

Education Committee

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General Regulations Governing Research Degrees

Brief note about nature of change:

A change setting the absolute minimum for requests for early vivas from the examiners at 14 days from receipt of the thesis by the examiners.

With immediate effect**Location of change**

In *Examination Regulations* online

Detail of change

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3. Conduct of Oral Examinations for the Degrees of M.Litt., M.Sc. by Research, and D.Phil.

If, for any reason, examiners wish to hold a viva within one calendar month of receiving their copy of the thesis, notification should be sent to the relevant board, and the permission of the Proctors must be sought. This may be done by contacting the Proctors' Office giving details of the proposed arrangement and the reasons for the request. Under no circumstances will a viva be permitted to take place within 14 days of receipt of the thesis by the examiners.

Explanatory Notes

In Michaelmas term 2015 the *Examination Regulations* were amended to make it clear that if the examiners wish to propose that a viva take place within one month of receipt of the thesis, the permission of the Proctors is required. In response to a recommendation by the Proctors, and in view of the need to protect the integrity of the examination and the interests of both the candidate and the examiners, an absolute minimum of 14 days from receipt of the thesis is being introduced.