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Medical Sciences Divisional Board

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Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation [if general)]

Honour School of Experimental Psychology Part I

Brief note about nature of change:

Change to timing of Part I resit examination.

Effective date

For students starting from MT 2016

And

For first examination from 2017-18 (and so first re-sit opportunity in 2018-19)

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2015-16* (http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2015-16/hsofexpepsyc/studentview/), Honour School of Experimental Psychology

Detail of change

1. In *Examination Regulations 2015-16* (http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2015-16/hsofexpepsyc/studentview/), Honour School of Experimental Psychology, citation references 2.15, amend the clause as follows:

    4. A candidate who fails the Part I examination may retake the examination once only, in Trinity Term ~~the Long Vacation of~~ in the ~~same~~ next academic year ~~as the original examination~~. The highest mark that can be awarded to a candidate retaking the examination is a Pass.

Explanatory Notes

Long vacation resits are appropriate for courses that are examined at the end of Trinity Term: Should a student fail one, they would have the opportunity to retake the examination in the long vacation and re-join their course at the start of Michaelmas term without interrupting their studies as long as they pass.

This doesn't apply to Honour School of Experimental Psychology Part I because the FHS Part I Psychology exam takes place at the end of the Easter vacation, and the FHS Part 2

starts at the beginning of Trinity Term. Students are required to have passed the Part I in order to proceed to Part 2, and so if a student ever failed the Part I they would be required to delay the start of their Part 2 studies until the following Trinity Term and could take their resit at the end of the following Easter vacation alongside everyone else.

Thus, the long vacation examination is vestigial and should be removed from the regulations.