Education Committee

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

Regulations for the Conduct of University Examinations: Part 6: External Examiners

Brief note about nature of change: Change regarding the length of term of office of external examiners.

Location of change

In Examination Regulations 2017, https://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2017-18/rftcoue-p6exteexam/

Effective date

For students starting from MT 2018

For first examination from 2018-19

Detail of change

Amend citation references 1.3 as follows (new text underlined, deleted text struck through):

'6.3. The term of office for an external examiner <u>shall be designated in standing orders</u>, <u>and</u> shall be <u>either</u> three <u>or four</u> years. Exceptionally, this may be extended by one year. No external examiner may serve for more than four <u>five</u> years.'

Explanatory Notes

Terms of office for external examiners will be of either three or four years, with an exceptional extension of one year. The term of office will be defined in the standing orders for an examination.

This change gives a degree of flexibility to the term of office for external examiners that is already available for the terms of office for internal examiners and chairs of examiners. It is being made at the request of departments and following consideration by Taught Degrees Panel.