

MPLS Divisional Board

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Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation

Preliminary Examination in Chemistry

Brief note about nature of change: A clearer explanation of the outcome of failure to complete practical work.

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2018* <https://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2018-19/pexaminchem/administratorview/>

Effective date

For students starting Preliminary Examinations from MT 2018

Detail of change

Before citation reference 1.10 insert:

3. Candidates are required to complete an adequate course of laboratory work as specified in the Course Handbook. The Director of Teaching Labs and the IT Training officer shall make available to the chair of the examiners records showing the extent to which each candidate has pursued an adequate course of practical work. Only work completed and marked by 5 p.m. on Friday of sixth week of Trinity Term will be taken into account.

4. Candidates shall be deemed to have passed the examination if they have satisfied the Examiners in all four papers detailed in clause 2, [and in the practical work requirements as outlined in clause 3,] either at a single examination, or at two examinations, as set out in clause 1. Failure to complete the practical work to the satisfaction of the Examiners, in the absence of appropriate documentary evidence, will normally constitute failure of the Preliminary Examination. A candidate who fails the practical work will be required to re-take the entire academic year.

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~~3.~~ 5. Candidates shall be deemed to have passed the examination if they have satisfied the Moderators in all four subjects *either* at a single examination *or* at two examinations in accordance with the proviso to clause 1, and provided further that the same subjects as were

failed at the first sitting have been passed at the same attempt at a subsequent examination.

4. 6. The Moderators may award a distinction to candidates of special merit who have satisfied them in all four subjects at a single examination.

5. 7. The Moderators will not provide calculators but unless otherwise specified will permit the use of any hand-held pocket calculator subject to the conditions set out under the heading 'Use of calculators in examinations' in the *Regulations for the Conduct of University Examinations* and further elaborated in the Course Handbook.

Explanatory Notes

The department has clearly articulated the outcome when not completing satisfactory practical work as required. There are no changes to the regulations this simply clearly states the consequences of not completing satisfactory practical work.