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**Mathematical, Physical and Life Sciences Division**

**Approved at the meeting of:**

**Biological Sciences Steering Committee – Chairs Action (HT15)**

**Preliminary Examinations in Biological Sciences**

**Brief note about nature of change:** to update the regulations for accuracy and amend it to increase consistency with the course handbook.

**Effective date:**

for students starting from MT 2016, for first examination from 2016–17.

**Location of change**

In *Examination Regulations* 2015:

<http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2015-16/peinbiolscie/studentview/>

**Detail of change**

In Examination Regulations, 2015-16,

<http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2015-16/peinbiolscie/studentview/>

**1. (citation reference 1.7)**

All candidates will be required to undertake a course of practical work, including laboratory exercises and the first year field course. Practical Class co-ordinators and the convenor for the field course shall make available to the chairman of the examiners records showing the extent to which each candidate has pursued an adequate course of practical work. The

~~Moderators-Examiners~~ may request coursework from any candidate; such candidates will be named in a list posted one week before the day of the first written paper. Each notebook

submitted shall be accompanied by a certificate signed by the candidate indicating that the notebook is the candidate's own work. Failure to complete the coursework to the satisfaction of the ~~Moderators~~ Examiners, in the absence of appropriate documentary evidence, will normally constitute failure of the Preliminary Examination. Coursework cannot normally be retaken. Exceptionally a candidate who has failed the coursework may be permitted jointly by the ~~Moderators~~ Examiners and the candidate's college to retake the entire academic year.

## **2. (citation reference 1.8)**

Candidates shall be deemed to have passed the examination if they have satisfied the ~~Moderators~~ Examiners in all three 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 5.

## **3. (citation reference 1.10)**

The ~~Moderators~~ Examiners will not provide calculators, but will permit the use of any handheld calculator subject to the conditions set out under the heading 'Use of calculators in examinations' in the *Regulations for the Conduct of University Examinations*.

**Explanatory Notes:** To update the regulations for accuracy in line with the course handbook.