

Changes in Examination Regulations relating to Suspended or Withdrawn Status

PRAC/1

Planning and Resource Allocation Committee

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Appendix A Regulations on Financial Matters

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Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2020, Regulations on Financial Matters*, at <https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/Regulation?code=ai-ronfinamatt>

With effect from 1 October 2021

Detail of change

1. Amend citation references 1.3-1.18 as follows (new text underlined, deleted text struck through):

'§1. Fees payable by members of the University

^[1.3] (a) Every member of the University shall pay fees at the appropriate annual rate for each academic year in which ~~he or she is~~ they are working in ~~Oxford~~:

^[1.4] (i) For the Degree of BA or the Degree of M.Biochem. ~~or the Degree of M.Biol. or the Degree of M.Biomed.Sci or the Degree of M.Chem. or the Degree of M.Math.Comp.Sci. or the Degree of M.Comp.Phil. or the Degree of M.Earth Sci. or the Degree of M.Eng. or the Degree of M.Math. or the Degree of M.Math.Comp.Sci. or the Degree of M.Comp.Phil. or the Degree of M.Math.Phil. or the Degree of M.Phys. or the Degree of M.Phys.Phil. or the Degree of MSci. or the Degree of M.Math.Phil.~~ (Those working for an honour school requiring the study of one or more languages for an academic year outside Oxford or for Law with Law Studies in Europe, or for an honour school requiring a period of study shorter than a year outside Oxford, or for Part II in Chemistry or Materials Science or Molecular and Cellular Biochemistry, or for Part II in the Honour Schools of Engineering Science, shall be deemed for all the purposes of this clause to be working in Oxford for the degree of BA or the Degree of M.Biochem. or the Degree of M.Chem. or the Degree of M.Eng., whether or not their work is being undertaken in Oxford);

^[1.5] (ii) for the Degree of BFA;

^[1.6] (iii) for the Degree of BCL or Magister Juris;

^[1.7] (iv) for a second Final Honour School;

^[1.8] (v) for the First Examination for the Degree of BM;

^[1.9] (vi) for the Diploma in Theology;

^[1.10] (vii) for the Diploma in Legal Studies;

^[1.11] (viii) for the Certificate in Diplomatic Studies;

^[1.12] (ix) for the Postgraduate Diploma in Diplomatic Studies;

[1.13] (x) for the Postgraduate Diploma in Education; or

[1.14] (xi) for the Postgraduate Certificate in Education (~~those working for the certificate shall be deemed for all the purposes of this clause to be working in Oxford, whether or not their work is being undertaken in Oxford~~).

[1.15] (b) The fees shall be paid as follows:

[1.16] (i) in the case of those members of the University whose fees are paid under the terms of the Education (Student Support) Regulations (or under corresponding arrangements approved by the Scottish Executive, Northern Ireland Assembly, Welsh Assembly or the States Assembly of Jersey, States Assembly of Guernsey or Isle of Man Government) the fees shall be paid in accordance with the arrangements laid down in those regulations;

[1.17] (ii) in all other cases, fees shall be collected in accordance with the provisions of §3 below;

[1.18] (iii) ~~on application by their society, and subject to the approval of Council's Education Committee, some part of the University fee for an academic year may subsequently be returned to those who do not work in Oxford for the whole of that year. The general rule agreed by Council is that, for each complete term not spent working in Oxford, one third of the annual fee shall be returned.'~~

2. Amend citation references 1.89-90 as follows (new text underlined, deleted text struck through)

'§3. Arrangements relating to the payment of fees

[1.89] (b) On application by their society, or by the Head of the student's department for programmes where fees are usually paid directly to the department, ~~and subject to the approval of Council's Education Committee,~~ some part of the fees for an academic year may subsequently be returned to those who cease working towards their award ~~do not work in Oxford for the whole of that year~~ as a result of expulsion. Unless otherwise provided in respect of an individual programme of study, the general rule is that, for each complete term not spent working towards an award ~~in Oxford~~, one third of the annual fees shall be returned.

[1.90] (c) On application by their society, or by the Head of the student's department for programmes where fees are usually paid directly to the department, ~~and subject to the approval of Council's Education Committee,~~ some part of the fees for an academic year may subsequently be returned to those who are not working towards their award ~~do not work in Oxford for the whole of that year~~ as a result of suspension or withdrawal. Unless otherwise provided in respect of an individual programme of study, the general rule agreed by Council is that, for each complete term not spent working towards an award ~~in Oxford~~, one third of the annual fee shall be returned, and that in addition, if a student withdraws or suspends their status on or before Monday of Week 4 of any term the fees payable in respect of that term will generally be reimbursed to the student.'

Explanatory Notes

The changes relate to a clarification of the wording around suspended or withdrawn status following a recommendation from JFSSAG to ensure that students who choose to undertake a mandatory research year in industry rather than at the University should be liable for full fee rates. The regulation in question has been reviewed and it is proposed that the clause is deleted from the regulations. Much of the clause is duplicated under section §3. *Arrangements relating to the payment of fees*, and it is proposed that updating this wording would allow for clause §1.2(b)(iii) to be removed entirely.

The changes also update the list of undergraduate degrees to include the degrees of Master of Biology (MBiol), Master of Biomedical Sciences (MBiomedSci), Master of Science in Experimental Psychology (MSci) which have recently been approved.