

Medical Sciences Divisional Board

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Title of Examination

First BM Parts I and II

Brief note about nature of change:

The wording on time limits on resitting assessment units has been amended to be in accordance with the inclusion of time limits on resitting taught course examinations in general regulations.

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2018* <http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2018-19/fbpiandii/studentview/>

Effective date

For students starting Part I from MT 2019 and for students starting Part II from MT 2019.

And

For first examination from 2019-20

Detail of change

Part I of the First Examination

6. The outcomes of Part I of the First Examination are as follows:

a) A candidate who has satisfied the Examiners in all ten assessment units will be deemed to have passed Part I of the First Examination.

b) A candidate who has failed one or more assessment units but has satisfied the Examiners in four or more of the seven written or computer-based assessment units

(Parts A and B of subjects 1-3, and subject 4), will be deemed to have achieved a partial pass. They will be permitted one further attempt at the units they have failed, ~~within one year of the initial failure.~~ This resit attempt shall normally be taken at the next opportunity, but may be deferred once, i.e. it must be taken at one of the next two opportunities.

c) A candidate who has satisfied the Examiners in fewer than four of the seven written or computer-based assessment units (Parts A and B of subjects 1-3, and subject 4), will be deemed to have failed Part I of the First Examination. They will be permitted one further attempt at all seven written or computer-based assessment units, along with any Part C units failed during the first sitting, ~~within one year of the initial failure.~~ This resit attempt shall normally be taken at the next opportunity, but may be deferred once, i.e. it must be taken at one of the next two opportunities. Part C units passed during the first sitting can usually be carried forward to the second attempt.

8. No candidate may offer any assessment unit for Part I of the First Examination on more than two occasions, save in exceptional circumstances. A further exceptional opportunity to offer any assessment unit for Part I of the First Examination shall require application to and approval on behalf of the Education Committee of the University, in accordance with the General Regulations for the First and Second Public Examinations. If granted, this exceptional resit attempt shall normally be taken at the next opportunity, but may be deferred once, i.e. it must be taken at one of the next two opportunities.

Part II of the First Examination

7. The outcomes of Part II of the First Examination are as follows:

a) A candidate who has satisfied the Examiners in all ten assessment units will be deemed to have passed Part II of the First Examination.

b) A candidate who has satisfied the Examiners in one or more of the ten assessment units will be deemed to have achieved a partial pass. They will be permitted one further attempt at the unit(s) they have failed, ~~within one year of the initial failure.~~ This resit attempt shall normally be taken at the next opportunity, but may be deferred once, i.e. it must be taken at one of the next two opportunities. A candidate who is taking one or more Part C units for the second time, having failed their first attempt at those units, may be examined orally on the material covered during the practical course for that subject. However, in the case of a student exceptionally repeating the entire academic year, they will normally be expected to satisfy the Examiners by having a satisfactory record of

attendance and performance in practical work.

8. No candidate may offer any assessment unit for Part II of the First Examination on more than two occasions, save in exceptional circumstances. A further exceptional opportunity to offer any assessment unit for Part II of the First Examination shall require application to and approval on behalf of the Educational Policy and Standards Committee of the Medical Sciences Board, according to the procedure set out in the handbook for medical students in Years 1-3. If granted, this exceptional resit attempt shall normally be taken at the next opportunity, but may be deferred once, i.e. it must be taken at one of the next two opportunities.

Explanatory Notes

Taught Degrees Panel of Education Committee has decided that it would be helpful to include time limits on resitting taught course examinations in general regulations. The examination regulations for First BM Parts I and II already included time limits for resitting assessment units, but the wording has now been amended to be in accordance with the general regulation.