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Education Committee

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

Master of Public Policy

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/mofpublpoli/administratorview/

Effective date

For students starting from MT 2018

For first examination from 2018-19

Detail of change

Amend citation references 1.28 as follows (new text underlined, deleted text struck through):

'3. ~~The examiners may award a distinction for excellence in the whole examination to candidates for the Degree.~~ 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.