

## Education Committee

Approved at the meeting of Taught Degrees Panel on 8 May 2018

### General Regulations for the Degree of Bachelor of Philosophy or Master of Philosophy

**Brief note about nature of change:** Introduction of the award of merit

#### Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2017*, <http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2017-18/grftdobopomastofphil/>

#### Effective date

**For students starting from MT 2018**

**For first examination from 2018-19**

#### Detail of change

Amend citation reference 1.50 as follows (new text underlined, deleted text struck through):

‘§2. 6. The examiners may award a merit for work of particularly high quality in the whole examination or a distinction for excellence in the whole examination. Candidates who have initially failed any element of assessment shall not normally be eligible for the award of merit or distinction.’

#### Explanatory Notes

The award of merit for postgraduate taught programmes was approved by Taught Degrees Panel in Michaelmas term 2017. Associated regulation changes were approved in Trinity term 2018. Provision for the award of merit is being included within the relevant general regulations as this is a possible outcome for all PGT programmes. Departments may apply to Education Committee for exemption from the provisions of the award of merit on an individual programme basis. Where approval has been granted this will be reflected in the examination conventions for the programme.