Medical Sciences Divisional Board

Approved at the meeting of Graduate-entry Medicine Education Committee 27 October 2017

Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation
Preliminary Examination in Medicine (Part II)

Brief note about nature of change: Change to online submission of written work.

Location of change
In Examination Regulations http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2016-17/pexaminned/studentview/

Effective date
For students starting from MT 2016 (i.e. students starting Part II in MT 2017).
And
For first examination in Trinity Term 2018 (Parts II)

Detail of change

Amend citation reference 3.26 as follows:

The essay must be the candidate’s own work. Candidates’ tutors, or their deputies nominated to act as advisors, may discuss with candidates the proposed field of study, the sources available, and the method of treatment, but on no account may they read or comment on any written draft. Every candidate shall sign submit a certificate to the effect that this rule has been observed and that the essay is their own work. The certificate, sealed in a separate envelope, should be addressed to the Chair of Examiners for the Preliminary Examination in Medicine Part II and submitted alongside the essay.

Amend citation reference 3.28 as follows:

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Amend citation reference 3.37 as follows:
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that this rule has been observed and that the essay is their own work. The certificate,
sealed in a separate envelope, should be addressed to the Chair of Examiners for the
Preliminary Examination in Medicine Part II and submitted alongside the essay.

Amend citation reference 3.39 as follows:
The essay (two paper copies and an electronic copy) must be submitted via Weblearn
(according to the instructions set out in the notification to candidates from the Chair of
Examiners) to the Chair of Examiners for the Preliminary Examination in Medicine Part II,
c/o the Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford, not later than noon on the Tuesday of
Week 1 of Trinity Term.

**Explanatory Notes**

At its meeting on 27 October 2017, the Graduate-entry Medicine Education Committee
considered Examiners’ Reports and a report on student feedback on the examinations
conducted in Trinity Term 2017.

A concern was raised regarding the logistics for submission of coursework by candidates.
The committee agreed that candidates should be required to upload submitted work to
Weblearn according to the recently-agreed University procedures. Mrs Vreede agreed to
investigate whether this could be introduced for the current academic year.

The committee recognises that these changes to the regulations should have been made
before the students started on course. However, the administrative arrangements for the
course have been disrupted by a number of staff changes over the last 24 months.

Student representatives at the Education Committee meeting were strongly in favour of this
change. All students in Years 1 and 2 (57 students) have been consulted by a Weblearn
survey. 75% of students responded to the survey. Of the students who responded, 95%
were in favour of submitting work electronically. 5% (2 students) were in favour of
submitting work in hard copy. One of these students gave their reason for this response as
‘personal preference’. The other student did not give a reason.