

Changes to *Examination Regulations 2010*

1011-20-LPR

Medical Sciences Board

Approved: 13 September 2011

Title of Programme: Standard DPhil programmes in the Medical Sciences Division; additionally, DPhil in Cardiovascular Science (BHF); DPhil in Chromosome and Developmental Biology; DPhil in Genomic Medicine and Statistics; DPhil in Infection, Immunology and Translational Medicine; DPhil in Ion Channels and Disease; DPhil in Structural Biology

Brief note about nature of change: To reduce the total length of time for which Probationer Research Student status may be held, with the possibility for the Board to grant an extension of 1 or 2 terms, depending on the structure of the programme.

Effective date: With effect from 1 October 2011

Location of change: In *Examination Regulations 2010*

Detail of change:

1. In *Examination Regulations*, 2010, p. 897, l. 17, delete 'six' and substitute 'four'
2. Ibid., ll. 19-20, delete 'Candidates should normally apply to transfer from Probationer Research Student status in their fourth term after admission as a research student.' and substitute 'In exceptional circumstances the Board may grant up to two terms' extension to this deadline.'
3. Ibid., after l. 20, insert:

'Students on the programmes listed below may hold Probationer Research Student status for a maximum of six terms:

D.Phil. in Cardiovascular Science (BHF)
D.Phil. in Chromosome and Developmental Biology
D.Phil. in Genomic Medicine and Statistics
D.Phil. in Infection, Immunology and Translational Medicine
D.Phil. in Ion Channels and Disease
D.Phil. in Structural Biology.

In exceptional circumstances the Board may grant up to one term's extension to this deadline.'
4. Ibid., p. 909, delete ll. 27-31, and substitute:

1. D.Phil. in Biomedical and Clinical Sciences
2. D.Phil. in Chromosome and Developmental Biology
3. D.Phil. in Genomic Medicine and Statistics
4. D.Phil. in Infection, Immunology and Translational Medicine
5. D.Phil. in Ion Channels and Disease
6. D.Phil. in Structural Biology'

5. Ibid., after l. 33, insert:

'Programme 1 above is a three-year programme. Programmes 2-6 above are four-year programmes.'

6. Ibid., p. 910, l. 11, delete 'seven' and substitute 'six'

7. Ibid, ll. 12-14, delete 'A student should normally apply to transfer from Probationer Research Student Status in his or her sixth term after admission to the programme.' and substitute 'In exceptional circumstances the Board may grant up to one term's extension to this deadline.'

Explanatory Notes:

A change to the general PGR regulations reducing the total length of time for which PRS status may be held from 6 terms to 4 terms has recently been approved by the University. Clauses 1 and 2 above bring the Medical Sciences Division into line with the general regulations.

Students on the additional above-named programmes have rotations in their first year, with some students starting an entirely new project in Term 4. It is not feasible to reduce the total length of time for which PRS status may be held by 2 terms to 5 terms. Therefore a reduction to 6 terms has been approved, as indicated in clauses 3-7 above.

Changes to Examination Regulations 2010

1011-22-LPT

Medical Sciences Board

Approved: 14 September 2011

Title of Programme: MSc in Neuroscience

Brief note about nature of change: To replace references to teaching provided by a discontinued programme with details of alternative provision.

Effective date: With effect from 1 October 2011

Location of change: *Examination Regulations 2010*

Details of change:

1. In *Examination Regulations*, 2010, p. 756, delete ll. 40-42 and substitute:

'Candidates will be required to follow a programme of Professional Development courses to provide transferable skills for a career in scientific research. The programme will consist of practical exercises and taught classes with interactive discussions and practical assignments in the following areas:

- (i) Presentation skills, verbal and written
- (ii) Career planning, assessing personal skills and values, CVs and interview techniques
- (iii) Exploitation of science: patents and intellectual property
- (iv) Ethical and social issues in science.'

Explanatory Notes

To date, the MSc in Neuroscience has drawn on professional development provision as arranged for the MSc in Biology (Integrative Bioscience). However, the MSc in Biology will be discontinued as of the 2011-12 academic year, and so this change in regulations details the alternative arrangements that will be made for the MSc in Neuroscience.

Changes to Examination Regulations 2010

1011-23-LPT

Medical Sciences Board

Approved: 14 September 2011

Title of Programme: MSc in Pharmacology

Brief note about nature of change: To replace references to teaching provided by a discontinued programme with details of alternative provision.

