

**LTC11D097**

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**Issue**

Imposing a limit of the registration period for a medical degree.

**Recommendation**

The recipients would be asked to endorse the introduction of the new regulation for all MBBS students from 2012-13

**Resource Implications**

There are no additional resource implications as work to support longer term students is already undertaken.

**Risk Implications**

This would have a low risk for the University as it would ensure all students who graduate with an MBBS degree have trained within an acceptable period of time and therefore patient safety will not be compromised.

**Equality and Diversity**

N/A as decision would be based on individual student circumstances

**Timing of decisions**

A decision to enable implantation in 2012-13 is required

**Further Information**

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**Background**

This regulation will bring the Norwich Medical School in line with the School of Nursing Sciences and Allied Health Professions, where a restriction on the period of training is imposed by the Professional Body.

The General Medical Council no longer sets a limit, although this was previously 7 years, which has resulted in a number of students whose period of study has been extended beyond 7 years as the current regulations the right to reassessment takes precedent over the period of registration.

The Norwich Medical School would like to request a new regulation which restricts the number of periods of intercalation or repeat study a student may take as a result of failure at reassessment, a delayed first sit or following appeal.

The University regulations only permit up to two years registration beyond the length of the course and which was reiterated recently by the Director of Taught programmes *'the maximum period of study is a particular concern for students registered on a professional programme, and even more important on a programme such as the MBBS where public safety concerns and the importance of the 'currency' of technical skills and competencies have to take priority. This is why the University imposes a strict time limit for the completion of the course'*.

As the NAM will only takes effect from the 2013/14 cohort this means there is a period of 5 years where students from the 2012-13 cohort, and earlier cohorts who are still in the system, will be bound by the old regulations. For the reason set out above the School would like the following regulation to be in place from the 2012/13 academic year and to apply to all students registered.

### **Discussion**

The Norwich Medical School requests the following regulation be confirmed

**That the period of registration on the MBBS and the MBBS with Foundation to be restricted to 7 years and 8 years respectively.**

Any student registered on the MBBS or MBBS with Foundation Year will only be permitted a maximum of two periods of intercalation or repeat of study, amounting to no more than 2 years, as a result of a fail delayed first sits, delayed second sits or result of an appeal.

In the event where a student has an outstanding reassessment opportunity but the period of registration would exceed the maximum permitted (5 +2 for MBBS or 6 + 2 for MBBS with Foundation) the student will not be permitted to undertake the reassessment and will be required to leave the course.

### Exceptions

- Where there has been a period of intercalation to undertake an intercalated degree after year 3 or 4, this will add a year onto the registration as this is permitted within the regulations. This intercalated year will not count towards the above allocation.
- Year 5 students who have failed the Final clinical assessment at first attempt as the first opportunity to undertake a reassessment is in the following academic year and these students will have a right to one repeat of year 5.

### When does registration start ?

- the start of registration will be the first time a student commenced the course at University regardless of whether year 0 or 1, as relevant, is subsequently repeated.