

Medical Sciences Divisional Board**Changes to examination regulations approved on behalf of Education Committee on 23rd February 2024****Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation**

Preliminary Examination in Graduate-entry Medicine

Brief note about nature of change:

Change of assessment for Objective Structure Clinical Examination (OSCE); clarification of processes for resit examinations.

Location of changeIn *Examination Regulations* [2023-24, Preliminary Examination in Graduate-entry Medicine \(ox.ac.uk\)](https://www.ox.ac.uk/examination-regulations/2023-24/graduate-entry-medicine)**Effective date****For students starting from MT 2023**

[And]

For first examination from 2023-24**Details of changes:****Amend citations and re-number as follows:**

- 1.12 For Papers 1A, 1B, **2**, the OSCE, and the Clinical Experience component, the result of each assessment unit will be pass or fail, and for Papers **2**, 3, the Literature Review and the Behavioural Sciences commentary, the result of each assessment unit will be a percentage mark. Additionally, the Examiners may award a merit for any component of the examination (Papers 1A and 1B will be considered as one component for this purpose), except the Clinical Experience component

and OSCE. The criteria for the award of a merit for each component will be specified in the Examination Conventions.

- 1.16 No student may progress to Year 2 of the Graduate-entry course unless they have passed all of the assessment units in the Preliminary Examination in Graduate-entry Medicine.

[new citation] If a candidate has failed one or more of the Year 1 examinations after two attempts, they shall not be allowed to continue as a student enrolled on Year 2 of the Graduate Entry Medicine course, even if they are awaiting the outcome of an academic appeal or an application for an exceptional third attempt.

[new citation] If a candidate has failed one or more of the Year 1 examinations after one attempt but has not had the opportunity to make a second attempt at that examination / those examinations by the normal time of the second sitting of the examinations, they shall not be allowed to continue as a student enrolled on Year 2 of the Graduate Entry Medicine course until they have passed the outstanding examinations.

- 1.19 Paper 1A will ~~be a computer-based assessment~~ consisting of multiple-choice questions.

- 1.20 Paper 1B will consist of ~~be in the format of~~ problem-based questions requiring short answers.

- 1.26 Candidates will be required to attend and participate in all stations of the OSCE. ~~demonstrate, in a practical examination, their ability to take a clinical history and to perform a clinical examination of the systems of the body specified in the syllabus and, to apply such practical skills as may be defined in the syllabus.~~

- 1.27 ~~The examination will include an assessment of candidates' communication——skills with patients, orally and/or in writing, and of their professional behaviour.~~ The Director of Graduate-entry Medical Studies will provide the exam board with confirmation that the candidate has completed all stations.

- 1.38 The Review must be submitted via the ~~virtual learning environment~~ University's approved assessment platform (according to the instructions set out in the notification to candidates from the Chair of Examiners) not later than noon on the Friday of Week 4 of Trinity Term.

- 1.50 The essay must be submitted via the ~~virtual learning environment~~ University's approved assessment platform (according to the instructions set out in the notification to candidates from the Chair of Examiners) not later than noon on the Friday of Week 0 of Trinity Term.

Explanatory Notes

The above changes relate to changes of assessment for the Objective Structured Clinical Examination and Paper 2. The above changes also include clarification of processes for resit examinations.