Changes to Examination Regulations 2013

Medical Sciences Board

Approved: 19th March 2014

Title of Examination: First Examination for the Degree of Bachelor of Medicine

Brief note about nature of change: The number of assessed components in the First BM Examination will be increased, by introducing separately assessed components for practical work for each Subject of the Examination. This is designed to make the procedures and assessment of the practical element of the course more robust.

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. 969, ll. 29-30, delete from ‘The Board shall have power’ to the end of l. 5 on p. 970.

2. Ibid., p. 970, ll.19-20, delete ‘two Parts, A and B’ and substitute ‘three Parts: A, B and C’

3. Ibid., l. 21, delete ‘both Parts A and B’ and substitute ‘Parts A, B and C’

4. Ibid., l. 24, delete ‘both’ and substitute ‘all three’

5. Ibid., l. 25, delete ‘both’ and substitute ‘all three’

6. Ibid., l. 27, delete ‘one Part of a subject subsequently passes the remaining Part’ and substitute ‘one or two Part(s) of a subject subsequently passes the remaining Part(s)’

7. Ibid., l. 40, delete ‘one Part only’ and substitute ‘one or two Part(s) only’

8. Ibid., p. 971, l. 8, delete ‘one Part only’ and substitute ‘one or two Part(s) only’

9. Ibid., ll. 36-37, delete ‘Part A’ and substitute ‘Parts A and C’

10. Ibid., p. 972, after l.19, insert:

‘Regulations for Part C of subjects 1,2,3,5,6 and 7
For each subject, the Director of Pre-Clinical Studies or his or her deputy will make available to the examiners evidence (in the form of a list of names, signed by the
Director or his or her deputy) showing the extent to which each candidate has a satisfactory attendance record at practical classes in that subject and the extent to which each candidate has a satisfactory record of practical work in that subject. The examiners may request practical notebooks from any candidate; such candidates will be named in a list posted in the foyer of the Medical Sciences Teaching Centre one week before the day of the first examination paper. Each notebook submitted shall be accompanied by a statement signed by the candidate indicating that the notebook is the candidate’s own work.

The practical course for subject 2 includes the course in elementary statistics defined in the Composite Syllabus for Part I.

Candidates whose attendance record and/or record of practical work is unsatisfactory will normally be required by the examiners to submit to further examination. Failure to satisfy the examiners that the candidate has a satisfactory knowledge and understanding of the practical course shall result in the candidate being failed in Part C of the relevant subject of the examination.

Evidence of satisfactory practical work and of attendance at a practical course is normally admissible by the examiners for a period extending no longer than to the end of the academic year following the year in which the course was pursued.

Candidates may be required to undergo oral examination.

11. Ibid., p. 972, delete ll. 34-47 inclusive.

12. Ibid., p. 973, delete ll.1-11 inclusive.

13. Ibid, after l. 11, insert:

‘Regulations for the Patient and Doctor Course’

14. Ibid., l. 12, delete ‘is required to’ and substitute ‘will’

15. Ibid, delete l. 16.

Explanatory Notes

The Steering Committee for Pre-Clinical Medicine has agreed that the current procedures for dealing with candidates whose attendance and/or performance in the practical element of the course is deemed unsatisfactory need to be reviewed; therefore, it has been agreed that the number of assessed components in the First BM Parts I and II be increased, to accommodate a practical component – Part C – for each Subject of the examination.