

**Changes in Examination Regulations to the University Gazette – Social Sciences Division**

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**Social Sciences Divisional Board**

**Approved at the meeting of Teaching Audit Committee**

**Postgraduate Diploma in Teacher Education (Part Time)**

**Brief note about nature of change:** Amendment to lower the number of terms followed by candidates from five to three; amendment to change the number of summatively assessed units from four to three; amendment to the deadline dates, word count, and resubmission dates for assignments; deletion of the reference to the final outcome rule for an award of Distinction.

**Location of change**

In *Examination Regulations 2018*, <http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2018-19/pdite-p-time/>

**Effective date**

**For students starting from MT 2019**

**For first (qualifying) examination from 2019-20**

**Detail of change**

1. Amend citation 1.1 as follows:

‘1. Every candidate must follow for ~~five~~ three terms a part-time course of instruction in Teacher Education approved by the Academic Committee ~~Graduate Studies Committee~~ of the Department of Education.’

2. Amend citation 1.2 as follows:

‘2. All candidates on the course will be required to complete ~~four~~ three summatively assessed units of study and one formatively assessed residential unit. ~~Two units are taught each academic year on an alternating basis.~~’

3. Amend citation 1.3 as follows:

‘3. The Postgraduate Diploma shall be examined by means of ~~four~~ three assignments

relating to the content of each of the four units. Assignments one and two must be between 4,000 and 5,000 words in length, and assignment three must be a maximum of 10,000 words in length. All word counts include tables, charts and diagrams and assignments must be written in accordance with guidance given in the unit. Each assignment must be between 4,000 and 5,000 words in length, or their equivalent in tables, charts and diagrams in accordance with guidance given in the unit. Assignments one and two must be uploaded to the Assignments section of the Higher Degrees WebLearn site by no later than noon on Monday of Week 1 of Hilary and Trinity terms respectively. Assignment three must be uploaded to the Assignments section of the Higher Degrees WebLearn site by no later than noon on the third Friday in September in the candidate's first year of the course. One electronic copy (in a software format available in the department) must be submitted online to the Chair of Examiners, M.Sc in Teacher Education, c/o Department of Education, 15 Norham Gardens, Oxford OX2 6PY who will provide the digital address. The deadline for the submission of assignments will be no later than noon on Monday of Week 1 of Hilary and Trinity terms.'

4. Amend citation 1.4 as follows:

'4. Candidates who fail to satisfy the examiners in an assignment will be permitted to resubmit on one occasion only. The deadline for resubmission of assignments one and two will be noon on the Monday falling 8 weeks after the initial submission date, following the term in which the unit is taken. The deadline for resubmission of assignment three will be noon on Monday of week 1 of Hilary term in the following academic year. The deadline for resubmission of unit assessments will noon on the Monday falling 14 weeks after the initial submission date, following the term in which the unit is taken.'

5. Delete citation 1.5:

'5. The award of Distinction within the Postgraduate Diploma is normally reserved for those candidates who receive distinction marks for at least two of the four assessed assignments, and over 60 for the other two.'

### **Explanatory Notes**

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