Medical Sciences Divisional Board

Approved by Ros Whiteley on 18.05.21

Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation
Clinical Medicine (Second Examination for the Degree of Bachelor of Medicine)

Brief note about nature of change: Minor amendments to assessment text and removal of methods of assessment which are no longer used.

Location of change
In Examination Regulations 2020-21
https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/Regulation?code=secobm&srchYear=2020&srchTerm=1&year=2020&term=1

Effective date
For students starting in course Year 4, 5 and 6 of Second BM from MT 2021.
For first examination in 2021-22.

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<td>1. Amend citation reference. 1.12 as follows (new text underlined, deleted text struck through):</td>
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<td>1.12(c) Year 6 shall involve written and clinical examinations and may involve oral examinations. No candidate shall be examined or deemed to have completed 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.</td>
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<td>2. Amend citation reference 1.18-28 and re-order alphabetical list as follows (new text underlined, deleted text struck through):</td>
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Regulations for Assessment in Years 4, 5, and 6

1.18 Proposals for the assessment of candidates in Years 4, 5, and 6 of the examination shall be drawn up by each specialty group, or in the case of Year 6 by the Board’s Clinical Education Committee and submitted for approval to the Medical Sciences Board, at such times as the Board shall determine. The form or forms of assessment are chosen from among the following:

1.19 (a) clinical examination including long and short cases;
1.20 (b) competency check sheets, logbooks, or portfolios;
1.21 (c) examination and comment (written or viva voce) on specimens;
1.22 (d) objective structured clinical examinations;
1.23 (e) poster presentations;
1.24 (f) case presentations;
1.25 (g) written tests, which may consist in whole or in part of, for example, multiple choice questions, short answer questions, extended matching questions or essays;
1.26 (h) case histories and commentaries;
1.27 (i) prepared essays;
1.28 (j) other tests individually approved by the Board.
3. Delete citation reference 1.32

1.32 The first assessment of candidates shall be carried out during or at the conclusion of each component of the course by the staff, as appointed by the head of the relevant department, or, in the case of Year 6, by the examiners and/or assessors. Candidates shall be permitted a maximum of two attempts to pass an assessment.

4. Amend citation reference 1.38-9 as follows (new text underlined, deleted text struck through):

**Year 4**

1.35 *Syllabus and Examination*

1.36 In Year 4, students are required to satisfy the examiners in the:

- 1.37(a) the Laboratory Medicine course (concerning the application to human disease of the principles of Laboratory Medicine, including Histopathology, Microbiology and Infection, Clinical Biochemistry, Immunology, and Haematology);

- 1.38(b) Medicine; Integrated Clinical Course: Medicine and Surgery.

- 1.39(c) Surgery.

5. Amend citation reference 1.52-9 as follows (new text underlined, deleted text struck through):

**Year 5**

1.52 *Syllabus and Examination*

1.53 In order to pass Year 5, candidates are required to have satisfactorily attended all courses and fulfilled individual course requirements, including completing all relevant formative assessments, for all the subjects specified in (a) to (e) below; and to have satisfied the examiners in the Year 5 Integrated Summative Assessment, both written and clinical examinations.

1.54 No candidate may sit the Integrated Summative Assessment if they have not satisfactorily attended and fulfilled all of the individual course requirements in at least four of the five subjects specified in (a) to (e) below, except in exceptional circumstances with the permission of the Director and Associate Director of Clinical Studies.
1.55. (a) Brain and Behaviour (encompassing Clinical Neurosciences, Ophthalmology and Psychiatry);

1.56. (b) Community-based Subjects Medicine (encompassing Geratology, Dermatology, Palliative Care, Primary Care and Population Health 2: Public Health);

1.57. (c) Orthopaedic Surgery, Rheumatology, Trauma and Emergency Medicine;

1.58. (d) Paediatrics;

1.59. (e) Women’s and Reproductive Health with integrated Sexual Health.

6. Amend citation reference 1.67-77 as follows (new text underlined, deleted text struck through) and re-order alphabetical list:

Year 6

Syllabus and Examination

1.67. In Year 6, students are required to satisfy: (a) the examiners in General Clinical Studies; and (b) the Director of Clinical Studies and the Associate Director of Clinical Studies in Vocational Skills. Each candidate will be assessed according to the methods approved by the Medical Sciences Board and notified to candidates before the commencement of each course of instruction. Students who fail an assessment may have to forfeit part or all of the elective for a period of intensive clinical training.

1.68. 1. General Clinical Studies

1.69. Students are required to satisfy the examiners in Medicine and Surgery encompassing Communication Skills, Radiology, and Clinical Pharmacology in accordance with the General Medical Council’s Outcome for Graduates.

1.70. Candidates must satisfy the Director of Clinical Studies and the Associate Director of Clinical Studies that they have attended a course of instruction in Clinical Options approved by the Medical Sciences Board.

1.71. 2. Vocational Skills

1.72. Students are required to satisfy the Director of Clinical Studies and the Associate Director of Clinical Studies that they have provided work to a satisfactory standard in:

1.73. (a) Special Study approved on behalf of the Medical Sciences Board;

1.74. (b) A Course to prepare students for work as a Foundation 1 doctor;

1.75. (c) An Elective (students who fail an assessment may be required to complete remedial clinical work. These students will forfeit part, or all, of the elective and instead will be required to produce a satisfactory report at the end of an additional clinical attachment);
1.76 (d) A student assistantship with a clinical team; and

1.77 (e) An assessment in procedural skills.

1.72 Students are required to satisfy the Director of Clinical Studies and the Associate Director of Clinical Studies that they have provided work to a satisfactory standard in:

1.73 (a) Special Study approved on behalf of the Medical Sciences Board;

1.74 (b) An Elective (students who fail an assessment may be required to complete remedial clinical work. These students will forfeit part, or all, of the elective and instead will be required to produce a satisfactory report at the end of an additional clinical attachment);

1.75 (c) A student assistantship with a clinical team;

1.76 (d) A Course to prepare students for work as a Foundation 1 doctor.

Explanatory Notes

1. To change incorrect terminology to reflect candidates have to satisfactorily complete the Vocational Skills course requirements.

2. Removal of forms of assessment which are not used in the Second BM examination as they are no longer used in postgraduate medical examinations and do not support on-going life-long learning.

3. Revised text to reflect the new end of year course assessment arrangements.

4. To amend the existing separate naming convention for Medicine and Surgery (under the title of the Integrated Clinical Course), to reflect the fact that the Year 4 candidates already sit the ‘Combined OSCE in Medicine and Surgery’.

5. Removal of unnecessary additional assessment unit naming convention detail.

6. Removal of the ‘Assessment in Procedural Skills’ as a separate assessment unit within the Vocational Skills component of Year 6, due to its incorporation into the General Clinical Skills examination.