Education Committee

Approved at the meeting of the Examinations Panel of Education Committee of 26 October 2015

General Regulations for the First and Second Public Examination

Brief note about nature of change: Changes to grant candidates for the FHS an entitlement to be assessed according to the regulations that were in force at the time they were taught, for up to six terms after the original assessment date, without needing to seek special permission from Education Committee

Effective date
With effect from MT 2016

Location of change
In Examination Regulations 2015, General Regulations for the First and Second Public Examination, Part 4 Second Public Examination

Detail of change
http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2015-16/grftasecopublexam/

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Maximum time allowed for Honours

4.11. No person may be admitted as a candidate in any Final Honour School after the lapse of twelve terms from the term of matriculation inclusively, except in the following cases:

(1) A candidate who has obtained Honours in some other Final Honour School may be admitted not more than six terms after the date on which he or she first obtained Honours in a Final Honour School.
(2) A candidate who has obtained Honours (or has satisfied the Moderators under the Regulations for the Conduct of Examinations) in Honour Moderations may be admitted as a candidate in Part II of the examination in Chemistry or in Molecular and Cellular Biochemistry or in Materials Science up to the end of the eighteenth term.

(3) A candidate in any of the following Final Honour School examinations may be admitted up to the end of the fifteenth term:

(a) any Final Honour School, if the candidate has obtained Honours (or has satisfied the Moderators under the Regulations for the Conduct of Examinations) in Honour Moderations in either the fifth or sixth term, or the eighth term in the case of Honour Moderations in Classics, from matriculation;

(b) the second part of any Final Honour School which is divided into two parts, except the Honour School of Biological Sciences, the Honour School of Geology, and the Honour School of Physics (three-year course);

(c) the third part of any Final Honour School which is divided into three parts;

(d) the Honour School of Classics and Modern Languages, English and Modern Languages, European and Middle Eastern Languages, Jurisprudence, Modern Languages, Modern History and Modern Languages, or Philosophy and Modern Languages, if the candidate is certified by his or her college to have spent an academic year of approved residence in an appropriate country or appropriate countries;

(e) the examination in Chinese or Japanese, or, if the candidate is certified to have spent an academic year abroad on a course approved by the Board of the Faculty of Oriental Studies, the examination in Arabic, or Hebrew, or Persian, or Turkish, in the Honour School of Oriental Studies.

(4) A person whose position is not covered in any of paragraphs 4.11 (1)-(3) may be admitted as a candidate in a Final Honour School for which there is at least one other candidate, subject to the approval of the Education Committee.

(5) A person who is admitted under (4) above within six terms of the term in which they were originally due to be examined for a part of a Final Honour School or the relevant Part, shall normally be examined in accordance with the regulations pertaining to the original examination.

(6) A person who is admitted under (4) above seven or more terms after the term in which they were originally due to be examined for a part of a Final Honour School or the relevant Part, shall normally be examined in accordance with the current regulations.

4.12. The candidate's college shall be required to notify the University of any change in the
candidate’s status between entry and the date of the examination.

4.13. No person whose name has been placed in any Results List and recorded as achieving a classified result by the Public Examiners (other than a candidate who has been declared to have deserved Honours under the Regulations for the Conduct of Examinations) shall be admitted again as a candidate in the same Final Honour School, but this regulation shall not affect the regulations concerning the Final Honour Schools of Modern Languages and Oriental Studies which enable candidates under certain conditions to offer themselves again in the same School.


(1) No person whose name has been placed in any Results List by the Public Examiners (with the exceptions in regulations 4.12 and 4.13 above) shall be admitted as a candidate in a second Final Honour School having papers in common with the first, except with the permission of the Proctors.

(2) If any member of the University is dissatisfied with a decision by the Proctors under paragraph (1) above, he or she, or his or her college, may within fourteen days of the date of the decision appeal in writing to the Chair of the Education Committee of Council.

(3) The appeal shall be adjudged expeditiously by the Chair or another member of the committee, other than one of the Proctors, nominated by the Chair.

Regulations under which a candidate may be examined

4.15 A person admitted as a candidate in any Final Honour School within six terms of the term in which they were originally due to be examined shall be entitled to be examined in accordance with the regulations pertaining to the original examination, if they so wish.

4.16 A person admitted as a candidate in any Final Honour School seven or more terms after the term in which they were originally due to be examined shall normally be examined in accordance with the current regulations.

Explanatory Notes

At its Trinity Term 2015 meeting, Examinations Panel agreed that candidates for the FHS should be entitled to be assessed according to the regulations that were in force at the time they were taught, for up to six terms after the original assessment date, without needing to seek special permission from Education Committee. Amendments to the regulations, effective from 2016-17, were approved at the Michaelmas Term 2015 meeting of Examinations Panel.