Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation
PGDip Sleep Medicine

Brief note about nature of change:
Change to progression requirements

Location of change
In Examination Regulations 2018 https://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2018-
19/pdinsleemedi/

Effective date
For students starting from MT2019

Amend citation reference 1.3. Deleted text struck through.

3. Students admitted to the Postgraduate Diploma who wish to convert to the M.Sc. course will be offered a place on the M.Sc. course conditional on satisfactory completion of the Postgraduate Diploma. To be considered for a place on the M.Sc. course students will need to indicate their intention to convert no later than by the early January postgraduate admissions deadline applicable in the second year of their Postgraduate Diploma course. Otherwise students will need to reapply.

Explanatory Notes

Point 3: There are several reasons why we propose that all students should reapply to be considered for the MSc by conversion:

1) The wording in the regulations states that students can progress onto the MSc conversion course conditional on satisfactory completion of the PGDip. Satisfactory completion of the PGDip is currently assessed following interview, on consideration of exam results and after discussion within the course committee. As the MSc conversion students are interviewed alongside direct-entry students onto the MSc programme, we feel the application process should be the same for both.
2) The entry requirements for direct-entry students onto the MSc programme includes strong academic record and submission of a research proposal to assess understanding of scientific methodology. An MSc conversion student applying in the January round currently only has to satisfy the first criteria of strong academic record (i.e. satisfactory completion of the PGDip). To standardise the application process for all applicants, we propose that it is compulsory for all conversion students to submit a research proposal via the reapplication process.

3) Finally, we currently accept direct-entry MSc applications in January, March and in the open field. Therefore, for parity across all MSc applications (direct and conversion) we propose that MSc conversion student applications are permitted across the application period.

For these reasons we would like to simplify the wording of point 3 to: “Students admitted to the Postgraduate Diploma who wish to convert to the M.Sc. course will need to reapply.”

As this change is not clearly of benefit to all students, it is being introduced for students starting from MT19 rather than for students starting from MT2018 as given in the Gazette notice of 13 June 2019.