Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation [if general]
Graduate-entry Medicine / Year 2 Examination in Graduate-entry Medicine

Brief note about nature of change: Minor amendments to assessment arrangements. Clarification of progression requirements.

Location of change
In Examination Regulations 2019 [http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2019-20/y2eigradentmedi/studentview/]

Effective date
For students starting the Graduate-entry Medicine programme in MT 2019
And
For first examination from 2020-21

Detail of change

1.8 The examination will consist of nine components. Candidates must offer all nine assessment units at the first scheduled opportunity in one academic year examination.

1.9 The outcomes of the Examination are as follows:
1.10 a) A candidate who has satisfied the Examiners in all nine components will be deemed to have passed the Examination.
1.11 b) A candidate who has passed at least one component but who has failed one or more components will be awarded a partial pass and will be permitted one further attempt at the component(s) they have failed. 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.
If a candidate has failed one or more components at the first attempt but has not had the opportunity to make a second attempt at that component / these components before the start of Year 3 of the course, they will not normally be allowed to proceed immediately to Year 3 of the course, unless the Director of Graduate-entry Medical Studies and the Director of Clinical Studies, at their discretion and in exceptional circumstances, decide that the candidate may immediately begin Year 3 of the course. This will be subject to the condition that the candidate passes the outstanding component(s) by a specified deadline.

If a candidate has failed one or more components after two attempts, their name shall be removed from the Register of Clinical Students and they shall not

1.12 No candidate shall commence Year 3 of the Graduate-entry medical course (subject to appeal to the Medical Sciences Board) until they have satisfactorily completed all units of assessment for the Year 2 examination, unless the Director of Graduate-entry Medical Studies and the 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 they should undertake remedial work and if necessary be reassessed at a later date.

1.13 The Core Medical Science (Part II) paper and Laboratory Medicine assessment will be set during Michaelmas Term, and the second sitting of these assessments will normally take place during Hilary Term. The remaining assessment units will be set during/ towards the end of Trinity Term. The second sitting of the OSCE will be during Trinity Term, and the second sitting of the remaining components examination will be during the following Long Vacation.

1.27 Candidates will be required to submit an essay on a topic related to Public Health aspects of the diagnosis or management of a clinical case they have seen during their clinical attachments in the second year of the course. The submitted essay shall be of not more than 3,000 words, excluding any tables, figures, diagrams or references. It must be in a format according to guidelines approved on behalf of the Graduate-entry Education Committee and published on the virtual learning environment.

1.37 Candidates must apply for approval of their proposed project no later than the end of Week 36 of Hilary Term. The candidate must submit the title of their proposed project, an outline plan, and the details of their proposed supervisor. The topic may be related to the topic of the Literature Review undertaken during Year 1 or it may relate to another area of
academic special interest. Decision on the application shall be made by the Director of Graduate-entry Medical Studies or a deputy and shall be communicated to the candidate as soon as possible and in any case not later than Week 8 of Hilary Term.

1.476. An Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE)

1.48 Candidates will be assessed on their ability to perform a clinical examination of the systems of the body and on their practical skills, as prescribed for the Year 4 assessments in the Second BM examination.

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1.55 The Director of Graduate-entry Medical Studies will make available to the examiners evidence (in the form of a list of names, signed by the Director or a deputy) to certify that each candidate has a satisfactory record of attendance for clinical attachments and completion of the relevant ePortfolio requirements. An unsatisfactory record, in the absence of appropriate documentary evidence, will normally result in the candidate being required to complete remedial work by a specified deadline. Failure to complete the remedial work will normally constitute failure of the Year 2 Examination.

Explanatory Notes

Increased clarity and greater detail has been provided about arrangements for re-sitting components of the examination, and about progression requirements. There have been minor changes to dates for students to apply for approval and to apply to change the title of their special interest project work.