Appendix 1.3.2

Changes to MB ChB Regulations over the last 10 years

Each of the changes listed below required approval by the OMS Academic Board, the Division of Health Sciences Academic Board and the University's Board of Undergraduate Studies. None were substantial enough to require approval at the national level from CUAP.

2008 Calendar:
No changes

2009 Calendar:
5. TERMS
Clause (b) “Terms will be awarded by Boards of Examinations for the years concerned based on attendance, professional attitudes and skills assessment, and on the performance of each student in all components of the course during the year.”
Further sentence added “Concerns about performance with respect to any of these criteria during the year, which are supported by similar concerns raised in previous years, can contribute to a decision to deny terms.”

2010 Calendar:
1. ADMISSION TO THE PROGRAMME
Clause (f) To gain entry in the Competitive Graduate category, ... Candidates considered for entry in the Competitive Graduate category must have current valid UMAT results. UMAT results are valid for two years. This means they can be used in an application for admission in the year following the test and for one year later. A candidate’s most recent UMAT results will be the only UMAT results considered.
Note added at end of the Admissions section: Note: Candidates for admission in the Health Sciences First Year and Competitive Graduate categories must have valid UMAT results, as defined by the Australian Council for Educational Research, which is responsible for the development and administration of UMAT.

2011 Calendar:
1. ADMISSION TO THE PROGRAMME
Clause (e) To gain entry in the Health Sciences First Year category, a candidate must, in the first year of university study at the University of Otago, pass all papers prescribed for the first year Health Sciences First Year course, at the first attempt, at B grade or better.

5. TERMS
Clause (a) A candidate for the degrees of Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery must obtain terms for the corresponding year before being permitted to sit the final examinations for Second, Third, Fifth, or Sixth Year, or, in the case of a Fourth Year student, before being permitted to proceed to Fifth year classes, in order to pass the year, and before proceeding to the next year. For Second, Third and Fifth Year students the Board of Examinations for the year concerned may award terms, deny terms or defer terms. The Board may, for a student for whom terms have been deferred, admit the student to the final examinations and allow completion of the terms requirement up to the time of the relevant Special examinations.
Clause (c) Students who are refused terms will normally be required to repeat the year as a whole; in special circumstances, with the approval of the Board of Examinations for the year concerned, they may be permitted to pursue a defined programme of work and where appropriate, when terms have been awarded, to sit a special examination.

6. EXAMINATIONS
Clause (d) A candidate who has qualified for admission to any examination other than the Final Examination ...
Clause (e) A candidate who has qualified for admission to the Final Examination

2012 Calendar:
1. ADMISSION TO THE PROGRAMME
Clause (h) (ii) added “Micronesian” to read “New Zealand Resident Pacific Islander of Polynesian, Melanesian or Micronesian descent”
New final clause added (m) Notwithstanding any of the above provisions, the Medical Admissions Committee shall have the discretion to consider any applicants who, not having satisfied these regulations in a particular aspect, warrants admission to second year classes for exceptional reasons.

2. STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAMME
Clause (d) altered from
“In approved cases, the Medical degree may be combined in an integrated programme of study with the degree of Master of Dental Surgery in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery or in Oral Medicine or with the degree of Doctor of Philosophy.” to
"In approved cases, the Medical degree may be combined in an integrated programme of study with Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery programme (also including the degrees of Bachelor of Dental Surgery and Doctor of Clinical Dentistry), the degree of Master of Dental Surgery in Oral Medicine, the degree of Bachelor of Medical Sciences with Honours, or the degree of Doctor Philosophy.”

6. EXAMINATIONS
New clause added: (e) No candidate shall be permitted to sit a special examination (other than those permitted on the basis of ill health or other exceptional circumstances) in more than two of the Second to Fifth Years of the programme.

8. EXCLUSION FROM THE PROGRAMME
Text altered from
"Any student who, from failure to gain terms in any subject or from failure to pass or complete an examination, has nor passed the examination in one academic year after the prescribed minimum time, or has failed to gain terms in any subject in two successive years, may be excluded from the Medical Programme by the Board of the Division of Health Sciences on the recommendation of the Board of the Faculty of Medicine. For the purposes of this regulation a pass in a special examination shall be equivalent to a pass in the examination of which it forms a part.” to
"A candidate who
(a) fails to complete all of the requirements for a year of the programme at a second attempt (which may include special examinations), or
(b) fails to complete all of the requirements for a later year of the programme at the first attempt (which may include special examinations), having repeated a previous year, or
(c) has not passed a year of the programme from failure to gain terms or failing the examinations for that year, having previously sat special examinations in two separate years,
may be excluded from further study towards the degree by the Board of the Division of Health Sciences on the recommendation of the Board of the Faculty of Medicine.

