

Medical Sciences Divisional Board

Approved by the Chair of Education Committee on 22 August 2019

Title of Examination

Preliminary Examination in Medicine

Brief note about nature of change: Clarification of the criteria for progression to Year 3 of the Graduate-entry Medical course.

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2018* <http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2018-19/pexaminmedi/studentview/> amended according to notices in the University Gazette 24 January 2019 and 14 March 2019

Effective date

For students starting the Preliminary Examination in Medicine in MT 2018 and year 2 of the programme in MT19

And

For first examination from 2019-20

Detail of change

1. Between citation 3.10 and 3.11, add:

No candidate shall commence Year 3 (Year 5 assessments for the Second BM) until they have satisfactorily completed Year 2, unless the Director of Graduate-entry Medical Studies and the Director of Clinical Studies, at their discretion and in exceptional circumstances, decide that the candidate may proceed to the next year of study on condition that they should undertake remedial work and if necessary be assessed at a later date.

2. Add the following text at the end of paragraph 6 as indicated:

6. In addition to the above examination, candidates will be required to have satisfactorily completed the following courses of instruction and associated assessments during Year 2 in order to proceed to Year 3 of the course:

(a) practical skills and procedures (defined in the core curriculum) to be assessed in course. A completed checklist of these skills and procedures, signed by the appropriate Clinical Tutor or other representative nominated by the Course Director, is required. These skills may be re-sampled during the Objective Structured Clinical Examination.

(b) Laboratory Medicine (as prescribed for the Second Examination for the Degree of BM, Year 4).

(c) Medicine (as prescribed for the Second Examination for the Degree of BM, Year 4), to include the cross-firm assessment.

(d) Surgery (as prescribed for the Second Examination for the Degree of BM, Year 4).

For these courses of instruction and assessments, the examiners will be provided with information by the Examiners for the Year 4 assessments for the Second BM as to whether the candidate has satisfactorily completed the course of instruction and associated assessments.

Explanatory Notes

A paragraph has been added to clarify, for the avoidance of doubt, that no candidate shall commence Year 3 of the Graduate-entry course until they have satisfactorily completed Year 2, except in exceptional circumstances at the discretion of the Director of Graduate-entry Medical Studies and the Director of Clinical Studies.

Four of the assessment units are shared with the Year 4 assessments for the Second BM. In these assessments the candidates for this examination are examined alongside the students taking the Year 4 assessments for the Second BM. A paragraph has been added to the regulations to state that for those assessment units, the examiners will be provided with information by the Examiners for the Year 4 assessments for the Second BM as to whether the candidate has satisfactorily completed the course of instruction and associated assessments.