

Education Committee

Approved at the meeting of Taught Degrees Panel of Education Committee of 29 January 2019

General Regulations for the First and Second Public Examination

Brief note about nature of change: Introduction of time limit for resits and clarification of resit requirements

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2018*, General Regulations for the First and Second Public Examination, <http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2018-19/grftfasecopublexam/>

Effective date

For students starting FPE from MT19

For students starting FHS from MT19

Detail of change

1. Amend citation reference 1.226-1.229 as follows (deleted text is struck through, new text is underlined):

3.16.

(1) A candidate who fails to satisfy the examiners in his or her initial examination for the First Public Examination shall be permitted to re-enter for the examination on one further occasion in accordance with the special regulations governing re-sits in the programme concerned. This resit attempt shall normally be taken at the next opportunity, but may be deferred once, i.e. it must be taken at one of the next two opportunities. Candidates shall be required to resit the same papers for which they were examined at the first attempt.

(2) A further exceptional opportunity to re-sit the examination ~~at the next opportunity~~ shall require application to and approval on behalf of the Education Committee. If granted, this exceptional resit attempt shall normally be taken at the next opportunity, but may be deferred once, i.e. it must be taken at one of the next two opportunities. Candidates shall be required to resit the same papers for which they were examined at the previous

attempts.

(3) A candidate who passes the First Public Examination whether at the first attempt or after re-sitting the examination shall be deemed to have reached the University's threshold standard for embarking on the Final Honour School.

2. Amend citation reference 1.359 as follows (deleted text is struck through, new text is underlined):

4.13. No person whose name has been recorded as achieving a classified result by the Public Examiners (other than a candidate who has been declared to have deserved Honours under the Regulations for the Conduct of Examinations) shall be admitted again as a candidate in the same Final Honour School, but this regulation shall not affect the regulations concerning the Final Honour Schools of Modern Languages and Oriental Studies which enable candidates under certain conditions to offer themselves again in the same School. A person who does not achieve a classified result at the first attempt may be admitted again as a candidate in the same Final Honour School on one further occasion. This resit attempt shall normally be taken at the next opportunity, but may be deferred once, i.e. it must be taken at one of the next two opportunities. Candidates shall be required to resit the same papers for which they were examined at the first attempt.

Explanatory Notes

Taught Degrees Panel of Education Committee decided at its meeting of 29 January 2019 that regulations should set out that the normal expectation is that any resit of the FPE or FHS should be taken at the next opportunity, but that it must be taken at one of the next two opportunities. The opportunity has also been taken to make clear that candidates are required to resit the same papers for which they were examined at the first attempt.