

# THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

## ACADEMIC PROGRESS (ANU MEDICAL SCHOOL) ORDER 2015

I, Professor Marnie Hughes-Warrington, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) of the Australian National University, make the following order.

Dated: 11 December 2015

Professor Marnie Hughes-Warrington  
**DEPUTY VICE-CHANCELLOR (ACADEMIC)**

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### **1 Name**

This is the *Academic Progress (ANU Medical School) Order 2015*.

### **2 Commencement**

This instrument commences on 1 January 2016.

### **3 Authority**

This instrument is made under section 6 of the *Program and Awards Statute 2013* and section 22 of the *Academic Progress Rule 2015*.

### **4 Interpretation**

In this instrument, unless the contrary intention appears, words and expressions used in this instrument and in the Academic Progress Rule have the same respective meanings as they have in the Academic Progress Rule.

### **5 Application**

This instrument applies to a student (a **medical student**) enrolled, at any level, in the Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor Surgery (MBBS) program or the *Medicinae ac Chirurgiae Doctoranda* (Doctor of Medicine and Surgery) (MChD) program.

[Note: Part 2 (Academic progress rules) of the Academic Progress Rule does not apply to a medical student (see s 17 of that rule). Instead this instrument makes provision about the academic performance of medical students, including the effect of unsatisfactory performance. However, a medical student may appeal under Part 3 (Academic progress appeals) of the Academic Progress Rule to the Academic Progress Committee against the exclusion of the student from coursework under this instrument.]

## 6 Failure to maintain satisfactory coursework standard

- (1) If a student fails one or more courses in a year of enrolment, the student is considered to have failed to maintain a satisfactory standard of academic progress in the student's program, and is to be regarded as being on probation for the remainder of that program.
- (2) If a student is regarded as being on probation, the student must be notified by the Registrar, in writing, as soon as practicable after the relevant failure occurs.
- (3) Upon notification of being on probation, a student must meet with the Delegated Authority and may be directed, in writing, by the Delegated Authority to take remediation activities.
- (4) If a student to whom subsection (1) applies fails, for a second or subsequent time, any course in any year of the student's enrolment, the student is considered to have failed to have maintained a satisfactory standard of academic progress, and may be excluded by the Delegated Authority from graduate or undergraduate coursework for a specified period of no longer than 5 years.
- (5) If a student fails to undertake remediation activities directed by the Delegated Authority under subsection (3) or to meet any condition imposed in relation to the student under Part 3 (Academic progress appeals) of the Academic Progress Rule, the student may be excluded by the Delegated Authority from graduate or undergraduate coursework for a specified period of no longer than 5 years.
- (6) However, notwithstanding subsections (1) and (4), if a student fails any course in the student's final year (or part-time equivalent), the student is considered to have failed to have maintained a satisfactory standard of academic progress, and may be excluded by the Delegated Authority from graduate or undergraduate coursework for a specified period of no longer than 5 years.
- (7) If a student fails a second or later year ANU Medical School professional practice course, the student is considered to have failed to have maintained a satisfactory standard of academic progress, and may be excluded by the Delegated Authority from graduate or undergraduate coursework for a specified period of no longer than 5 years.
- (8) If the Delegated Authority excludes a student under this section from undergraduate or graduate coursework, the Registrar must, by written notice given to the student, tell the student:
  - (a) that the student has been excluded from undergraduate or graduate coursework, as the case requires; and
  - (b) the period that the student has been excluded; and
  - (c) that the student may appeal to the Academic Progress Committee under Part 3 (Academic progress appeals) of the Academic Progress Rule against the exclusion.
- (9) In this section:

**remediation activities** may include, but are not limited to, undertaking a targeted academic revision program or satisfying a specific requirement from the ANU Medical School Professional Behaviours Committee.

## 7 Repeal etc.

- (1) The *ANU Medical School Academic Progress Order 2014* is repealed.

(2) To remove any doubt, a reference in an order or other document of the University to the ***ANU Medical School Academic Progress Order*** (whether with or without the year of its making or the year and number of the year of its making) includes a reference to this instrument.

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