Effective date: With effect from 1 October 2011

Location of change: *Examination Regulations 2010*

Details of change:

1. In *Examination Regulations*, 2010, p. 758, l. 41, delete 'Pharmacology' and substitute 'Pharmacologists'
2. Ibid., delete ll. 42-44 and substitute:

'To provide transferable skills for a career in scientific research, this programme will consist of classes, exercises and interactive discussions in the following areas:

- (i) Presentation skills, verbal and written
- (ii) Career planning, assessing personal skills and values, curricula vitae and interview techniques
- (iii) Exploitation of science: getting ideas to the marketplace, patents, intellectual property rights; the relationship between academic and industrial research; government science policy and research funding
- (iv) Ethical and social issues in science.

Creativity and teamwork are integral components of the learning undertaken during the practical classes and research projects. Time management and learning skills are developed as part of the structured timetable of examinations and coursework submission deadlines throughout the year.'

Explanatory Notes

To date, the MSc in Pharmacology has drawn on professional development provision as arranged for the MSc in Biology (Integrative Bioscience). However, the MSc in Biology will

be discontinued as of the 2011-12 academic year, and so this change in regulations details the alternative arrangements that will be made for the MSc in Pharmacology.

Changes to Examination Regulations 2010

1011-21-LUG

Medical Sciences Board

Approved: July 2011

Title of Programme: Honour School of Psychology and Philosophy

Brief note about nature of change: To remove the requirement to submit practical portfolios to the Examination Schools.

Effective date: With effect from 1 October 2012 (for first Part I examination in 2013 and first Part II examination in 2014)

Location of change: *Examination Regulations 2010* as amended by *University Gazette*, Thursday 28 October 2010, No. 4932, Vol. 141, Examinations and Boards

Details of change:

1. In *Examination Regulations*, 2010, p. 443, after l. 41, as amended by *University Gazette*, Thursday 28 October 2010, No. 4932, Vol. 141, Examinations and Boards, Changes to Regulations, (3) Medical Sciences Board, section (J) Honour School of Psychology and Philosophy, cl. 2, under the section entitled '*Practical work*', delete:

'Candidates shall submit to the Chairman of Examiners, Honour School of Psychology and Philosophy, Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford, not later than Week 10 in Hilary Term preceding the term in which the Part I examination is to be held, portfolios containing reports of their practical work completed during their course of study for Part I. These portfolios shall be available to the examiners as a part of the examination. Each portfolio shall be accompanied by a certificate signed by the candidate indicating that the portfolio submitted is the candidate's own work. This certificate must be submitted separately in a sealed envelope addressed to the Chairman of Examiners. Where the work submitted has been produced in collaboration, the candidates shall indicate the extent of their own contributions. Reports of practical work previously submitted for the Honour School of Psychology and Philosophy may be resubmitted but reports will not be accepted if they have already been submitted, wholly or substantially, for another Honour School or degree of this University, or for a degree of any other institution. The Head of Department or deputy shall inform the examiners by the end of Week 0 of the Trinity Term in which the Part I examination is to be held as to which candidates have (a) failed to satisfy the requirement to undertake practical work or (b) failed to submit a portfolio. Candidates in category (a) will be deemed to have failed Paper V. Candidates in category (b) will be deemed to have failed the entire Part I examination. The Head of Department or deputy shall also make available records showing the extent to which candidates have adequately pursued a course of practical work. The examiners shall take this evidence into consideration along with evidence of unsatisfactory or distinguished performance in each portfolio of practical work.'

and substitute:

'Reports of practical work completed during the course of study for Part I and submitted for marking shall constitute a portfolio which shall be available to examiners as part of the examination. Every report submitted for marking must be accompanied by a statement indicating that the work submitted is the candidate's own work. Where the work submitted has been produced in collaboration the candidates shall indicate the extent of their own contributions. Reports of practical work previously submitted for the Honour School of Psychology and Philosophy may be resubmitted, but reports will not be accepted if they have already been submitted, wholly or substantially, for another Honour School or degree of this University, or for a degree of any other institution. The Head of Department or deputy shall inform the examiners by the end of Week 0 of the Trinity Term in which the Part I examination is to be held as to which candidates have (a) failed to satisfy the requirement to undertake practical work or (b) failed to submit a portfolio. Candidates in category (a) will be deemed to have failed Paper V. Candidates in category (b) will be deemed to have failed the entire Part I examination. The Head of Department or deputy shall also make available to the examiners records showing the extent to which each candidate has adequately pursued a course of practical work. The examiners shall take this evidence into consideration along with evidence of unsatisfactory or distinguished performance in each portfolio of practical work.'

