Changes to Examination Regulations 2013

Medical Sciences Board

Approved: 15th July 2014

Title of Examination/s: Preliminary Examination in Medicine, Parts I and II

Brief note about nature of change:
(a) To incorporate details of extended terms for each of Years 1 and 2 of the programme.
(b) To change the format of core Paper 1, Part I, from a written paper to an on-line examination.

Effective date: With effect from 1 October 2014 (for first examination in 2015)

Location of change: Examination Regulations 2013

Details of change:
1. In Examination Regulations, 2013, p. 974, after l. 21, insert on a new line:

   ‘2. Candidates for the Preliminary Examination in Medicine are required to pursue their studies during a period of:

   normally 30 weeks in Year 1;
   normally 39 weeks in Year 2;

   provided that the Medical Sciences Board shall have power to permit candidates to vary the dates of their studies so long as the overall programme requirement is met.’

2. Ibid., p. 974, re-number existing clauses (2)-(5) as clauses (3)-(6) respectively.

3. Ibid., p. 975, ll. 9-10, delete ‘consist of questions requiring short answers, and may require candidates to select answers from a list of options’ and substitute ‘be a computer-based assessment consisting of multiple-choice questions’

Explanatory Notes
(a) The University has asked the Divisions to make clear where extended terms are in use within the regulations for individual programmes.

(b) Part I of the Preliminary Examination contains two core papers (Papers 1 and 2), as well as extension papers. The format of Paper 1 has previously been changed from
short notes to multiple-choice questions (MCQ). From 2014-15, this MCQ paper will be
delivered as an on-line examination. This will make the assessment consistent with the
examination of core Part A papers in the First Examination for the Degree of Bachelor
of Medicine.