Note: For the purposes of Regulation 8 special examinations granted on the grounds of ill health or other exceptional circumstances are not counted.

Calendar 2013:
1. ADMISSION TO THE PROGRAMME
Clause (d) Applications for admission to Second Year Classes in Medicine must be received at the Health Sciences Admission Office no later than ...

Note: The application process is separate from the enrolment process.

Clause (f) altered (because at Otago the BSc, BA, BCom Honours programmes became a one-year postgraduate qualification) from
“To gain entry in the Competitive Graduate category, applicants must have completed in the minimum academic time and within three years of the date of application, the requirements of the first degree awarded by a university in New Zealand to a level determined by the Medical Admissions Committee from year to year. Candidates considered for entry in the Competitive Graduate category must have valid UMAT results.”

to

“To gain entry in the Graduate category, an applicant must have completed, normally in the minimum academic time, a qualification awarded by a university in New Zealand:
– a first degree; or
– a first degree followed by an honours degree; or
– a first degree followed by a postgraduate diploma similar to an honours degree;
An application must be received within three years of completion of the first degree. The academic score for applicants’ degrees will be determined annually by the Medical Admissions Committee. Candidates considered for entry in the Graduate category must have valid UMAT results.”

Clause (h) altered from

“The University of Otago supports the participation of the following peoples in the health workforce. Therefore applicants in any category (see regulation 1(c)) may also be considered in one or both of the following sub categories:
(i) Maori.
(ii) New Zealand Resident Pacific Islander of Polynesian, Melanesian or Micronesian descent.
An applicant in either or both of these sub categories must have achieved at least a minimum academic standard to be determined by the Medical Admissions Committee from year to year in the course of study on which the application is based.”

to

“The University of Otago is committed to initiatives that increase the number of Maori and indigenous Pacific Island graduates. The Division of Health Sciences is focused on ensuring that New Zealand’s diverse health workforce needs are met, honouring the treat of Waitangi/Te Tirito o Waitangi and promoting academic equity for under-represented groups.
Applicants in any category (see regulation 1(c)) who have fulfilled the requirements as described in 1(e), 1(f) or 1(g) may also be considered in one or both of the following sub-categories:
(i) Maori.
(ii) Indigenous Pacific (see note).
An applicant in either or both of these sub-categories must provide verified evidence of either Maori whakapapa or indigenous Pacific ancestry and be a permanent resident or citizen of New Zealand.
An applicant in either or both of these sub-categories must have achieved at least a minimum academic standard to be determined by the Medical Admissions Committee from year to year in the course of study on which the application is based.

Note: Students applying under the Indigenous Pacific sub-category need to provide verified evidence of family ancestry originating from one or more of the following Pacific nations: Samoa, American Samoa, Tonga, Cook Islands, Niue, Tokelau, Fiji, Rotuma, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, New Caledonia, Papua New Guinea, Kiribati, Tuvalu, Palau, Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Wallis and Futuna, Hawaii, French Polynesia, Rapanui (Easter Island).

Calendar 2014:
1. ADMISSION TO THE PROGRAMME
Clause (a) Admission to Second year Classes in Medicine is limited to a number, determined annually, of candidates who are eligible by virtue of citizenship or permanent residence in New Zealand to be considered as domestic students as defined in the Admission to University Statute clause 3.3 (but see regulation 1(j)).

5. TERMS
2013 text:
(a) A candidate for the degrees of Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery must obtain terms for the corresponding year in order to pass the year, and before proceeding to the next year. For Second, Third and Fifth year students the Board of Examinations for the year concerned may award
terms, deny terms or defer terms. The Board may, for a student for whom terms have been deferred, admit the student to the final examinations and allow completion of the terms requirement up to the time of the relevant Special examinations.

(b) Terms will be awarded by Boards of Examinations for the years concerned based on attendance, professional attitudes and skills assessment, and on the performance of each student in all components of the course during the year. Concerns about performance with respect to any of these criteria during the year, which are supported by similar concerns raised in previous years, can contribute to a decision to deny terms.

