

**Medical Sciences Divisional Board**

**Approved: Deborah Gill on behalf of MSD Graduate School Committee (12/07/2016)**

**Title of Programme:** Research Degrees in the Medical Sciences Division

**Brief note about nature of change:** Amending one sentence to address the new Divisional requirement that candidates applying for confirmation of status complete a Training Needs Analysis.

**Effective date**

- **For students starting from 1 October 2016**

**Location of change**

*Examination Regulations 2015-16*, (<http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2015-16/rditmedisciedivi/>) Research Degrees in the Medical Sciences Division, 6.  
CONFIRMATION OF STATUS OF STUDENTS FOR THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

**Detail of change**

1. In *Examination Regulations 2015-16*, (<http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2015-16/rditmedisciedivi/>) Research Degrees in the Medical Sciences Division, 6.  
CONFIRMATION OF STATUS OF STUDENTS FOR THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY, citation reference 1.23, amend the clause as follows:

Candidates should submit the statement from the supervisor and the statement from the candidate's society as specified by the regulations governing the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. Candidates must include a ~~statement~~ completed Training Needs Analysis detailing the skills training that they have undertaken. This paperwork should be accompanied by a full contents list for the thesis, and include the milestones of any remaining work to be undertaken, and dates for the submission of draft chapters to the supervisor(s) for comment.

**Explanatory Notes**

In light of the growing desire from various parties, including RCUK, VITAE and the

University Skills Group, for students to assess their training needs and map their development against a series of defined qualities, it was agreed by the Medical Sciences GSC (30/04/15), on behalf of the Medical Sciences Board, that PGR students, in consultation with their supervisors:

- be required to complete a Training Needs Analysis (TNA) form during Term 1 and again as part of their Transfer and Confirmation of Status.
- be recommended to complete a TNA at least once a year.

To conclude, research students who commence a course of study from 1 October 2016 will be required to complete a TNA during Term 1, as part of their Transfer of Status, and as part of their Confirmation of Status.