

POLICY ON FITNESS TO PRACTISE

This policy applies to those students¹ in Medicine & Dentistry and Education wishing to put forward a case against a recommendation that they be suspended or that their studies or candidature be terminated for certain specified awards on grounds of being judged not fit to practise.

1. The Degree Regulations² state the conditions by which students' studies as a candidate for a specified award may be suspended or terminated on the grounds that they are judged not "fit to practise".
2. Representations against suspension or termination of studies as a candidate for certain specified awards on grounds of being judged not fit to practise will be considered by the relevant Fitness to Practise Committee. Full details of the procedures to be followed in the relevant areas of study, including the remit and composition of the relevant Committee, are provided in the [Academic Quality Handbook](#) for Degrees in [Medicine & Dentistry](#) and Degrees in [Education](#).
3. The Senate has delegated authority to the Fitness to Practise Committees to hear cases referred to them and to take decisions on its behalf. Decisions of these Committees are therefore considered to be decisions of the Senate.
4. Students have the right to appeal to the University Court against decisions that are taken under the terms of this Policy by Fitness to Practise Committees. Students may also seek independent review of a decision of the University Court. Full details of these rights of appeal and independent review by the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman are provided in the relevant *Guidance Notes* indicated above.

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¹ This policy also covers Graduates of the University with Degrees of MBChB during their pre-registration period of study.

² Available at <http://www.abdn.ac.uk/registry/calendar>

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