Note: At the beginning of each year of the Medical programme, each department or appropriate Board of Examinations will clearly indicate to students specific requirements for the award of terms.

(c) Students who are refused terms will normally be required to repeat the year as a whole.

Note: In the event of absence through illness likely to be prejudicial to the granting of terms, students are advised to submit a medical certificate to the Dean of the appropriate School of Medicine.

Altered to 2014 text:
(a) A candidate must obtain terms in order to sit the final examination and/or to proceed to the following year of study. It is the decision of the Board of Censors for the year concerned to award terms, deny terms or defer terms. The Board may, for a student for whom terms have been deferred in Second, Third, or Fifth Year, admit the student to the final examinations and allow completion of the terms requirements up to the time of the relevant special examinations. The Board may, for a student for whom terms have been deferred in Fourth Year, allow completion of the terms requirements up to the commencement of the Fifth Year.

(b) Terms will be awarded by Boards of Examinations for the years concerned based on attendance, professional attitudes and skills assessment, and on the performance of each student in all components of the course during the year. Concerns about performance with respect to any of these criteria during the year, which are supported by similar concerns raised in previous years, can contribute to a decision to deny terms. Such denial of terms can take into account concerns of a similar nature raised in the previous year, particularly if there is a pattern of behaviours that suggest there is insufficient progress in addressing the concerns.

(c) The Sixth Year will be a Trainee Internship designed to introduce clinical responsibility for patients. It will include clinical modules and an elective period. To be awarded terms and pass the Sixth year, a candidate shall normally obtain a passing assessment from each clinical module and from the elective period. The assessment will be made on performance of clinical and other work, and other assessments. Passing the Sixth year as a whole is based on all available information and is made as a collective decision by each campus, which is recommend to, and approved by, the Board of Censors for Sixth Year.

Notes: (i) At the beginning of each year of the Medical programme, each department or the appropriate Board of Censors will clearly indicate to students specific requirements for the award of terms. (ii) Sometimes the decision to pass the year can be made only after a further period of observation (such as repeating a module or modules which may require enrolment in additional quarters) and/or by collecting further information from end of year assessments.

(d) Students who are denied terms will normally be required to repeat the year as a whole.

Note: In the event of absence through illness likely to be prejudicial to the granting of terms, students are advised to submit a Health Declaration to the Associate Dean of Student Affairs of the appropriate campus.

Schedule has changed
From “Sixth (Final Year) Year: MICN 601, Medicine Sixth Year, 120 points”

to
“Sixth (Final Year) Year: MICN 621 Medicine Sixth Year 1st Quarter, MICN 622 Medicine Sixth Year 2nd Quarter, MICN 623 Medicine Sixth Year 3rd Quarter, MICN 624 Medicine Sixth Year 4th Quarter, each 30 points. Note: MICN 621-624 shall normally be taken in sequence in one year of study, but in approved cases the order may be varied or the total period of study extended.”

6. EXAMINATIONS
Clauses re-cast and extra clauses added.

2013 text:
Examinations, other than the Final Examination, shall be conducted by means of written questions and/or by oral and practical, including clinical, examinations. The examiners may also take account of the performance of the candidate during the course of instruction.

A candidate for the Final Examination must undertake an approved course of study including an approved elective.

The Sixth Year will be a Trainee Internship designed to introduce clinical responsibility for patients. It will include clinical attachments and an elective period. To pass the Final Examination a candidate shall normally obtain a passing assessment from each clinical attachment and from the elective period. The assessment will be made on performance of clinical and other work and may include oral and clinical examinations. In the event that passing assessment is not obtained in one or more attachments, a candidate will sit a final clinical examination conducted by examiners from more than one School of Medicine and will pass the Final Examination if, in the opinion of the Board of Examinations, a satisfactory overall performance has been achieved.

A candidate for any examinations other than the Final Examination who has not sat, or having sat, has not passed the whole of the examination may be admitted to a special examination in the following January unless the Board of Examinations determines that a candidate who has not sat or who has failed shall be required to carry out an approved course before being readmitted to examination.

Note: Entries for special examinations must reach the Manager, Student Administration, by 10 January.

No candidate shall be permitted to sit a special examination (other than those permitted on the basis of ill health or other exceptional circumstances) in more than two of the Second to Fifth Years of the programme.