2. Ibid., under the section entitled '*Part II*', delete:

'Candidates will be required to undertake practical work, as specified by the Head of the Department of Experimental Psychology, and this will constitute a part of the examination. In exceptional circumstances the Proctors may dispense a candidate from the specified requirements on the recommendation of the Head of Department or deputy. Candidates shall submit to the Chairman of Examiners, Honour School of Psychology and Philosophy, Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford, not later than Week 10 in the Hilary Term preceding the term in which the Part II examination is to be held, portfolios containing reports of their practical work. These portfolios shall be available to the examiners as part of the examination. Each portfolio shall be accompanied by a certificate signed by the candidate indicating that the portfolio submitted is the candidate's own work. This certificate must be submitted separately in a sealed envelope addressed to the Chairman of Examiners. Where the work submitted has been produced in collaboration, the candidates shall indicate the extent of their own contributions. Reports of practical work previously submitted for the Honour School of Psychology and Philosophy may be resubmitted but reports will not be accepted if they have already been submitted, wholly or substantially, for another Honour School or degree of this University, or for a degree of any other institution. The Head of Department or deputy shall inform the examiners by the end of Week 0 of the Trinity Term in which the Part II examination is to be held as to which candidates have failed to satisfy the requirement to undertake practical work. Failure to satisfy the requirement to undertake practical work will result in the candidate's final degree classification being lowered by one class. Candidates who fail to submit a portfolio will be deemed to have failed the entire Part II examination. The Head of Department or deputy shall also make available records showing the extent to which candidates have adequately pursued a course of practical work. The examiners shall take this evidence into consideration along with evidence of unsatisfactory or distinguished performance in each portfolio of practical work.'

and substitute:

'Reports of practical work completed during the course of study for Part II and submitted for marking shall constitute a portfolio which shall be available to examiners as part of the examination. Every report submitted for marking must be accompanied by a statement indicating that the work submitted is the candidate's own work. Reports of practical work previously submitted for the Honour School of Psychology and Philosophy may be resubmitted but reports will not be accepted if they have been submitted, wholly or substantially, for another Honour School or degree of this University, or for a degree of any other institution. The Head of Department or deputy shall inform the examiners by the end of Week 0 of the Trinity Term in which the Part II examination is to be held as to which candidates have failed to satisfy the requirement to undertake practical work. Failure to satisfy the requirement to undertake practical work will result in the candidate's final degree classification being lowered by one class. Candidates who fail to submit a portfolio will be deemed to have failed the entire Part II examination. The Head of Department, or deputy, shall make available to the examiners records showing the extent to which candidates have adequately pursued a course of practical work. The examiners shall take this evidence into consideration along with evidence of unsatisfactory or distinguished performance in each portfolio of practical work.'

Explanatory Notes

These amendments are being made to correspond with changes to the Honour School of Experimental Psychology and Honour School of Psychology, Philosophy, and Physiology.

Changes to *Examination Regulations 2011*

1112-01-MPT

Medical Sciences Board

Approved: 5 October 2011

Title of Programme: MSc in Psychological Research

Brief note about nature of change: To amend the assessment methods for the Statistical Theory and Methods module.

Effective date: With immediate effect (for first examination in the 2011-12 academic year)

Location of change: *Examination Regulations 2011*

Details of change:

1. In *Examination Regulations, 2011*, p. 751, delete ll. 14-19 and substitute:

‘Each candidate shall be required to submit a series of reports based on SPSS data analyses carried out during the workshops. Each of the reports will be assessed on a pass/fail basis.

The deadline for each submission shall be notified to students at the start of the course. Candidates will submit each report to the Graduate Administrator in the Department of Experimental Psychology. Students who submit a report below the standard required for a pass may submit a revised report within four weeks of being notified of the outcome.

Each candidate shall also be required to sit a two-hour written examination. The examination will be marked on a pass/fail basis and candidates failing to reach the required standard will have one further opportunity to enter for the examination before the end of the academic year.’

Explanatory Notes

This change removes the requirement for students to submit an essay as part of this module – this method of assessment is no longer considered appropriate by the course committee. Instead, students will be required to submit a series of statistical reports and undertake a formal examination.

