

Medical Sciences Divisional Board

Approved by the Educational Policy and Standards Committee on 13th June 2025

Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation

Second Examination for the Degree of Bachelor of Medicine

Brief note about nature of change

Amendments to clarify existing practice and to re-title the 'Clinical Options' assessment unit.

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2024-25*: [2024-25, Second BM \(ox.ac.uk\)](#)

Effective date

These changes are for students who started the Second BM in 2023-24 and who enter year 6/Graduate entry year 4 in 2025-26.

Detail of change (new text underlined, deleted text struck through)

Amend **citation 1.54-60**:

Year 6 / Graduate Entry Year 4

^{1.54} Students who fail an assessment may have to forfeit part or all of the elective for a period of intensive clinical training.

^{1.55} 1. General Clinical Studies

^{1.56} There will be two examinations:

^{1.57} (a) Applied Knowledge Test (AKT) consisting of multiple choice questions.

^{1.58} (b) An Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE).

^{1.59} Candidates must satisfy the Director of Clinical Studies and the relevant Associate Director of Clinical Studies that they have attended a course of instruction in:

(a) ~~Clinical Options~~ Specialties.

(b) Medicine.

(c) Surgery.

^{1.60}**2. Vocational Skills**

Explanatory Notes

- Amendment to clarify existing practice. Students are required to complete units of assessment in Medicine and in Surgery.
- To re-title 'Clinical Options' to 'Clinical Specialties', to better reflect the content of this course component. The amendment will provide consistency between the exam regulations and the current exam conventions and units of assessment as reported on the Academic Records Office on the Year 6 Results List.