**Education Committee**

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In *General regulations of the Education Committee governing the examination of students for the degrees of M.Sc. by research, M.Litt., and D.Phil, and concerning the maintenance of the Register of Graduate Students*

Addition of clause to ‘3. Conduct of Oral Examinations for the Degrees of M.Litt., M.Sc. by Research, and D.Phil.’, enabling permission for remote vivas to be granted by the relevant supervisory board

With effect from 1 October 2013

In *Examination Regulations, 2012, p. 849, after line 21, insert new clause (ix):*

**Detail of change:**

‘(ix) An oral examination shall be held in Oxford as prescribed in clause (i). In exceptional circumstances, normally affecting the ability of the external examiner to take part in an Oxford-based oral examination, application may be made to the relevant board for special permission to hold the examination using audiovisual electronic communication with the external examiner concerned. The board concerned may approve the application only where:

(i) it accepts that no alternative and timely arrangements may reasonably be put in place;
(ii) the proposed arrangements are acceptable to both examiners and to the candidate;
(iii) it involves remote communication with only one of the examiners (normally the external);
(iv) it is content to bear the additional cost of the necessary arrangements;
(v) an oral examination of this type takes place according to arrangements and in premises approved by the Proctors;
(vi) the oral examination takes place according to the protocol approved by the Education Committee;
(vii) in the event of any technical or other problems, the validity of the process used to conduct the oral examination and to determine the outcome will be decided by the Proctors.’