

Changes to Examination Regulations 2018

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Medical Sciences Board

Approved by Jane Dale - Senior Assistant Registrar (Education) on 31st August 2018.

Title of Programme:

Second BM

Second Examination for the Degree of Bachelor of Medicine

Brief note about nature of change: To amend out of date terminology, remove detail provided elsewhere and in order to comply with University guidelines.

Effective date: With effect from 1 October 2018 for all current cohorts (2016 intake and 2017 intake standard course and 2015 intake and 2016 intake graduate entry students) and students who are due to commence the Second BM in 2018.

Location of change: <http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2017-18/secobm/administratorview/>

Details of change:*Syllabus and Examination*

[For students starting before MT 2018: In Year 1,] **[For students starting from MT 2018:** 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 (being an introduction to clinical methods, history taking and physical examination);
- (b) Anaesthetics;

- (c) Clinical Pharmacology;
- (d) Communication Skills;
- (e) Medical Ethics and Law;
- (f) Primary Health Care;
- (g) Radiology;
- (h) Special Study approved on behalf of the Medical Sciences Board.

No candidate shall commence **[For students starting before MT 2018: Year 2]****[For students starting from MT 2018: Year 5]**until he or she has satisfactorily completed **[For students starting before MT 2018: Year 1,]****[For students starting from MT 2018: 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 **[For students starting before MT 2018: Year 2]****[For students starting from MT 2018: 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 **[For students starting before MT 2018: Year 1]****[For students starting from MT 2018: 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 ~~and in the presence of an external examiner~~. 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 **[For students starting before MT 2018: Year 1]****[For students starting from MT 2018: Year 4]** each relevant pair of examiners shall be required to attend, ~~and if they so wish participate,~~ on at least one occasion each year.

~~In the reassessment of any candidate who has been deemed to have failed the whole assessment in~~**[For students starting before MT 2018: Year 1,]** ~~**[For students starting from MT 2018: Year 4,]**~~ the external examiner shall be present and may participate if he or she wishes.

[For students starting before MT 2018: Year 3] **[For students starting from MT 2018: Year 6]** examiners may assist with the assessment in **[For students starting before MT 2018: Year 1]****[For students starting from MT 2018: Year 4].**

[For students starting before MT 2017: Year 2] [For students starting from MT 2017: Year 5]

Syllabus and Examination

[For students starting before MT 2017: In Year 2, 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) Obstetrics and Gynaecology (including Genito-Urinary Medicine);
- (d) Orthopaedics, Rheumatology, Trauma and Emergency Medicine;
- (e) Paediatrics;
- (f) Psychiatry.]

[For students starting from MT 2017: 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, 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.

[For students starting before MT 2017: No candidate shall commence Year 3 until he or she has satisfactorily completed Year 2, 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 3 on condition that he or she should undertake remedial work and if necessary be reassessed at a later date.]

[For students starting from MT 2017: 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 **[For students starting before MT 2017: Year 2] [For students starting from MT 2017: 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 **[For students starting before MT 2017: Year 2] [For students starting from MT 2017: 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 **[For students starting before MT 2017: second] [For students starting from MT 2017: fifth]** year of the course. A candidate who has been deemed to have failed will be allowed only one further attempt to pass **[For students starting before MT 2017: Year 2] [For students starting from MT 2017: Year 5]** and will be required to repeat the **[For students starting before MT 2017: second] [For students starting from MT 2017: 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 **[For students starting before MT 2017: Year 2] [For students starting from MT 2017: Year 5]** each relevant pair of examiners/specialty advisors shall be required to attend, ~~and if they so wish participate,~~ on at least one occasion in each year.

[For students starting before MT 2016: Year 3] [For students starting from MT 2016: Year 6]

Syllabus and Examination

In **[For students starting before MT 2016: Year 3,] [For students starting from MT 2016: 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 ~~Special Study and~~ 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 ~~and Clinical Options~~ as approved by 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.

Assessment

A candidate in **[For students starting before MT 2016: Year 3]****[For students starting from MT 2016: Year 6]**who fails to reach a satisfactory standard at the first attempt in any part of the assessment in medicine and surgery will be deemed, normally, to have failed the complete assessment and may offer himself or herself for reassessment on one further occasion. ~~This reassessment will be undertaken in the presence of an external examiner.~~ A candidate in this position will usually be required to be reassessed in all parts of the assessment, unless the examiners specifically direct that there be reassessment only in the part or parts in which the candidate has failed to reach a satisfactory standard.

If a candidate fails to reach a satisfactory standard at the second attempt in any part of the assessment, then the candidate shall be deemed to have failed the complete assessment. The examiners shall require the candidate to be reassessed after completing the necessary coursework; this assessment shall be carried out and adjudged by the examiners, ~~which shall include an external examiner.~~ 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 University Register of Clinical Students subject to appeal to the Medical Sciences Board.

Duties of the Examiners

1. General Clinical Studies

The examination shall be arranged and conducted by the **[For students starting before MT 2016: Year 3]****[For students starting from MT 2016: Year 6]**Examination Board under the direction of the Chair of Examiners and the Principal Examiners in Medicine and Surgery.

~~When fewer than ten candidates present themselves the examination shall be arranged and conducted by the Chair of Examiners and the Principal Examiners in Medicine and Surgery.~~

In considering whether a candidate has passed the assessment, the examiners may fail a candidate who does not satisfy them in one part of the assessment, even if he or she has satisfied them in other parts at that stage.

Explanatory Notes:

1. The self-selected course modules undertaken in Year 3 General Clinical Studies are referred to as 'Clinical Options' and those taken during Vocational Skills are entitled 'Specialty Study'. It is not necessary to refer both Clinical Options and Special Study in both parts of Year 3 and this has been corrected.
2. In accordance with advice from Education Policy Support (EPS), references to participation in an examination by an external examiner have been removed.
3. Following advice from the EPS, references to reassessment taking place in the presence of an external examiner have been deleted.
4. Reference to the number of examiners to conduct an examination of fewer than ten candidates has been removed, as this guidance is provided in the Standing Orders.