A candidate for the Final Examination who has not sat, or having sat, has not passed the whole of the examination shall be required to carry out an approved course before being readmitted to examination.

On the recommendation of the Board of Examinations, candidates for any examination may be credited with a portion of that examination.

Candidates for examination in Medicine, other than the First Year Examination, who, in the opinion of the Board of Examinations, have reached an exceptionally high standard in any subject shall be granted a pass with distinction in that subject.

Calendar 2015:

Examinations at the end of the Second, Third, and Fifth Years shall be conducted by means of written questions and/or by oral and practical, including clinical, examinations. In determining the outcome for the year, the Board of Censors may also take account of the performance of the candidate during the year of instruction.

A candidate for examination at the end of the Second, Third, or Fifth Years, who has not sat or, having sat, has not passed the whole of the examination may be admitted to a special examination in the following January.

Note: Entries for special examinations must reach the Manager, Student Administration, by 10 January.

No candidate shall be permitted to sit a special examination (other than those permitted on the basis of ill health or other exceptional circumstances) in more than two of the Second to Fifth Years of the programme.

On the recommendation of the Board of Censors, candidates for any examination may be credited with a portion of that examination.

Students who have reached an exceptionally high standard of performance in the Second, Third, or Sixth Year, on the recommendation of the Board of Censors, shall be granted a pass with Distinction in that year. Students who have reached an exceptionally high standard of performance throughout the Fourth and Fifth Years, on the recommendation of the Board of Censors, shall be granted a pass with Distinction at the end of Fifth Year.

In the Sixth year of the programme, candidates who, in the opinion of the Board of Censors, have reached an exceptionally high standard in any discipline or disciplines shall be granted a pass with distinguished performance in the discipline or disciplines concerned.
The Admission section was totally re-cast as part of an exercise to align the sequence of information in the Admission section of all five undergraduate professional programmes (MBChB, BDS, BPhty, BPharm and BMLSc) with each other so that the similarities were obvious and the few differences between programmes stood out.

A new final clause was included for all the programmes that indicated applicants with criminal charges, or subject to disciplinary proceedings of a tertiary institution or professional body, or has a mental or physical condition that could adversely affect their fitness to practice, or who has failed to declare any of the above, may be declined admission to the programme on the recommendation of the Health and Conduct Review Group. (Legal advice was obtained on the phrasing of the clause.)

1. ADMISSION TO THE PROGRAMME (only the 2015 text is provided here)

   a. Admission to the second year of the Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery programme shall be determined by the Medical Admissions Committee.

   b. Admission to the second year of the Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery programme is limited to a number, determined annually, of Domestic students (but see regulation 1(i) regarding International student admissions).

   Note: ‘Domestic student’ is defined in the Admission to University Statute 2011, clause 3.3.

   c. Applications for admission may be made under the following categories:
      Health Sciences First Year (see 1(f))
      Graduate (see 1(g))
      Alternative (see 1(h))

   d. The University of Otago is committed to initiatives that increase the number of students of Māori ethnicity and Pacific ancestry. The Division of Health Sciences is focused on ensuring that New Zealand’s need for a diverse health workforce is met, honouring the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi/Te Tiriti o Waitangi and promoting academic equity for under-represented groups.

      Applicants in any category (see regulation 1(c)) who have fulfilled the requirements as described in 1(f), 1(g), or 1(h) may also be considered in one or both of the following sub-categories:

      i. Māori
      ii. Indigenous Pacific (see note).

      An applicant in either or both of these sub-categories must provide verified evidence of either Māori whakapapa or indigenous Pacific ancestry and be a permanent resident or citizen of New Zealand, and complete a written statement describing their commitment to Māori and/or Pacific health.

      An applicant in either or both of these sub-categories must have achieved a minimum academic standard to be determined by the Medical Admissions Committee from year to year in the course of study on which the application is based.
Note: Students applying under the Indigenous Pacific sub-category need to provide verified evidence of family ancestry originating from one or more of the following Pacific nations: Samoa, American Samoa, Tonga, Cook Islands, Niue, Tokelau, Fiji, Rotuma, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, New Caledonia, Papua New Guinea, Kiribati, Tuvalu, Palau, Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Wallis and Futuna, Hawai'i, French Polynesia, Rapanui (Easter Island).

e. Applicants in any category (see regulation 1(c)) who have lived or been educated in a rural area of New Zealand (see Note) may seek admission under the New Zealand Rural Origins sub-category. If successful, these students may be required to undertake one year of the medical programme in a rural immersion programme. This year will not add to the overall length of the programme.

