Title of Programme
Special regulations of the Mathematical, Physical and Life Sciences Division concerning the status of Probationer Research Student and the Degrees of MSc by Research and DPhil.

Brief note about nature of change: Make changes to the timetable for transfer of status, confirmation of status, and submission in the MPLS Division.

Effective date
With effect from 1 October 2011 (for candidates embarking as Probationary Research Students in or after October 2011)

Location of change
In Examination Regulations 2010

Detail of change
1. p. 885, l.18, delete 'six terms.' and substitute 'four terms (other than students registered on a Doctoral Training Centre Programme).'
2. Ibid., l.21, delete 'candidate's supervisor' and substitute 'candidate with the supervisor's support'
3. Ibid., l.23, after 'Approval will only be granted in exceptional circumstances' insert ', in accordance with the Regulations of the Education Committee, set out in §4'
4. Ibid., after l.41, insert:
   'In the Biological Sciences, Mathematical Sciences, and Physical Sciences, a first application for transfer of status must take place within the six term limit of PRS status, as set out in the Regulations of the Education Committee, §4. Any application outside those limits (other than in Regulations of the Education Committee, §4, cl.6), must be approved by or on behalf of Education Committee.'
5. Ibid., p.886, ll.28-9, delete 'with the exception of students following Doctoral Training Centre Programmes.'

6. Ibid., p.887, l.18, delete 'candidate's supervisor' and substitute 'candidate with the supervisor's support'

7. Ibid., ll.39-40, delete 'six terms.' and substitute 'four terms. The provisions for extensions to this time limit are set out in the Regulations of the Education Committee, §4.'

8. Ibid., p.889, l.19, after 'exceptional cases.' insert 'The provisions governing deferral are set out in the Regulations of the Education Committee, §4.'

Explanatory Notes

These regulations bring the Special Regulations for the Mathematical, Physical, and Life Sciences Division into line with the revised Education Committee regulations governing transfer of status.