

**Medical Sciences Board****Approved:** 1<sup>st</sup> June 2015**Title of Examination:** MSc in Global Health Science**Brief note about nature of change:** (1) To increase the word count for the report on an analysis of a dataset. (2) To remove the requirement for candidates to be examined on all modules, except Principles of Epidemiology and Principles of Statistics, within one of the written papers.**Effective date:**

- For all students on course from Michaelmas Term 2015
- For first examination from 2015-16

**Location of change:***Examination Regulations 2014-15:*<http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2014-15/mosbciglobhealscie/administratorview/>

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**Details of change:**

1. In *Examination Regulations*, 2014-15,  
<http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2014-15/mosbciglobhealscie/administratorview/>  
MSc in Global Health Science, citation reference 1.5, amend the clause as follows:  
  
'(i) A printed report of not more than ~~4,000~~ 2,500 words (excluding bibliography) on an analysis of a dataset based on a research question approved by the Organising Committee. Additionally, candidates must submit an annotated copy of the STATA code used for their analysis.'
2. Ibid., citation reference 1.8, amend the clause as follows:  
  
'(iv) A written examination paper relating to ~~all~~ of the modules set out in the Schedule, with the exception of Principles of Epidemiology, and Principles of Statistics.'

**Explanatory Notes**

1. The current word limit (1,000 words) for the 'data analysis and report' assessment was considered too brief, and a limit of 2,500 words is more realistic.
2. There are two examination papers:
  - Principles of Statistics and Principles of Epidemiology.
  - Advanced Global Health Science.

The current regulations state that all modules (except for statistics and epidemiology, which is examined via a separate paper) will be examined in one three-hour paper. It has proved challenging to prepare such a paper at MSc level, and to ensure coverage of all aspects of the entire curriculum. Consequently, each question consists of a number of sub-sections intended to cover the complete curriculum; the questions are limited in scope and candidates must answer all questions. Subsequently, the Nuffield Department of Population Health Graduate Studies Committee considered it more reasonable that candidates have some choice and flexibility. The format of the paper will be changed to one where candidates select from a variety of questions, which means that whilst they do not have to cover all aspects of the syllabus, what they do cover is more substantive. The paper will include ten questions of which students must answer five questions; there will be one question per module covered.

The proposal has been approved by Chair's action on behalf of the Graduate School Committee of the Medical Sciences Division.