

Medical Sciences Divisional Board

Approved on behalf of MSD Educational Policy and Standards Committee on 21st June 2024

Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation

Second Examination for the Degree of Bachelor of Medicine

Brief note about nature of change

Removal of eligibility requirement for Year 5 Integrative Summative Assessment and a correction to omission

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2023-24*: [2023-24, Second BM \(ox.ac.uk\)](#)

Effective date

These changes are for students who started the Second BM in 2023-24 and who enter year 5/Graduate entry year 3 in 2024-25.

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

Amend **citation 1.37**:

^{1.37}In order to pass Year 5 / Graduate-entry Year 3, 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 (f) below; and to have satisfied the examiners in the Year 5 / Graduate-entry Year 3 Integrated Summative Assessment, both written and clinical examinations.

Delete **citation 1.38**:

~~^{1.38}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 five of the six subjects specified in (a) to (f) below, except in exceptional circumstances with the permission of the Director and the relevant Associate Director of Clinical Studies.~~

Explanatory Notes

Given that the six subjects and the summative assessment are classified as separate assessment units, the removal of eligibility requirement is to ensure their independence. The link between course requirements and eligibility to enter the summative assessment is considered to add little value as the regulations already state that all units of assessment have to be passed to progress to the final year. Furthermore, operationalising this regulation has proved challenging due to the very short time window between completing the subjects and the summative assessment.