

## Changes to Examination Regulations 2019

1819-15-MUG

### Medical Sciences Board

**Approved by the Chair of Education Committee on 22 August 2019**

**Title of Programme:** Second BM (Second Examination for the Degree of Bachelor of Medicine)

**Brief note about nature of change:** To be consistent with changes to the examination structure for Years 1 and 2 of the Graduate-entry Medicine course.

**Effective date:**

For students starting the Graduate-entry Medicine programme from MT19

**Location of change:** In Examination Regulations 2018

<http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2018-19/secobm/studentview/>

**Details of change:**

1. A candidate may be admitted to the Second Examination if his or her name has been entered on the University Register of Clinical Students and he or she has satisfied one of the following conditions:

(a) he or she has passed in all the subjects of the First Examination and the Qualifying Examination in the Principles of Clinical Anatomy and has either been admitted to the Degree of Bachelor of Arts with Honours or obtained a bachelor's degree at another university; or

(b) he or she has passed in all the subjects of the Preliminary Examination in Graduate-entry Medicine and the Year 2 Examination in Graduate-entry Medicine; or

(c) he or she has both

(i) successfully completed at a university in the United Kingdom a GMC-approved course of study in medical sciences that has included the subjects of the First Examination and the Principles of Clinical Anatomy, and is deemed by the Medical Sciences Board to qualify the candidate for admission; and

(ii) obtained a bachelor's degree in science or arts at a university, such degree having been approved by the Board.

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 4;

normally 45 weeks in Year 5; normally 46 weeks in Year 6; 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.

3. The Second Examination for the Degree of Bachelor of Medicine shall be under the supervision of the Medical Sciences Board. The Board shall have power to require candidates for admission to any part of the Second Examination to produce certificates of attendance at courses of practical instruction, and such other certificates as the Board may from time to time determine, and to define the form of such certificates. It shall be the duty of the Registrar to see that these conditions are observed.

4. The subject of the Second Examination shall be clinical medicine in all its aspects.

(a) The Second Examination shall cover three years, the subjects for each year being prescribed by regulation of the Medical Sciences Board.

(b) Each of Years 4 and 5 shall involve a form of assessment prescribed by regulation of the Board which shall be notified to candidates. No candidate shall commence Year 5 or 6 until he or she has satisfactorily completed Year 4 or 5 respectively (except that a candidate shall be permitted to commence Year 5 if he or she has passed in all the subjects assessment units in the Preliminary Examination in Graduate-entry Medicine and has passed all of the assessment units of the Year 2 Examination in Graduate-entry Medicine ~~satisfactorily completed those additional courses of instruction and assessments specified in clause 8 of the regulations for the Preliminary Examination in Medicine Part II~~), unless the Director of Clinical Studies and the Associate 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 he or she should undertake remedial work and if necessary be reassessed at a later date.

(c) Year 6 shall involve written and clinical examinations and may involve oral examinations. No candidate shall be examined on the Year 6 Vocational Skills Course until he or she has passed the assessments for Years 4 and 5 and the Year 6 General Clinical Studies Course.

5. A candidate who has passed in all the assessment units of the Preliminary Examination in Graduate-entry Medicine and has passed all of the assessment units of the Year 2 Examination in Graduate-entry Medicine ~~satisfactorily completed the additional courses of instruction and assessments specified in clause 8 of the regulations for the Preliminary Examination in Medicine Part II~~ shall be permitted to proceed directly to commence Year 5.

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<b>Explanatory Notes:</b>
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Changes are being made to the structure of the examinations taken by students in Year 1 and 2 of the Graduate-entry medical course. The Second BM regulations refer to the names of the examinations taken these students. The proposed changes to the Second BM regulations will make the regulations consistent with the new regulations for the examinations for Years 1 and 2 of the Graduate-entry course.
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See related notices in this Gazette (1819-13-MUG, 1819-14-MUG, 1819-15-MUG, 1819-18-MUG)
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