Incoming students will be notified of the revised assessment arrangements at the beginning of the course.

Changes to Examination Regulations 2010

1112-02-MUG

Medical Sciences Board

Approved: 31 May 2011

Title of Programme: Second Examination for the Degree of Bachelor of Medicine

Brief note about nature of change: To introduce the requirement for students to undertake a separate assessment in procedural skills as part of the Vocational Skills section of the syllabus.

Effective date: With immediate effect (for first examination in 2012)

Location of change: *Examination Regulations 2010* as amended by *University Gazette*, Thursday 16 June 2011, No. 4957, Vol. 141, Examinations and Boards

Details of change:

1. In *Examination Regulations*, 2010, p. 974, as amended by *University Gazette*, 16 June 2011, No. 4957, Vol. 141, Examinations and Boards, Changes to Regulations, Medical Sciences Board, Second Examination for the Degree of Bachelor of Medicine, delete cl. 2 under 'Detail of Change'
2. Ibid., amend cl. 3 under 'Detail of Change' to read " 'Ibid., delete ll. 22-33 and substitute '(e) An assessment in procedural skills.' "

Explanatory Notes

A previous amendment to the regulations, published in the *University Gazette* of 16 June 2011, removed the requirement for students to produce an essay.

It has also been agreed that procedural skills will no longer be assessed under the General Clinical Studies part of the syllabus from 2011-12 and will therefore be assessed separately as part of Vocational Skills, hence this additional change to the regulations.

Changes to *Examination Regulations 2011*

1112-03-HUG

Medical Sciences Board

Approved: 11 January 2012

Title of Programme: Clinical Medicine (Second Examination for the Degree of Bachelor of Medicine)

Brief note about nature of change: Update / Change to the title of a Year 2 course component.

Effective date: With effect from 1 October 2012

Location of change: *Examination Regulations 2011*

Details of change:

In *Examination Regulations*, 2011, p. 964, delete ll. 45-46 and substitute:

‘(a) Orthopaedic, Rheumatology and Emergency Medicine;’

Explanatory Notes

Changes to Examination Regulations 2011

1112-06-HPT

Medical Sciences Board

Approved: 14 March 2012

Title of Programme: MSc in Psychological Research

Brief note about nature of change: To remove the requirement for candidates to achieve at least 30% in order to be allowed to re-submit; to update module titles.

Effective date: With effect from 1 October 2012

Location of change: *Examination Regulations 2011*

Details of change:

1. In *Examination Regulations*, 2011, p. 749, l. 45, delete ‘, but who achieve at least 30 per cent,’
2. Ibid., p. 750, l. 14, delete ‘*Philosophical Foundations of Psychological Research*’ and substitute ‘*Philosophical Foundations of Psychology*’
3. Ibid., l. 25, delete ‘*Design Skills*’ and substitute ‘*Research Evaluation*’
4. Ibid., l. 29, delete ‘produce’ and substitute ‘submit’
5. Ibid., l. 42, delete ‘*Social Behaviour and Personality*’ and substitute ‘*Emotion, Personality, and Social Behaviour*’
6. Ibid., p. 752, l. 17, delete ‘research project, however’ and substitute ‘research project. However,’

Explanatory Notes

The first amendment removes the requirement for candidates to achieve at least 30% in order to be allowed to re-submit; this brings the examination requirements into line with University policy. Other changes adjust three module titles in order to better reflect their content. Minor typographical changes are also included.

Changes to Examination Regulations 2011

1112-07-HUG

Medical Sciences Board

Approved: 14 March 2012

Title of Examination: Honour School of Cell and Systems Biology, Part I

Brief note about nature of change: To re-structure options in Part I i.e. to create constituent units within options; to amend the penalty for unsatisfactory practical work.

Effective date: With effect from 1 October 2012 (for first examination in 2013)

Location of change: *Examination Regulations 2011 (also cross-reference with changes to these regulations published in the Gazette on 28th July 2011, No. 4961)*

Details of change:

1. In *Examination Regulations*, 2011, p. 167, delete ll. 3-13 and substitute:

‘1. Candidates will attend lectures and practicals in options selected from a list published in the Medical Sciences Teaching Centre by the end of Week 8 of Hilary Term in the year preceding the examination. Each option will have a number of units ascribed to it. Candidates will be required to study options totalling ten units. The list published in the Medical Sciences Teaching Centre and the handbook for the course will specify how many units are assigned to each option, and which options are recommended to proceed to particular advanced options in Part II.

