

Humanities Divisional Board

Approved by officers on behalf of the Board on 17 September 2019

Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation

Master of Studies in Philosophy of Physics

Brief note about nature of change:

Clarification of resit regulation.

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2019* (<https://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2018-19/mosiphilophys/>)

Effective date

For students starting from MT 2019.

For first examination from 2019-20.

Detail of change

New text underlined:

1.159. A candidate who fails one element of the examination (i.e. one of the four essays), which has not been compensated in line with the provisions made under paragraph 9., may apply to retake that element either in the September immediately following the examination, or in the year immediately following the failed examination, in line with the normal assessment submission timetable for the course. A candidate who fails two or more elements may retake the examination in the year immediately following the failed examination. It is necessary for a candidate to retake only the failed elements of the examination. No resubmitted essay can receive a mark of more than 50. Failure to satisfy the examiners a second time in any part of the examination will lead to failure of the whole MSt.

Explanatory Notes

Last year, a regulation change was processed to clarify the timings when resits could be taken for this course (one failed assessment could be resat in September immediately following the examination OR in the year following the examination, and two or more failed elements could be resat only in the year following the examination). During this process the specification that failing to pass a resit would result in failing the overall degree was accidentally dropped from the regulations, but still preserved in the examination conventions. This examination regulations change is intended to rectify this oversight.