Note: To qualify for the New Zealand Rural Origins sub-category applicants must
(i) have undertaken a minimum of four years of their pre-tertiary education at a school in a rural area of New Zealand; or
(ii) have resided in a rural area of New Zealand for a minimum of four consecutive years following the completion of their secondary education.
(iii) have undertaken a combination of pre-tertiary education at a school in a rural area of New Zealand and residence in a rural area of New Zealand, for a minimum of four consecutive years.

See the Guidelines for Admission on the Health Sciences website (www.otago.ac.nz/healthsciences) for definitions of rurality used for this sub-category. Applicants are strongly encouraged to contact the Health Sciences Admissions Office prior to applications closing with any questions regarding eligibility for the Rural Origins Sub-Category.

f. To be considered for admission under the Health Sciences First Year category an applicant must:
 i. be enrolled in the Health Sciences First Year course at the University of Otago (see also 1(j));
 ii. pass all of the papers prescribed for the University of Otago Health Sciences First Year course, with a minimum mark of 70% in each paper (but see 1(d));
 iii. have a current Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test (UMAT) result.

Selection of applicants who have met these criteria will be based on their marks in all of the Health Sciences First Year papers (67% of the score) and their UMAT result (33% of the score).

Note:
(i) If an additional optional paper from the approved list is taken, and provided all of the prescribed papers are passed at or above the required minimum standard, the results in the highest scoring seven papers will be counted for admission purposes.
(ii) To be admitted to the Health Sciences First Year course, the applicant must not have studied any university degree-level papers that include a subject that is the same, similar to, or contains significant
portions of any of the prescribed Health Sciences First Year papers. Prior university degree-level study in any subject areas must not comprise more than one year of equivalent full-time study.

g. To be considered for admission under the Graduate category, an applicant must:
   i. have completed, normally in the minimum academic time, at least one of the following qualifications awarded by a university in New Zealand:
      - a bachelor’s degree; or
      - a bachelor’s honours degree; or
      - a bachelor’s degree followed by a postgraduate diploma equivalent to a bachelor's honours degree from the awarding university;

   Note:
   (i) The qualifying degree for the Graduate category will be the first university degree awarded to that applicant.
   (ii) The grades obtained in a bachelor’s honours degree (if separate from the qualifying degree) or an equivalent postgraduate diploma will be included in the GPA calculation, along with the qualifying degree.

   ii. have a current Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test (UMAT) result that is above a threshold determined annually by the Medical Admissions Committee.

Applications must be received within three years of completion of the qualifying degree. Normally, the date of completion will be taken as the end of the teaching period in which the final paper or papers included in the programme are undertaken. Repeat applications within the eligibility period are allowed.

Selection of applicants who have met these criteria will be based on their grade point average (GPA), as calculated by the Division of Health Sciences.

Notes:
(i) For guidance on how average grades are calculated, see the Guidelines for Admission into the Health Sciences Professional Programmes at www.otago.ac.nz/healthsciences/students/professional/otago034699.html
(ii) For purposes of admission into the second year of the programme, a second attempt in a First Year paper in the Schedule in which a pass has already been achieved will not be considered.
(iii) Applicants offered a place under the Graduate category may be required to pass prescribed papers, to a standard determined by the Medical Admissions Committee, before being admitted to second year classes.

h. To be considered for admission under the Alternative category, an applicant must be a Domestic student and:
   i. hold a degree from a New Zealand university, and no longer be eligible under the Graduate category;
or
have completed a degree at an overseas university at a standard of at least NZQF Level 7 no less than three years prior to the application;
or
hold a master’s or doctoral degree;
or
demonstrate health-related professional experience in a relevant field to a standard acceptable to the Medical Admissions Committee.

Note: Applicants seeking admission to Medicine with health-related professional experience will be required to demonstrate academic and/or professional experience in the relevant field, to a standard acceptable to the Medical Admissions Committee.

ii. have provided a statement of interest and current curriculum vitae, and have achieved at least a minimum academic standard, to be determined by the Medical Admissions Committee from year to year, in the course of study on which the application for admission is based. An applicant may be required to attend an interview.

Selection of applicants who have met these criteria will be based on academic merit and a possible interview. An applicant may apply only once under the Alternative category.