2. Two written papers will be set:

(i) Paper I will be a three-hour examination comprising a selection of questions requiring short answers. Candidates will be required to answer those questions relating to their chosen options.

(ii) Paper II will be a two-hour essay paper. Candidates will be required to answer questions from a selection relating to the different options that they have studied.’

2. *Ibid.*, p. 167, ll. 16-17, delete ‘Week 9 of Hilary Term’ and substitute ‘Week 0 of Trinity Term’

3. *Ibid.*, ll. 20-22, delete:

‘may be required by the Examiners to submit to further examination. Failure to satisfy the Examiners in the practical work associated with an examination paper will normally

constitute failure of that examination paper.’

and substitute:

‘will forfeit one quarter of the marks in the Part I examination, the outcome of which will be carried forward to the Part II Examination.’

4. Ibid., Part I, re-number existing cl. 4 as cl. 3.

Explanatory Notes

To re-define the weight of individual options within Part I in order to provide greater flexibility in the magnitude of content offered in each option.

The date for the Course Director, or deputy, to make available to the examiners evidence showing the standard and extent to which candidates have completed practical work is being changed from late Hilary Term to early Trinity Term.

The penalty for candidates whose practical work is deemed unsatisfactory is being amended due to re-structuring of the examination papers: it is not possible to fail candidates in an examination paper directly associated with practical work, so the penalty must be applied to the Part I examination as a whole. The requirement to submit to further examination has also been removed in order to remain consistent with similar courses who favour the application of a penalty instead of requiring candidates to sit an additional examination.

Changes to Examination Regulations 2011

1112-08-HUG

Medical Sciences Board

Approved: 14 March 2012

Title of Examination: Honour School of Neuroscience, Part I

Brief note about nature of change: To re-structure options in Part I i.e. to create constituent units within options; to amend the penalty for unsatisfactory practical work.

Effective date: With effect from 1 October 2012 (for first examination in 2013)

Location of change: *Examination Regulations 2011 (also cross-reference with changes to these regulations published in the Gazette on 28th July 2011, No. 4961)*

Details of change:

1. In *Examination Regulations*, 2011, delete from l. 32 on p. 373 to l. 5 on p. 374, and substitute:

‘1. Candidates will attend lectures and practicals in options selected from a list published in the Medical Sciences Teaching Centre by the end of Week 8 of Hilary Term in the year preceding the examination. Each option will have a number of units ascribed to it. Candidates will be required to study options totalling ten units. The list published in the Medical Sciences Teaching Centre and the handbook for the course will specify how many units are assigned to each option, and which options are recommended to proceed to particular advanced options in Part II.

2. Two written papers will be set:

- (i) Paper I will be a three-hour examination comprising a selection of questions requiring short answers. Candidates will be required to answer those questions relating to their chosen options.
- (ii) Paper II will be a two-hour essay paper. Candidates will be required to answer questions from a selection relating to the different options that they have studied.’

2. Ibid., p. 374, ll. 8-9, delete ‘Week 9 of Hilary Term’ and substitute ‘Week 0 of Trinity Term’

3. Ibid., ll. 12-14, delete:

‘may be required by the Examiners to submit to further examination. Failure to satisfy

the Examiners in the practical work associated with an examination paper will normally constitute failure of that examination paper.'

and substitute:

'will forfeit one quarter of the marks in the Part I examination, the outcome of which will be carried forward to the Part II Examination.'

4. Ibid., re-number existing cl. 4 as cl. 3.

Explanatory Notes

To re-define the weight of individual options within Part I in order to provide greater flexibility in the magnitude of content offered in each option.

The date for the Course Director, or deputy, to make available to the examiners evidence showing the standard and extent to which candidates have completed practical work is being changed from late Hilary Term to early Trinity Term.

The penalty for candidates whose practical work is deemed unsatisfactory is being amended due to re-structuring of the examination papers: it is not possible to fail candidates in an examination paper directly associated with practical work, so the penalty must be applied to the Part I examination as a whole. The requirement to submit to further examination has also been removed in order to remain consistent with similar courses who favour the application of a penalty instead of requiring candidates to sit an additional examination.

Changes to Examination Regulations 2011

1112-09-HPT

Medical Sciences Board

Approved: 4 April 2012

Title of Programme: MSc in Pharmacology

Brief note about nature of change: To clarify assessment arrangements for quantitative and qualitative examinations and for the research project and dissertation; to update assessment and module titles.

