methods, history taking and physical examination);

~~(b) Anaesthetics;~~

~~(e)~~ **Clinical Pharmacology;**

~~(e)~~ **(b)** Communication Skills;

~~(e)~~ **(c)** Medical Ethics and Law;

~~(d)~~ **(d)** Primary Health Care;

~~(g)~~ **Radiology;**

~~(h)~~ **(e)** Special Study approved on behalf of the Medical Sciences Board.

No candidate shall commence Year 5 until he or she has satisfactorily completed Year 4, unless the Director of Clinical Studies and the Associate Director of Clinical Studies at their discretion should, in exceptional circumstances, decide that the candidate may proceed to Year 5 on condition that he or she should undertake remedial work and if necessary be reassessed at a later date.

#### *Assessment*

A candidate in Year 4 who fails to reach a satisfactory standard in any part of the assessment at the first attempt may offer himself or herself for reassessment on one further occasion and will only be required to be reassessed in the part or parts of the assessment they have failed.

If a candidate fails to reach a satisfactory standard at the second attempt in any part of the assessment, the head of department concerned, or his or her deputy, shall require the candidate to be reassessed in the part or parts of the assessment previously failed after completing the necessary coursework; this assessment shall be carried out and adjudged by the staff appointed by the relevant head of department. In the event that a candidate's performance is judged to be unsatisfactory at this third attempt then his or her name shall be removed from the Register of Clinical Students subject to appeal to the Medical Sciences Board.

#### *Duties of the Examiners*

In the first assessment of candidates in Year 4 each relevant pair of examiners shall be required to attend on at least one occasion each year.

Year 6 examiners may assist with the assessment in Year 4.

### **Year 5**

#### *Syllabus and Examination*

In Year 5, students are required to satisfy the examiners in:

(a) Clinical Neurosciences, Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology;

(b) Community-based Subjects (encompassing Geratology, Dermatology, Palliative Care, Primary Care and Population Health 2: Public Health);

(c) Orthopaedics **Surgery**, Rheumatology, Trauma and Emergency Medicine;

(d) Paediatrics;

(e) Psychiatry;

(f) Women's and Reproductive Health with integrated Sexual Health.

Each candidate will be assessed according to the methods approved by the Medical Sciences Board and notified to candidates before the commencement of each course of instruction.

No candidate shall commence Year 6 until he or she has satisfactorily completed Year 5, unless the Director of Clinical Studies and the Associate Director of Clinical Studies at their discretion should, in exceptional circumstances, decide that the candidate may proceed to Year 6 on condition that he or she should undertake remedial work and if necessary be reassessed at a later date.

#### *Assessment*

A candidate in Year 5 who fails to reach a satisfactory standard in any individual course module assessment at the first attempt and is required by the Examination Board to be reassessed, will only be required to be reassessed in the part or parts of the assessment they have failed.

A candidate must reach the threshold pass mark for Year 5 (from the sum of cumulative marks awarded from each course module assessment) and satisfy the Examination Board in a minimum of five out of the six modules, or the candidate will be deemed to have failed the fifth year of the course. A candidate who has been deemed to have failed will be allowed only one further attempt to pass Year 5 and will be required to repeat the fifth year of the course in its entirety. In the event that a candidate's performance is judged to be unsatisfactory at this second attempt then his or her name shall be removed from the University Register of Clinical Students subject to appeal to the Medical Sciences Board.

#### *Duties of the Examiners*

In the first assessment of candidates in the individual course module assessments of Year 5 each relevant pair of examiners/specialty advisors shall be required to attend on at least one occasion in each year.

### **Year 6**

#### *Syllabus and Examination*

In Year 6, students are required to satisfy: (a) the examiners in General Clinical Studies; and (b) the Director of Clinical Studies and the Associate Director of Clinical Studies in Vocational Skills. Each candidate will be assessed according to the methods approved by the Medical Sciences Board and notified to candidates before the commencement of each course of instruction. Students who fail an assessment will have to forfeit part or all of the elective for a period of intensive clinical training.

#### **1. General Clinical Studies**

Students are required to satisfy the examiners in Medicine and Surgery encompassing Communication Skills, Radiology, and Clinical Pharmacology.

Candidates must satisfy the Director of Clinical Studies and the Associate Director of Clinical Studies that they have attended a course of instruction in Clinical Options approved by the Medical Sciences Board.

#### **2. Vocational Skills**

Students are required to satisfy the Director of Clinical Studies and the Associate Director of Clinical Studies that they have provided work to a satisfactory standard in:

- (a) Special Study ~~as approved by the Medical Sciences Board~~ approved on behalf of the Medical Sciences Board;
- (b) A Course to prepare students for work as a Foundation 1 doctor;
- (c) An Elective (students who fail an assessment may be required to complete remedial clinical work. These students will forfeit part, or all, of the elective and instead will be required to produce a satisfactory report at the end of an additional clinical attachment);
- (d) A student assistantship with a clinical team; and
- (e) An assessment in procedural skills.

**Explanatory Notes:**

1. As a result of the work on the Transcript Improvement Project (undertaken with the Academic Records Office (ARO)) there will be amendments to the naming of some of the units of assessment which currently appear in SITS. These have been made so that the assessment unit names, which will now appear in the medicine transcripts, are clear and meaningful to external institutions and employers as evidence of the subjects studied on the medicine course. The regulation amendments are proposed in order to reflect the new names.
2. It is no longer appropriate to list separately the individual subject listings for Anaesthetics, Clinical Pharmacology and Radiology. This does not reflect the integrated nature of modern day clinical practice in medicine. These sub-specialties are intrinsically part of the study of the subjects of Medicine and Surgery, which are already listed elsewhere in the regulations.
3. Minor re-wording of the sentence in the Year 6 regulations about approval of special study, to be consistent with the text provided in the Year 4 regulations.

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