Notes:
(i) Applicants offered a place under the Alternative category may be required to pass prescribed papers, to a standard determined by the Medical Admissions Committee, before being admitted to second year classes.
(ii) For purposes of admission into the second year of the programme, a second attempt in a First Year paper in the Schedule in which a pass has already been achieved will not be considered.

i. The Medical Admissions Committee shall have discretion to offer a limited number of places in second year classes to International students who meet all the requirements determined by the Medical Admissions Committee. (See Note (i) below.)

j. Admission to the programme shall be subject to applicants’ meeting an English language requirement as determined by the Medical Admissions Committee.

k. Notwithstanding any of the above provisions, the Medical Admissions Committee shall have discretion to consider any applicant who, not having satisfied these regulations in a particular aspect, warrants admission to the programme for exceptional reasons.

l. Any applicant who
   i. is, or who has been, the subject of criminal charges; or
   ii. is, or has been, subject to disciplinary proceedings of a tertiary institution or professional body; or
   iii. has been found to have an issue (whether in connection with their mental or physical health, or their professional attributes or conduct, or otherwise) that compromises or is likely to compromise their fitness to practise; or
   iv. is found to have failed to declare a matter covered by (l)(i)-(iii),
may be declined admission to the programme by the Medical Admissions Committee on the recommendation of the Health and Conduct Review Group. Any offer of admission made before responses to medical tests or requests for information regarding an applicant's health status or past conduct have been received is conditional on the information received confirming the applicant's suitability for admission.

Notes:

(i) See the Guidelines for Admission into the Health Sciences Professional Programmes at www.otago.ac.nz/healthsciences/students/professional/otago034699.html.

(ii) The due date for Alternative category applications is 1 May in the year before admission into the second year course; the due date for applications under the Health Sciences First Year and Graduate categories is 15 September in the year before admission.

(iii) Applicants for admission in the Health Sciences First Year or Graduate categories must have a current UMAT result. UMAT scores can be used for admission only in the year following the test.

2. STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAMME
Clause (b) was deleted: “All students undertaking a first year course for the purpose of gaining entry to Second Year classes in Medicine are required to obtain approval of their courses of study from a Health Sciences first year course adviser. A student pursing a course leading to a Bachelor of Sciences or a Bachelor of Arts degree for the purpose of gaining entry to Medical School must obtain approval for the course from the Adviser of Studies for the a particular degree concerned. Note: for specific enquiries about entry to Medical School students should make an appointment with the Associate Dean for Admissions, c/o Admissions Office, Division of Health Sciences.”

3. DIVISION OF CLASS AFTER THIRD YEAR
Third paragraph: “Students will be allocated equally to the three schools. This includes international students who will be allocated equally among the three schools.” altered to “The division includes international students who will be allocated equally among the three schools.”

8. EXCLUSION FROM THE PROGRAMME
Now includes a final clause (d) that indicates a candidate who during the course of their studies is subject to criminal charges, or subject to disciplinary proceedings of the University or professional body, or an issue in connection with their mental or physical health that could adversely affect their fitness to practice, or who has failed to declare any of the above, may be excluded from further study towards the degree by the Academic Board of the Division of Health Sciences on the recommendation of the Academic Board of the Faculty of Medicine. (Legal advice was obtained on the phrasing of the clause.)

Calendar 2016:
Note: Faculty of Medicine changed to Otago Medical School throughout.

1. ADMISSION TO THE PROGRAMME
Clause (h) (ii) “An applicant for the Alternative category must have achieved at least a minimum academic standard, ...” was altered to “have provided a statement of interest and current curriculum vitae, and have achieved at least a minimum academic standard, ...”

9. LEVEL OF AWARD OF THE DEGREES
If, in the opinion of the Faculty Board of Censors for Sixth Year, any candidate has maintained a sufficiently high standard throughout the whole programme, the Faculty Board may recommend that the degree be awarded with distinction.

10. VARIATIONS
On the recommendation of the Faculty Dean of the Otago Medical School, the Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Health Sciences) may, in exceptional circumstances, approve a course of study which does not comply with these regulations.

INFORMATION FOR POTENTIAL SECOND YEAR STUDENTS
Two pages of text deleted.

