

**Changes in Examination Regulations relating to resubmission fees**

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**Planning and Resource Allocation Committee****Approved by Chair's Action (reported to 17 December 2019 meeting)****Appendix I Regulations on Financial Matters****Joint Panel on Remission of Fees – Appeals Process****Location of change**

In *Examination Regulations 2019/20, Regulations on Financial Matters*, at <http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2019-20/ai-ronfinamatt/>

**From 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019****Detail of change**

In §3, paragraph 3(f) (new text underlined, deleted text scored through):

~~(f) There shall be no appeal against a decision of the Joint Panel on Remission of Fees. A student may, however, make a further application under the procedures outlined above for relief from suspension or such terms as may have been imposed by the Panel if the Bursar of his or her college supports an application on the basis that the student's financial circumstances have changed for reasons beyond his or her control. A candidate who is dissatisfied with a decision made by the Joint Panel on Remission of Fees may, or his or her college may, appeal against it. An appeal must be made within fourteen days of the date of the Joint Panel on Remission of Fees' decision. Any such appeals must be made in writing and sent to the Chair of Education Committee. The appeal will be heard by the Chair of Education Committee or their nominee.~~

(f) There shall be no appeal against a decision of the Joint Panel on Remission of Fees. A student may, however, make a further application under the procedures outlined above for relief from suspension or such terms as may have been imposed by the Panel if the Bursar of his or her college supports an application on the basis that the student's financial circumstances have changed for reasons beyond his or her control. A candidate who is dissatisfied with a decision made by the Joint Panel on Remission of Fees may, or his or her college may, appeal against it. An appeal must be made within fourteen days of the date of the Joint Panel on Remission of Fees' decision. Any such appeals must be made in writing and sent to the Chair of Education Committee. The appeal will be heard by the Chair of Education Committee or their nominee.

**Explanatory Notes**

The changes in regulations allow for students that apply to the Joint Panel on Remission of Fees to appeal the decision of the panel, to be considered by the Chair of Education Committee or their nominee.

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## PLANNING AND RESOURCE ALLOCATION COMMITTEE

### Changes in regulations relating to Oxford Bursaries and Tuition Fee Reductions

#### (a) Summary

This paper brings forward changes in the regulations regarding Oxford Bursaries and Tuition Fee Reductions.

The changes allow these regulations to also cover the additional targeted awards which are being introduced to the undergraduate financial support package for 2020-entrants, where these awards are directly linked to bursary eligibility. The changes in regulations also include the addition of the MBiol in the list of eligible courses.

#### (b) Action required of PRAC

PRAC is asked to **approve** the changes in regulations at Annex A.

#### (c) Key Points

1. The proposed changes to the exam regulations are intended to reflect decisions already taken by the University in relation the undergraduate financial support package. The inclusion of the MBiol in the exam regulations follows the approval of the introduction of a new award by the University.
2. There are no cost implications specifically relating to these changes to the regulations. The changes bring the regulations into line with the new undergraduate financial support package for 2020-entrants which was agreed by JFSSAG, Council and Conference of Colleges in Michaelmas Term 2018/Hilary Term 2019, and which forms part of our 2020 Access and Participation Plan which has been approved by the Office for Students.

#### (d) Further information

Further details are available from:

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## ANNEX A

### Changes in Examination Regulations relating to resubmission fees

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#### Planning and Resource Allocation Committee

Approved by Chair's Action on behalf of PRAC (approved 2 July 2020)

#### Appendix I Regulations on Financial Matters

#### Changes relating to Oxford bursaries and fee reductions

#### Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2019, Regulations on Financial Matters*, at <http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2019-20/ai-ronfinamatt/>

From 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020

#### Detail of change

**In §6, paragraphs 1, 2 and 14, include (new text underlined, deleted text scored through):**

1. The arrangements described in this section apply to members of the University, entitled, in accordance with the criteria set out in §1, cl. 1, to be charged fees at the appropriate 'home' (and EU) rate, who are working in Oxford:

(a) for the Degree of BA or the Degree of MBiochem or the Degree of MChem or the Degree of MMathCompSci or the Degree of MEarthSc or the Degree of MEng or the Degree of MMath or the Degree of MCompSci or the Degree of MCompPhil or the Degree of MPhys or the Degree of MPhysPhil or the Degree of MMathPhil, or the degree of MMathPhys (4-year course only), or the degree of MBiol, or the degree of BTh (full-time mode only);

2. Students described in cl. 1 above will be eligible to be assessed for an Oxford bursary (and any awards directly linked to bursary eligibility as part of the university's undergraduate financial support package), subject to cl. 4, and provided that:

(a) they are entitled to receive support from a funding agency as described in cl. 6 below; and

(b) they are not reading for a qualification of an equivalent or lower level to one they already hold, unless they are reading for a course under 1(c), 1(d), 1(e) or 1(g) above.

Bursary levels and associated awards will be at the rates determined from time to time by Council's Education Committee and Planning and Resource Allocation Committee. ~~B~~ and bursary amounts are set out on the University website. Special regulations for members of the University described in cl. 1 (d), (e) and (g) are set out in cll. 11 to 13.

14. If a student believes that their bursary (or associated award) or fee reduction has not been processed according to these regulations and/or the bursary and fee reduction rates approved by Council's Education Committee and Planning and Resource Allocation Committee, they should contact the Student Fees and Funding section.

#### Explanatory Notes

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