# Mathematical, Physical, and Life Sciences Divisional Board

## Approved at the meeting of:
Department of Statistics Teaching Committee 16 October 2015, Teaching Committee May 2017.

## Title of Programme:
Postgraduate Diploma in Statistical Science

## Brief note about nature of change:
Amend the course name changed to the Postgraduate Diploma in Statistical Science which is line with how the course is advertised for 2016 applicants admitted in 2017.

Simplification of the regulations regarding transfer from the MSc in Statistical Science, and removal of the Hilary Term deadline.

## Location of change
In Examination Regulations 2016 [http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2016-17/pdinapplstat/administratorview/](http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2016-17/pdinapplstat/administratorview/)

## Effective date
For students starting from MT 2017

## Detail of change
Amend citation references 1.1, 1.2 and 1.8 as follows below:

Postgraduate Diploma in **Applied Statistics Statistical Science**
1.1. The Divisional Board of Mathematical, Physical and Life Sciences shall have power to grant Postgraduate Diplomas in Applied Statistics Statistical Science to candidates who have satisfied the conditions prescribed in this section.

1.2. The examination for the Postgraduate Diploma in Applied Statistics Statistical Science shall be under the supervision of the Divisional Board of Mathematical, Physical and Life Sciences.

1.6. After admission as a Postgraduate Diploma Student, a candidate must have kept statutory residence and pursued a course of study at Oxford for at least three terms before taking the examination, provided that a candidate for the Degree of Master of Science (Applied Statistics Statistical Science) may, with the approval of the Divisional Board of Mathematical, Physical and Life Sciences, transfer to the status of a Student for the Postgraduate Diploma in Applied Statistics Statistical Science not later than the last day of Hilary Term in the year in which the written examination is to be taken, in which case the date of his or her admission as a Student for the Degree of Master of Science shall be reckoned as the date of his or her admission as a postgraduate diploma student; time spent outside Oxford during term as part of an academic programme approved by Council shall count towards residence for the purpose of this clause.

Explanatory Notes

The course has evolved considerably since it was first taught, and ‘Statistical Science’ is now a more accurate description of the content of the course, and is a course title that prospective students would expect given the content.

Removal of the Hilary Term deadline for transfer from the MSc in Statistical Science to the PG Diploma, simplifies the process by which MSc students, who, after the examinations, do not wish to continue with the dissertation, to receive the PG Diploma as an exit award.