Effective date: With effect from 1 October 2012

Location of change: *Examination Regulations 2011*

Details of change:

1. In *Examination Regulations, 2011*, p. 745, delete ll. 30-35 and substitute:

‘(ii) each candidate must pass a three-hour data handling and experimental design examination (also known as the quantitative examination) during Hilary Term. Candidates must pass the examination in order to proceed with the course, and those who fail shall be permitted to sit the examination on one further occasion only.

(iii) each candidate must pass an essay examination at the beginning of Trinity Term on the material covered in the Advanced Pharmacology courses. Candidates must pass the examination in order to proceed with the course, and those who fail shall be permitted to sit the examination on one further occasion only.’
2. *Ibid.*, l. 37, delete ‘typewritten or printed essay’ and substitute ‘printed Critical Literature Review’
3. *Ibid.*, l. 41, delete ‘typewritten or’
4. *Ibid.*, delete l. 43 and substitute ‘out in the Schedule. The arrangements for approval will be notified to candidates not later than the start of Michaelmas Term of the academic year in which the examination is taken;’
5. *Ibid.*, p. 745, cl. 4, re-number existing sub-cll. (iii) to (v) as sub-cll. (iv) to (vi) respectively.
6. *Ibid.*, p. 746, l. 31, delete ‘Cells’ and substitute ‘Cell & Receptor Pharmacology’
7. *Ibid.*, l. 32, delete ‘Organism’ and substitute ‘Organ’
8. *Ibid.*, l. 40, after ‘Cardiovascular’ insert ‘ & Systems Pharmacology’

9. Ibid., I. 41, delete 'Molecular and Pharmacogenetics' and substitute 'Drug Discovery & Personalised Medicine'

10. Ibid., delete II. 42-45, and substitute:

'(d) Research Project Dissertation

Candidates shall submit a dissertation on a research project undertaken under the supervision of a research supervisor. The subject of each dissertation and the supervision arrangements for each student must be approved by the Organising Committee. The research project will normally be laboratory-based, but in exceptional circumstances students may undertake a library-based project, subject to approval from the Organising Committee.'

Explanatory Notes

The above changes to regulations will clarify the assessment arrangements for both the quantitative and qualitative examinations by separating them into separate clauses.

Other amendments will update a number of assessment and module titles to reflect revised content. The only substantial changes to content will take place in the re-named "Drug Discovery and Personalised Medicine" course which is being updated to reflect topics of interest in modern Pharmaceutical research. This is in line with the strategic science priorities identified by the Medical Research Council, who recently awarded studentships to the course.

The arrangements for the research project and dissertation are also being clarified, to include the possibility of students undertaking a library-based research project if a suitable laboratory project cannot be identified.

Changes to *Examination Regulations 2011*

1112-10-TPR

Medical Sciences Board

Approved: 02/06/2011 by Medical Sciences Board and 17/04/2012 on behalf of Education Committee

Title of Programme: M.Sc. by Research and D.Phil. in the Medical Sciences Division

Brief note about nature of change:

Special regulations to enable the Medical Sciences Divisional Board to grant permission for a student to work in a well-found laboratory outside of Oxford.

Effective date: With immediate effect

Location of change: *Examination Regulations 2011*

Details of change:

1. In *Examination Regulations, 2011*, p. 888, after l. 19, insert:

‘5. PERMISSION TO WORK IN A WELL-FOUND LABORATORY OUTSIDE OF OXFORD

Applicants who are admitted to undertake research under the supervision of the Medical Sciences Divisional Board may, exceptionally, be permitted by the Divisional Board to undertake their research in a well-found laboratory outside of Oxford. Such candidates shall be dispensed from the residence requirements, but shall be required to attend Oxford for such instruction as the Division and department concerned shall require. Before admitting a candidate on this basis, the department concerned shall be required to satisfy itself and the Divisional Board that appropriate arrangements are in place for approving all aspects of the student's academic work, including the following:

- (i) the availability of the equipment and facilities necessary for the project in the agency concerned;
- (ii) the existence of a wider collaboration between the department and the agency in which the student is based;
- (iii) the subject of their doctoral studies;
- (iv) satisfactory induction procedures;

(v) satisfactory health and safety arrangements;

(vi) satisfactory supervision arrangements, to include specification of a minimum number of contact hours between student and supervisor, which shall include not less than two face-to-face meetings between student and supervisor, for a total of at least 8 hours, each term;

(vii) satisfactory arrangements for monitoring the student's progress within the department;

(viii) provision for the student to attend Oxford for such instruction as the division and department shall require.'

