

**Research Degrees Panel of Education Committee****Approved at the meeting of Research Degrees Panel on 1 March 2024****General Regulations Governing Research Degrees**

**Brief note about nature of change:** Revision to regulations so that in order for a postgraduate research degree thesis to be considered as having been submitted during a particular term, it must be submitted at the latest on the Saturday (in UK time) of the last week before the following Full Term (instead of the Friday).

**Location of change**

In *Examination Regulations 2023*,

<https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/Regulation?code=grgoveresedegr>

**Effective date**

For all students from Michaelmas term 2024 onwards

**Detail of change**

Amend section §7, 2 (iv) (cit. ref. 1.112 – 1.113) as indicated, deleted text is ~~struck through~~; inserted text is underlined:

(iv) *Date of submission of examiners' copies*

Candidates may submit the digital examination copy of their thesis, prepared as described above, at the same time as they apply for the appointment of their examiners. If they intend, however, to submit the examiners' copy at a later date, they will be required to state, at the time of their application for appointment of examiners, the date by which they will submit. This should be as soon as possible after the date of application and may in no case be later than the last day of the vacation immediately following the term in which application for the appointment of examiners has been made. In order for a thesis to be considered as having been submitted during a particular term, it must be submitted at the latest on the ~~Friday~~ Saturday (in UK time) of the last week before the following Full Term.

**Explanatory Notes**

At its meeting in Hilary term 2024, Research Degrees Panel agreed that the General Regulations Governing Research Degrees should be revised so that in order for a postgraduate research degree thesis to be considered as having been submitted during a particular term, it must be submitted at the latest on the Saturday (in UK time) of the last week before the following Full Term, instead of the Friday as at present. This removes a discrepancy between the General Regulations Governing Research Degrees and the Regulations on Financial Matters, reflects actual current practice in terms of fee/continuation charge liability, and means that the submission deadline is consistent with the fact that Full Term begins on Sunday week 1.