**Humanities Divisional Board**

**Approved on 28 April 2017**

**Title of Programme**
Research Degrees in History

**Brief note about nature of change:**
Clarification concerning confirmation of status

**Location of change**
In *Examination Regulations 2016* ([http://www1.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2016-17/rdegrinhist/](http://www1.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2016-17/rdegrinhist/))

**Effective date**
With effect from MT 2017

**Detail of change**

1.265. *Confirmation of D.Phil. status*

1.27(i) Application for confirmation of D.Phil. status, with endorsements by the candidate’s society and supervisor, shall normally be presented to the Faculty’s Graduate Office not later than Monday of third week in the eighth term after admission to the D.Phil. programme (or in the candidate’s twelfth term after transfer to full D.Phil. status in the case of part-time students, or, in the case of part-time students, in the candidate's twelfth term after admission to the D. Phil. Programme, or, if switching from full-time to part-time while on-course, an equivalent number of terms). In exceptional cases the Graduate Studies Committee may permit the candidate to postpone submission by up to one term: candidates seeking such postponement should apply to the Committee through the Director of Graduate Studies well in advance.

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1.493. *Confirmation of D.Phil. status*
1.50(i) Application for confirmation of D. Phil. status, with endorsements by the candidate’s society and supervisor, shall normally be presented to the Faculty’s Graduate Office not later than Monday of third week in the eighth term after admission to the D. Phil. programme (or in the case of part-time students, in the candidate’s twelfth term after transfer to full D.Phil. status in the case of part-time students, or, in the case of part-time students, in the candidate’s twelfth term after admission to the D. Phil. Programme, or, if switching from full-time to part-time while on-course, an equivalent number of terms). In exceptional cases the Graduate Studies Committee may permit the candidate to postpone submission by up to one term: candidates seeking such postponement should apply to the Committee through the Director of Graduate Studies well in advance.

**Explanatory Notes**

The current wording suggests that part-time D.Phil. students apply for confirmation twelve terms after their transfer of status. This amendment, which keeps the wording similar to that for the regulations governing full-time students, seeks to eliminate the potential for this passage to be misunderstood.