2. Ibid., pp. 888-889, re-number existing cl. 5- 7 as cl. 6-8 respectively.

3. Ibid., p. 899, l. 41, re-number existing cl. 8 as cl. 9.

Explanatory Notes

Research students may, exceptionally, be permitted to undertake their research in a well-found laboratory outside Oxford. Such candidates are not required to keep statutory residence, but must attend for such instruction as the relevant divisional board requires. However, permission must be sought and approved, on a case-by-case basis, by both the University's Education Committee and the Divisional Board.

The regulation change detailed above removes the requirement for the Medical Sciences Division to refer to Education Committee each application to work in a well-found laboratory outside of Oxford.

Changes to *Examination Regulations 2011*

1112-12-TUG

Medical Sciences Board

Approved: 25 June 2012

Title of Examination: Preliminary Examination in Biomedical Sciences

Brief note about nature of change: Change to subject title and associated examination paper title.

Effective date: With effect from 1 October 2012 (for first examination in 2013)

Location of change: *Examination Regulations 2011*

Details of change:

1. In *Examination Regulations, 2011*, p. 105, l. 6, delete 'Systems' and substitute 'Body, Brain and Behaviour'
2. Ibid., l. 32, delete 'Systems' and substitute 'Body, Brain and Behaviour'

Explanatory Notes

The 2012 examiners requested a change to the title of Subject 1 – currently 'Systems' – to 'Body, Brain and Behaviour'. The proposed change was approved by the Biomedical Sciences Steering Committee and subsequently by the Medical Sciences Division.

Changes to *Examination Regulations 2011*

1112-13-TPT

Medical Sciences Board

Approved: 9th July 2012

Title of Programme: MSc in Neuroscience

Brief note about nature of change: Minor changes to administrative and teaching provision.

Effective date: With effect from 1 October 2012

Location of change: *Examination Regulations 2011*

Details of change:

1. In *Examination Regulations, 2011*, p. 743, l. 27, delete 'their academic advisor' and substitute 'the Organising Committee'
2. Ibid., 744, l. 31, delete ' and a concluding seminar'

Changes to Examination Regulations 2011

1112-14-TUG

Medical Sciences Board

Approved: 9th July 2012

Title of Examination: Preliminary Examination in Medicine, Parts I and II

Brief note about nature of change: Candidates become solely responsible for declaring authorship of submitted work; correction to Behavioural Sciences commentary deadline; minor changes to Paper 3: Data Interpretation in the Part II Examination.

Effective date: With effect from 1 October 2012 (for first examination in 2013)

Location of change: *Examination Regulations 2011*

Details of change:

1. In *Examination Regulations*, 2011, p. 960, ll. 24-26, delete 'work; and the candidate's tutor or advisor shall countersign the certificate confirming that, to the best of their knowledge and belief, this is so.' and substitute 'work.'
2. Ibid., p. 961, l. 18, delete 'Week 6' and substitute 'Week 0'
3. Ibid., p. 961, l. 50, delete from 'The primary research paper' to 'clinical data for interpretation.' on p. 962 l. 2, and substitute 'The primary research paper or papers (normally not more than two), will report clinical research. The literature will contain experimental, epidemiological, or clinical data for interpretation, including Public Health data.'
4. Ibid., p. 962, ll. 32-34, delete 'work; and the candidate's tutor or advisor shall countersign the certificate confirming that, to the best of their knowledge and belief, this is so.' and substitute 'work.'
5. Ibid., p. 963, ll. 22-24, delete 'work; and the candidate's tutor or advisor shall countersign the certificate confirming that, to the best of their knowledge and belief, this is so.' and substitute 'work.'

Explanatory Notes

Amendments (1), (4) and (5) make candidates responsible for the authenticity of their submitted work, and releases tutors / advisors from their responsibility to countersign candidates' work.

Amendment (2) corrects an error in the regulations by bringing the submission deadline for the Behavioural Sciences commentary into line with that of the Submitted Essay on Systems of the Body in Part I.

Amendment (3) makes minor adjustments to Paper 3: Data Interpretation in Part II, to reflect the wording in the Notes for Guidance for the Part II Examination.