

**Medical Sciences Board****Approved:** 18<sup>th</sup> March 2015**Title of Examination:** Preliminary Examination in Biomedical Sciences**Brief note about nature of change:** Substitution of the 'Mathematics and Statistics' paper with an 'Introduction to Probability Theory and Statistics' paper.**Effective date:**

- **For students starting from Michaelmas Term 2015**
- **For first examination from 2015-16**

**Location of change:** *Examination Regulations 2014***Details of change:**

1. In *Examination Regulations*, 2014, p. 72, l. 23, delete 'Mathematics and Statistics' and substitute 'Introduction to Probability Theory and Statistics (as specified for the Preliminary Examination in Psychology, Philosophy, and Linguistics)'
2. Ibid., ll. 37-38, delete 'one written paper of two hours' duration will be set' and substitute 'one written paper will be set, as specified for the Preliminary Examination in Psychology, Philosophy, and Linguistics'
3. Ibid., ll. 41-44, delete 'A list of recommended calculators will be provided by the Chairman of the Moderators not later than the Wednesday of the fourth week of the Michaelmas Full Term preceding the examination. The use of calculators may not be permitted in certain papers.' and substitute 'The letter sent to all candidates by the Chairman of the Moderators will specify in which papers the use of calculators is permitted, and which calculators candidates will be permitted to use.'
4. Ibid., p. 73, l. 28, delete 'Mathematics and Statistics' and substitute 'Introduction to Probability Theory and Statistics (as specified for the Preliminary Examination in Psychology, Philosophy, and Linguistics)'

**Explanatory Notes**

The Educational Policy and Standards Committee of the Medical Sciences Board has recently approved a change to the teaching and examining arrangements for Mathematics

and Statistics in Year 1 of the Biomedical Sciences programme. Under the new arrangements, candidates will no longer take the examination paper 'Mathematics and Statistics' which is shared with the Preliminary Examination in Biochemistry, but will sit the 'Introduction to Probability Theory and Statistics' paper from the Preliminary Examination in Psychology, Philosophy and Linguistics.