

Humanities Divisional Board

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Research Degrees in English Language and Literature

Brief note about nature of change: Removal of references to a redundant process element

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2018* (<https://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2018-19/rdielangandlite/>)

Effective date

From MT 2019

Detail of change

^{1.18}2. *Transfer to M.Litt. and D.Phil. status*

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^{1.21}(iii) Candidates must submit the documents detailed in the Regulations for Research Degrees in the Humanities Division ~~Divisional regulations, above. The report from the supervisor should be sent by the supervisor directly to the English Graduate Studies Office.~~

^{1.22}3. *Confirmation of D.Phil. status*

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^{1.24}(ii) Application for confirmation of D.Phil. status shall be accompanied by: (1) a full outline of chapters (c.100 words per chapters), summarising the scope of individual chapters and their state of completion, including a timetable for completion of the work which remains to be done before submission of the thesis; (2) a draft abstract of the thesis as a whole, of approximately 1,000 words; (3) a sample chapter, of 10,000 words; ~~(4) a confidential report from the supervisor which should be sent direct to the Graduate Studies Office. The English Graduate Studies Office will send the written work and the confidential~~

report as well as any previous reports on transfer to the interviewer appointed by the English Graduate Studies Committee on behalf of the English Faculty Board.

Explanatory Notes

References to a “confidential report” are obsolete, following changes to the law with GDPR. Most supervisors no longer provide a separate report and this change will bring the regulations into harmony with current practice. This change was identified in consultation meetings with student representatives whilst reviewing transfer and confirmation guidance and process.