**Social Sciences Board**

Approved by Chair’s action on behalf of the Teaching Audit Committee on 21 July 2011

**Title of Programme**

Special Regulations of Divisional and Faculty Boards concerning the Status of Probationer Research Students and the Degrees of MLitt, MSc by Research and DPhil – Department of Education

**Brief note about nature of change:** Amendments to the special regulations to permit a student to be transferred to either the MLitt or MSc by Research following a failed second attempt to transfer to DPhil status, and to clarify the expected maximum thesis lengths for the MSc by Research, MLitt, and DPhil.

**Effective date**

With effect from 1 October 2011

**Location of change**

In *Examination Regulations 2010*

1. p.915, l.20 after ‘one term.’ Insert ‘Those students who fail at the second attempt may be approved for transfer to M.Litt. status, or transfer to M.Sc. by Research status.’.

2. Ibid., p.916, delete ll.1-4 and substitute ‘A thesis for the Degree of M.Sc. by Research which exceeds 30,000 words, or a thesis for the Degree of M.Litt. which exceeds 50,000 words, or a thesis for’.  

**Explanatory Notes**

Clause 1 clarifies the options available to Transfer of Status assessors following a second unsuccessful attempt to Transfer Status by including Transfer to either M.Litt. or the M.Sc. by Research status as possible outcomes. Clause 2 clarifies the normal maximum thesis lengths permitted for the M.Sc. by Research as well as for the M.Litt. and for the D.Phil.