

**Education Committee****Approved by the Graduate Panel of Education Committee on 5 May 2015****General Regulations Governing Research Degrees**

This is an addition to the regulations setting out the procedure to be followed in cases where the examiners wish to hold a viva within four weeks of receipt of the thesis.

**With immediate effect***In Examination Regulations 2014***General Regulations Governing Research Degrees**

On p. 755, l.12-22, amend the text as shown below:

(v) Candidates may apply to the board concerned for the oral examination to be held not later than a certain date, provided that this date shall not be earlier than one calendar month after the date on which the thesis has been received at the Examination Schools or after the date on which the examiners have agreed to act, whichever is the later. If the board is satisfied that there are special circumstances justifying this application, it will ask the examiners to make arrangements to enable the oral examination to be held within the period specified. In such cases the examiners, when invited to act, will be informed that the candidate has asked that the oral examination should be held not later than a certain date, and acceptance of the invitation to examine will be on the understanding that they would seek to meet this request. If it is not practicable to meet the student's request, then the board shall decide how to proceed.

If, for any reason, examiners wish to hold a viva within one calendar month of receiving their copy of the thesis, notification should be sent to the relevant board, and the permission of the Proctors must be sought. This may be done by contacting the Proctors' Office giving details of the proposed arrangement and the reasons for the request.