Changes to *Examination Regulations 2010*

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**Title of Programme:** Standard DPhil programmes in the Medical Sciences Division; additionally, DPhil in Cardiovascular Science (BHF); DPhil in Chromosome and Developmental Biology; DPhil in Genomic Medicine and Statistics; DPhil in Infection, Immunology and Translational Medicine; DPhil in Ion Channels and Disease; DPhil in Structural Biology

**Brief note about nature of change:** To reduce the total length of time for which Probationer Research Student status may be held, with the possibility for the Board to grant an extension of 1 or 2 terms, depending on the structure of the programme.

**Effective date:** With effect from 1 October 2011

**Location of change:** In *Examination Regulations 2010*

**Detail of change:**

1. In *Examination Regulations*, 2010, p. 897, l. 17, delete ‘six’ and substitute ‘four’

2. Ibid., ll. 19-20, delete ‘Candidates should normally apply to transfer from Probationer Research Student status in their fourth term after admission as a research student.’ and substitute ‘In exceptional circumstances the Board may grant up to two terms’ extension to this deadline.’

3. Ibid., after l. 20, insert:

   ‘Students on the programmes listed below may hold Probationer Research Student status for a maximum of six terms:

   D.Phil. in Cardiovascular Science (BHF)
   D.Phil. in Chromosome and Developmental Biology
   D.Phil. in Genomic Medicine and Statistics
   D.Phil. in Infection, Immunology and Translational Medicine
   D.Phil. in Ion Channels and Disease
   D.Phil. in Structural Biology.

   In exceptional circumstances the Board may grant up to one term’s extension to this deadline.’

4. Ibid., p. 909, delete ll. 27-31, and substitute:
5. Ibid., after l. 33, insert:

‘Programme 1 above is a three-year programme. Programmes 2-6 above are four-year programmes.’

6. Ibid., p. 910, l. 11, delete ‘seven’ and substitute ‘six’

7. Ibid., ll. 12-14, delete ‘A student should normally apply to transfer from Probationer Research Student Status in his or her sixth term after admission to the programme.’ and substitute ‘In exceptional circumstances the Board may grant up to one term’s extension to this deadline.’

Explanatory Notes:
A change to the general PGR regulations reducing the total length of time for which PRS status may be held from 6 terms to 4 terms has recently been approved by the University. Clauses 1 and 2 above bring the Medical Sciences Division into line with the general regulations.

Students on the additional above-named programmes have rotations in their first year, with some students starting an entirely new project in Term 4. It is not feasible to reduce the total length of time for which PRS status may be held by 2 terms to 5 terms. Therefore a reduction to 6 terms has been approved, as indicated in clauses 3-7 above.