Changes to *Examination Regulations 2013*

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<td><strong>Brief note about nature of change:</strong> To change the format of the examination for Subject 8, Psychology for Medicine, following significant revision of the syllabus.</td>
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**Details of change:**

1. In *Examination Regulations*, 2013, p. 972, l. 7, delete ‘Core Syllabus and a’
2. Ibid., l. 9, delete ‘The syllabuses’ and substitute ‘Each syllabus’
3. Ibid., after l. 19, insert on a new line:

   ‘In subject 4, one one-and-a-half-hour paper will be set, assessing knowledge and understanding of the Composite Syllabus.’

   In subject 8, one one-and-a-half hour paper will be set. The paper shall consist of two sections: (1) multiple-choice questions (45 minutes), assessing breadth of knowledge and understanding of the Core Syllabus; (2) essay questions (45 minutes), examining deeper knowledge and understanding of a choice of topics included in or closely related to the Composite Syllabus.’

4. Ibid., delete II. 25-26 inclusive.
5. Ibid., delete II. 32-33 inclusive.

**Explanatory Notes**

Amendments (1)-(2): clarify the structure of the syllabus within the regulations.

Amendments (3)-(5): the regulations for Subject 4 – Population Health 1: Medical Sociology – have been clarified within Part I of the First Examination for the Degree of Bachelor of Medicine. In Part II, Subject 8 – Psychology for Medicine – has undergone significant revision following changes in personnel in the Department of Experimental Psychology and
the greater involvement of the Department of Psychiatry. The course committee has
restructured the syllabus and produced a specimen examination paper in a new format.
The examination paper will now consist of 30 multiple-choice questions (45 minutes) and
one essay question (45 minutes). The original paper was two hours in length and the
reduction to 90 minutes’ duration results from a more efficient sampling of the syllabus by
changing the format to multiple-choice-questions.