University of Glasgow

School of Medicine, Dentistry & Nursing

MBChB Student Agreement 2026-27

The MBChB Student Agreement is supplementary to the Student Contract and defines the standards of professional behaviour and attitude expected from all MBChB students at the University of Glasgow. You are expected to maintain the standards of conduct and behaviour required of a student preparing for professional practice, in line with the relevant professional or regulatory body's standards.

You are required to assent to your School's Student Agreement (which reflects these standards) at the start of each year of study. This Agreement will be referred to throughout the MBChB programme and informs the deliberations of the School of Medicine Fitness to Practise Panel.

It should be read in conjunction with the following GMC publications:
- Achieving good medical practice
- Professional Behaviour and Fitness to Practise: guidance for medical schools and their students

A signed Student Agreement is required before any student can attend clinical visits or Anatomy.

1. I will make the care and safety of patients my primary concern. I will treat all patients with care, politeness, and consideration regardless of their lifestyle, culture, beliefs, race, colour, gender, sexuality, age, educational background, social status or perceived economic worth nor will I allow my personal views about a person's appearance, lifestyle, culture, beliefs, race, gender, sexuality, age, social status, or perceived economic worth to prejudice my interaction with patients, teachers or colleagues.

2. I will respect the dignity and privacy of patients and relatives. I will learn to communicate with them effectively, will always make it clear to patients that I am a student and not a qualified doctor and will respect the right of patients not to take part in teaching. I will not recommend treatment or suggest patients take any action that might be interpreted as medical advice. I will always seek the appropriate permission and consent for my activities.

3. I will at all times respect and protect confidential information and will not discuss patients with other students or professionals outside the clinical setting, except anonymously. When using clinical data for audit or research purposes or when discussing cases with professional colleagues outside the clinical setting I will ensure it is non-identifiable and secure. I will respect all hospital and practice patient records.

4. I will recognise and act within the limits of my competence; develop, practise, and maintain my skills and knowledge to the best of my ability, consistently ensuring they are up-to-date.

5. I understand that I may be allocated peripheral attachments throughout my undergraduate career and will attend as required. I will complete the relevant disclosure or health checks prior to attending clinical teaching placements.

6. I am willing to take a history and physically examine patients (which includes touching) in order to establish a clinical diagnosis irrespective of the gender, race, sexuality, culture, beliefs, disability or disease of the patient.

7. I will maintain appropriate standards of dress, appearance and personal hygiene so as not to offend or distress peers, patients or staff.

8. I will adhere to particular dress codes in clinical settings (including teaching and examinations), where patient safety and infection risk are paramount. Furthermore, I will set aside personal preferences about dress if this hinders communication with patients, peers and staff.

9. I will communicate in a professional, appropriate and timely manner with fellow students and members of NHS and University staff.

10. I am aware that my responsibility to communicate professionally extends to digital media. I will not post images or text online which may cause concern or distress to any individual, in keeping with the personal attributes expected of a medical student or doctor. I will not access social media through NHS resources while on placement.

11. I consent to the use of audio-visual recording during vocational studies sessions, communications skills, clinical skills and simulation teaching at the Wolfson Medical School Building and in other clinical skills facilities and I agree to maintain the strictest of confidence during simulation. I agree that no recorded material shall be downloaded or removed from any facility. I understand that the Medical School is required to store and process my personal data both during and after my time on the MBChB programme.

12. I will not use alcohol, drugs or other substances to the detriment of my conduct, attendance, punctuality and safety (including the safety of others).

13. I will inform the Medical School if there is any significant health or other issue that might affect my ability to perform duties expected of a student or a doctor or may impair my fitness to practise.

14. I undertake to report to the Head of the Medical School or an appointed deputy (and, if necessary, the appropriate Hospital Sub-Dean or senior member of staff) any action by students or staff which may put patients/clients/students/service users at risk. I recognise that acting in this way is my appropriate professional responsibility.

15. I will attend all MBChB sessions as required by MBChB regulations and follow absence procedures if I am unable to attend. I will not swap sessions unless agreed by the Year Director.

16. I understand that if my attendance falls below a level deemed acceptable by the Undergraduate Medical School, I will be invited to attend a review meeting with the Year Director, and if I continue to have unauthorised absences this may result in the application of a Credit Not Awarded (CNA) grade being recorded which may have implications for progression to further study. (See Paragraph 16.42 of Assessment Regulations).

17. I will not allow other students to sign registers on my behalf.

18. I confirm that I have read and will adhere to University of Glasgow guidance on use of Artificial Intelligence (AI).

19. I will notify the Medical School (Administrator or Year Director) promptly of any previous, current or change to my health or circumstances that could impact on my ability to fulfill my professional or academic responsibilities and/or fitness to practice.

20. I will notify the Medical School (Administrator or Year Director) promptly of any concerns that have been raised (previously or currently) in relation to conduct or fitness to practise. This includes previous periods of study, employment and any incident dealt with by the police.

21. I am aware that my PVG certificate has a maximum duration of 5 years, and it is my responsibility to arrange for renewal and to share this with the School.

22. I am aware of the support structures in place and will contact the appropriate individuals to obtain support for any issues that could impact on my studies or fitness to practise. If I am unsure of the support available, I will contact my Adviser, Medical School Administrator or Year Director.

23. I acknowledge that my interactions with the School's student support team are confidential, however where the School determines that there are health, safety or probity implications, it may be important that SoMDN Fitness to Practise team, the Head of Undergraduate Medicine, the Head of the School of Medicine, Dentistry & Nursing or NHS Emergency Services are informed. Any referral to one or more of those listed above will be based on observations and not on the basis of any disclosure I have made.

24. If I have an agreed adjustment with the University's Disability Service which relates to teaching, I understand that the School will share select information with NHS education sites to ensure the implementation of this adjustment.

25. I agree to comply with all vaccination requirements deemed necessary by HEOPS standards of medical fitness to train for medical students (except in exceptional circumstances by agreement with Head of Undergraduate Medicine). I agree to respond in a timely manner to appointment invitations or requests for information from the University's Occupational Health Unit.

26. I understand that in the interests of public safety, in accordance with Outcomes for Graduates, and in my own best interests, information regarding my educational achievements and my fitness to practise may be shared by the University of Glasgow Undergraduate Medical School with training providers, employers, regulatory organisations and other Medical Schools.

27. I confirm that I have read and understood the Rules & Regulations for the Anatomy Facility and that breach of regulation may result in disciplinary procedures. I also confirm that if any of the restrictions applies to me and/or if I have any concerns about my ability to adhere to any aspect of these rules, I will discuss this with the Anatomy staff member responsible for Y1 teaching as a matter of urgency. Finally, I consent the University of Glasgow to store and process my personal data in relation to this matter.

28. I understand that the University will share details of final year students and successful graduates with the GMC in order to facilitate and verify their application for GMC membership. This may include information on Fitness to Practise cases, where applicable, to enable those students to apply for registration earlier, as well as termination of studies cases to enable appropriate investigation should a future application be made. Where such cases may involve special category data, this will be shared in accordance with GDPR Article 9(2)(g) as processing necessary in the substantial public interest.

I agree to adhere to the statements above for the duration of my undergraduate studies. I understand that it is my responsibility to notify med-sch-welfare@glasgow.ac.uk immediately of any changes to circumstances at any time during my undergraduate studies that may affect my ability to adhere to the statements above.

If you would like this document in a different format, please contact med-sch-welfare@glasgow.ac.uk.