Continuation charge for postgraduate research students: change in regulations

The Planning and Resource Allocation Committee (PRAC) has made the following change in regulations, to come into effect immediately.

Explanatory note

The purpose of this change is to specify the level of the University continuation charge. This charge was established by regulation in January 2011, and will be paid by research students who start their programme of study in or after September 2011, and who exceed the standard period of University fee liability. The University continuation charge will first become payable in 2013/14, and, after consultation with divisions and with the Education Committee, PRAC has set the charge for that year at £400 per term. Bursary schemes are being developed to which students may apply for support towards this charge.

Text of regulations

1. In Examination Regulations, 2010, p.1116, after l. 44, amend section §7 (as inserted by Gazette, vol. 141, no. 4939, 13 January 2011) as follows (new text underlined, deleted text scored through):

‘§ 7 Continuation charge

A candidate admitted to graduate research study (that is, a students for the DPhil, EngD, MLitt, MSc(Res), or any other programme of study designated as a research programme) who commenced their current programme of study in or after September 2011 and who has reached the end of the period of fee liability, as defined at § 6, cl. 4, and who thereafter remains registered as a graduate research student, shall pay a continuation charge for each subsequent term up to and including the term in which the thesis is submitted. Candidates whose thesis has been referred back shall pay no further composition fee or continuation charge, but shall pay the fee prescribed in § 2 above when they apply for re-examination.

A student who is paying composition fees in respect of any given term shall not be liable for a continuation charge in the same term.

The continuation charge will first become payable in 2013–14, and the level of the charge for that year will be £400 per term set by the Planning and Resource Allocation Committee in due course.’