Changes to *Examination Regulations 2013*

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**Brief note about nature of change:**

- To incorporate details of extended terms.
- Amendment to the personnel approved to make progression decisions.
- Clarification of the arrangements for oversight of Vocational Skills in Year 3, which affects results list signatories, and also for oversight of Year 1.
- Integration of assessments for specialties in Year 2 under ‘Community-based Subjects’, including Geratology, Dermatology, Palliative Care, Primary Care, Population Health 2: Public Health.

**Effective date:** With effect from 1 October 2014

**Location of change:** *Examination Regulations 2013*

**Details of change:**

1. In *Examination Regulations*, 2013, p. 981, after l. 9, insert a new clause:

   ‘2. Candidates for the Second Examination for the Degree of Bachelor of Medicine are required to pursue their studies during a period of:

   normally 38 weeks in Year 1;
   normally 45 weeks in Year 2;
   normally 46 weeks in Year 3;

   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., ll. 29-31, delete ‘Director of Clinical Studies, at his or her discretion and in exceptional circumstances, decides’ and substitute ‘Director of Clinical Studies and the Associate Director of Clinical Studies, at their discretion and in exceptional circumstances, decide’

3. Ibid., p. 981-982, re-number existing cll. ‘2.’ to ‘8.’ as cll. ‘3.’ to ‘9.’ respectively.

4. Ibid., p. 982, l. 35, delete ‘Director of Clinical Studies or his or her deputy’ and substitute
‘Director of Clinical Studies and the Associate Director of Clinical Studies’

5. Ibid., p. 983, l. 2, delete ‘Director of Clinical Studies at his or her discretion’ and substitute ‘Director of Clinical Studies and the Associate Director of Clinical Studies at their discretion’

6. Ibid., p. 983, delete l. 12 and substitute:

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

7. Ibid., delete ll. 20-23 inclusive and substitute:

‘(a) Ophthalmology;
(b) Otolaryngology.’

8. Ibid., l. 25, delete ‘Director of Clinical Studies at his or her discretion’ and substitute ‘Director of Clinical Studies and the Associate Director of Clinical Studies at their discretion’

9. Ibid., ll. 30-31, delete ‘In Year 3, students are required to satisfy examiners in General Clinical Studies and Vocational Skills.’ and substitute ‘In Year 3, 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.’

10. Ibid., ll. 39-40, delete ‘Clinical Geratology, Dermatology, Ophthalmology, and Otolaryngology’ and substitute ‘Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology’

11. Ibid., l. 41, delete ‘Director of Clinical Studies’ and substitute ‘Director of Clinical Studies and the Associate Director of Clinical Studies’

12. Ibid., l. 45, delete ‘Director of Clinical Studies or his or her deputy’ and substitute ‘Director of Clinical Studies and the Associate Director of Clinical Studies’

13. Ibid., p. 986, l. 12, delete ‘examiners’ and substitute ‘Director of Clinical Studies and the Associate Director of Clinical Studies’

14. Ibid, l. 14, delete ‘examiners’ and substitute ‘Director of Clinical Studies and the Associate Director of Clinical Studies’

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) The Associate Director of Clinical Studies as well as the Director of Clinical Studies will be required to make decisions about candidates’ progression from one year of the course to the next.

(c) The relevant regulation changes clarify the arrangements endorsed by the Junior Proctor, such that the Director and the Associate Director of Clinical Studies have oversight of Vocational Skills for Year 3 of the Second BM and responsibility for determining candidates’ results. This means that both the Director and Associate
Director of Clinical Studies are required to sign off the results for this element of the course, prior to the results being released to students.

(d) The Associate Director of Clinical Studies as well as the Director of Clinical Studies will have oversight of Year 1 of the Second BM, including responsibility for signing off candidates’ results.

(e) As per the revised assessment strategy for Year 2, the list of examined specialties is being amended to enable the integration of assessments for community-based subjects. There is a relatively minor, knock-on effect on subjects in the General Clinical Studies section of the syllabus for Year 3.