Calendar 2017:
1. ADMISSION TO THE PROGRAMME
Clause (g) Graduate category, sub-clause (ii) ensuing Notes, and Clause (h) Alternative category, sub-clause (i) ensuing Notes – both had a new note added of “For the purposes of admission into the second year of the programme, a second attempt in a First Year paper in the Schedule in which a pass has already been achieved will not be considered.”

Schedule for First Year – deleted the Note (ii) No student will be permitted to take an examination in a subject of the first year course in which a pass has already been gained.

Clause (j) Admission to the programme shall be subject to applicants’ meeting an English language requirement as determined by the Medical Admissions Committee, dependent on the category under which the application is made.

7. WITHDRAWAL FROM THE PROGRAMME
2016 text:
(a) A student who withdraws on or before 10 July in the year of admission to second year classes will be required to apply to the Medical Admissions Committee for readmission and any such applications will be dealt with under the regulations governing admission to the programme.
(b) A student, who, at any later time, withdraws from the Medical programme is required to apply for readmission to the Academic Board of the Otago Medical School not later than 1 June in the year prior to that for which readmission is sought.

Altered to 2017 text:

a. Temporary Withdrawal
   i. A student who withdraws before the end of the third week of the course in the year of admission to second year classes and who wishes to re-commence the following year must first obtain approval for a deferral which will be considered by the Medical Admissions Committee and any such applications will be dealt with under the regulations governing admission to the programme.
   ii. A student who, at any later time, withdraws from the Medical programme is required to apply for readmission to the Academic Board of the Otago Medical School not later than 1 June in the year prior to that for which readmission is sought.
   iii. For applications under ii (above) the Academic Board of the Otago Medical School shall take into account the reasons for withdrawing, suitability for readmission, preparedness for readmission and availability of places in the programme. If there are insufficient places available, the Academic Board shall determine which students shall be readmitted.

b. Permanent withdrawal
   Students who withdraw from the Medical programme permanently have no right of readmission. However, they may be eligible to apply for admission under the regulations governing admission to the programme.

8. EXCLUSION FROM THE PROGRAMME
2016 text:
A candidate who
(a) fails to complete all the requirements for a year of the programme at a second attempt (which may include special examinations), or
(b) fails to complete all of the requirements for a later year of the programme at the first attempt (which may include special examinations), having repeated a previous year, or
(c) has not passed a year of the programme from failure to gain terms or failing the examinations for that year, having previously sat special examinations in two separate years, or
(d) during the course of their studies is (i) subject to criminal charges; (ii) subject to disciplinary proceedings of the University or of a professional body; or (iii) found to have an issue in connection with their mental or physical health that could adversely affect their fitness to practice; or (iv) found to have failed to declare a matter covered by (d)(i)-(iii)
may be excluded from further study towards the degree by the Academic Board of the Division of Health Sciences on the recommendation of the Academic Board of the Otago Medical School.

Note: For the purpose of Regulation 8 special examinations granted on the grounds of ill health or other exceptional circumstances are not counted.

Altered to 2017 text:
(a) A candidate may be excluded from the programme by the Academic Board of the Division of Health Sciences on the recommendation of the Academic Board of the Otago Medical School on the basis of repeated academic failure and/or other grounds as detailed in regulation 8(d) below.
(b) A candidate who fails to complete the requirements for any year of the programme (other than the First Year) may enroll again, but this concession may normally be granted only once in the programme.
(c) No candidate may normally enroll again after failing to pass a year of the programme (whether from failure to gain terms or from failure in a final examination) whose programme of study has required either both the repetition of a year and a special examination (irrespective of order of the year(s) of the programme concerned) or two special examinations.

Clause (d) and Note are unchanged.

Calendar 2018:
No changes

Calendar 2019:
Changes across all of the undergraduate professional programmes driven by the Division of Health Sciences related to:
(1) Admission to the Programme regulations: clauses (d) Maori ethnicity and Pacific ancestry sub-categories and (e) rural sub-category are being collapsed into a more generic statement (with details to be available on the website) and to include other under-represented groups of low socio-economic status and refugee status as described by the Division’s Mirror on Society Selection Policy;
(2) Introducing General Regulations to include in-common Fitness to Practice provisions;
(3) Withdrawal from the Programme regulations: Introducing in-common regulations for deferral, temporary withdrawal, permanent withdrawal and readmission;
are progressing through OMS Academic Board, Divisional Academic Board and Board of Undergraduates for the 2019 Calendar for implementation in 2020.