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**Research Degrees Panel of Education Committee/Taught Degrees Panel of  
Education Committee**

**Approved at the meeting of Research Degrees Panel on 3 March 2023 and at the  
meeting of Taught Degrees Panel on 9 May 2023**

**General Regulations for the Degree of Master of Studies**

**Brief note about nature of change:** Revisions to remove the possibility of students transferring from a postgraduate research programme to a postgraduate taught course without following an admissions process and being considered against a gathered field

**Location of change**

In *Examination Regulations 2022*,  
<https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/Regulation?code=grftdomastofstud>

**Effective date**

For all students from Michaelmas term 2023 onwards

**Detail of change**

1. Amend section §3 (cit. ref. 1.24) as indicated, deleted text is ~~struck through~~, inserted text is underlined:

8. A member of the University who holds ~~the status of Probationer Research Student or the status of student for another~~ graduate taught degree ~~higher degree or postgraduate diploma~~ within the University may, with the approval of the board which admitted him or her, transfer to the status of Student for the Degree of Master of Studies, in which case the date of his or her admission ~~as a Probationer Research Student or to the status of student for a~~ graduate taught degree ~~higher degree or post-graduate diploma~~ shall then be reckoned, unless the board shall determine otherwise, as the date of his or her admission as a Student for the Degree of Master of Studies.

2. Amend section §3 (cit. ref. 1.26) as indicated, deleted text is ~~struck through~~:

~~10. A student holding the status of Probationer Research Student may, with the approval of the board which admitted him or her, be admitted as a candidate for an examination for the Degree of Master of Studies. Time spent as a student holding the status of Probationer Research Student shall count as time spent working for the Degree of Master of Studies.~~

**Explanatory Notes**

At their meetings in Hilary term 2023/Trinity term 2023, Research Degrees Panel/Taught Degrees Panel of Education Committee agreed that general regulations for postgraduate taught degrees should be revised to remove the possibility of students transferring from a postgraduate research programme to a postgraduate taught course without following an admissions process and being considered against a gathered field. Postgraduate research students who wish to apply to a postgraduate taught course will still be able to follow the usual admissions process.