

Errata and Clarifications for MRCS and DO-HNS Annual Report 2011/2012

Section 6

Summary descriptive statistics: MRCS Part B (OSCE)

Context: Section 6 of the 2011/2012 ICBSE Annual Report provides statistics relating to the MRCS Part B examination. The final column in the table provided the measurement error incorrectly as a percentage as should have been a raw mark.

Correction: This has now been changed and the statistics table should read as:

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	Total number sat	Passing % (and number)	Failing % (and number)	Pass mark %	Measure of reliability*	Measurement error**
October 2011	527	54.3 (286)	45.7 (241)	66.9	0.82	13.9
February 2012	451	58.3 (263)	41.7 (188)	67.3	0.84	13.6
May 2012	505	56.6 (286)	43.4 (219)	67.7	0.84	13.6

* An expression of the consistency and reproducibility (precision) of the examination. The measure used here is Cronbach's alpha.

** Measurement error refers to the difference between the 'true' score and the score obtained in an assessment. Measurement error is present in all assessments but is minimised by good item design and test construction.