

## Changes in Examination Regulations relating to Oxford Bursaries and Tuition Fee Reductions

PRAC/1

### Planning and Resource Allocation Committee

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### Appendix I Regulations on Financial Matters

### Changes relating to Oxford bursaries and fee reductions

#### Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2020, Regulations on Financial Matters*, at <https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/Regulation?code=ai-ronfinamatt&srchYear=2020&srchTerm=1&year=2020&term=1>

From 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021

#### Detail of change

**In §6, paragraphs 1, 4 and 6(c), 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 MBiomedSci, or the degree of BTh (full-time mode only);

4. If a student who is eligible to be charged fees at the 'home' (~~and EU~~) rate is not entitled to means-tested maintenance support from their funding agency, they will not be eligible to be assessed for a bursary or fee reduction in that academic year. Students who are entitled to be assessed by the Student Finance Services Non UK Team, and who are entitled, in accordance with the criteria set out in §1, cl. 1, to be charged fees at the appropriate 'home' (~~and EU~~) rate, are eligible to be assessed for a bursary or fee reduction, subject to the conditions referred to in cl. 10 below.

6(c). 'Home' students are obliged to accept any maintenance grant they become eligible for as a result of financial assessment by their funding agency in order to be eligible to be assessed for a bursary and/or a fee reduction. 'Home' (~~and EU~~) students are not required by the University to take out a ~~maintenance loan or tuition fee loan~~ from their funding agency to be eligible to be assessed for a bursary or for a fee reduction respectively.

#### Explanatory Notes

The changes include the removal of additional references to 'EU' beyond those recently approved across the Examination Regulations more widely. They also remove a specific reference to a maintenance loan or tuition fee loan, where simply referencing 'loan' is more appropriate. The changes in regulations also include the addition of the MBiomedSci in the list of eligible courses.

## Changes in Examination Regulations relating to updated references

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### Planning and Resource Allocation Committee

Approved at the meeting on 29 June 2021

### Appendix A Regulations on Financial Matters

### Updating of references to PRAS and EU fee status

#### Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2020, Regulations on Financial Matters*, at <https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/Regulation?code=ai-ronfinamatt>

With effect from 1 October 2021

#### Detail of change

1. Amend citation reference 1.1 as follows (new text underlined, deleted text struck through):

<sup>[1.1]</sup> All fees payable under this Section are set by Council's Planning and Resource Allocation Committee on the recommendation of the Joint Fees and Student Support Advisory Group on an annual basis and are available from [www.ox.ac.uk/students/fees-funding/fees/rates](http://www.ox.ac.uk/students/fees-funding/fees/rates) or from the ~~Planning and Resource Allocation Section~~ Planning and Council Secretariat. Fees are payable at one of four rates, 'home', 'ELQ', 'islands', and 'overseas'. The 'home' rate is payable by students who meet the criteria given in Schedule 1 of the Education (Fees and Awards) (England) Regulations 2007 and subsequent amendments. The 'ELQ' rate is payable by students who meet the criteria for the 'home' rate but who are reading for a qualification of an equivalent or lower level to one they already hold. The 'islands' rate is payable by residents of the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man who meet the requirements laid down by the respective Islands governments. Where a course does not have a separate 'ELQ' or 'islands' rate, the 'ELQ' or 'islands' rate will be the same as the 'home' rate. All students not meeting these criteria shall pay fees at the 'overseas' rate unless otherwise exempted.'

2. Amend citation reference 1.75 as follows (new text underlined, deleted text struck through):

<sup>[1.75]</sup> 1. Every member of the University who, not holding an academic appointment in the University or the colleges, has been matriculated in order to study in the University otherwise than for a degree, diploma, or certificate of the University shall pay fees at the appropriate annual rate published at [www.ox.ac.uk/students/fees-funding/fees/non-award](http://www.ox.ac.uk/students/fees-funding/fees/non-award) or available from the ~~Planning and Resource Allocation Section~~ Planning and Council Secretariat for each term in which he or she is studying in the University.'

3. Amend citation reference 1.76 as follows (new text underlined, deleted text struck through):

<sup>[1.76]</sup> 2. Every person on the Register of Recognized Students or on the Register of Visiting Students shall pay fees at the appropriate annual rate on the basis set out below, and as published, in the case of (a), at [www.ox.ac.uk/students/fees-funding/fees/visiting-recognised](http://www.ox.ac.uk/students/fees-funding/fees/visiting-recognised) or available from the ~~Planning and Resource Allocation Section~~ Planning and Council Secretariat and, in the case of (b), by the college concerned, for each term in which he or she is studying in the University.'

4. Amend citation reference 1.96 as follows (new text underlined, deleted text struck through):

<sup>[1.76]</sup> 3. The continuation charge first became payable in 2013-14 and the rate will be reviewed on an annual basis. The rate for the current academic year is available from [www.ox.ac.uk/students/fees-funding/fees/liability/graduate-continuation-charge](http://www.ox.ac.uk/students/fees-funding/fees/liability/graduate-continuation-charge) or from the ~~Planning and Resource Allocation Section~~ Planning and Council Secretariat. Divisions may remit the continuation charge (subject to approval by Council's Planning and Resource Allocation Committee) for graduate research students on a specified course or courses of study, provided that the remission applies to all students on that course in a specified term or terms of study.'

5. Amend citation reference 1.102 as follows (new text underlined, deleted text struck through):

<sup>[1.102]</sup> 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:

6. Amend citation references 1.140-1.142 as follows (new text underlined, deleted text struck through):

<sup>[1.140]</sup> (a) Students entitled, in accordance with the criteria set out in §1, cl. 1, to be charged fees at the appropriate 'home' ~~(and EU)~~ rate, and who are entitled to be financially assessed by Student Finance England, Student Finance Northern Ireland, Student Finance Wales, the Student Awards Agency for Scotland, the SLC or the NHS, are required by these funding agencies to apply for financial support each year if they wish to access means-tested support. The assessment of their household income by their funding agency may change from year to year, and consequently their entitlement to a bursary and/or fee reduction is subject to change each year. Special regulations are set out in cl. 11 and 12 for financial assessments for members of the University working for the Preliminary Examination in Medicine (Part II) and Bachelor of Medicine (Second Examination);

<sup>[1.141]</sup> (b) Students entitled, in accordance with the criteria set out in §1, cl. 1, to be charged fees at the appropriate 'home' ~~(and EU)~~ rate, and who are entitled to be financially assessed by the Student Finance Services Non UK Team may have their household income assessed in the first year of study only. Students who wish to have their household income reassessed or continuing year students who wish to be financially assessed for the first time must submit a request to the Student Fees and Funding section.

<sup>[1.142]</sup> (c) Students will only be eligible to be assessed for a bursary and/or fee reduction for the period in which they are entitled, in accordance with the criteria set out in §1, cl. 1, to be charged fees at the appropriate 'home' ~~(and EU)~~-rate.'

7. Amend citation reference 1.154 as follows (new text underlined, deleted text struck through):

<sup>[1.154]</sup> 1. Fees are payable in the following circumstances. Fees are reviewed on an annual basis with the fees for the current academic year available from [www.ox.ac.uk/students/fees-funding/fees/liability/other-charges](http://www.ox.ac.uk/students/fees-funding/fees/liability/other-charges) or from the ~~Planning and Resource Allocation Section~~ Planning and Council Secretariat. In the case of circumstances described in (a)–(c) below and if fees as defined in §1 are payable in respect of the same term, fees for (a)–(c) below do not apply.'

8. Amend citation reference 1.184 as follows (new text underlined, deleted text struck through):

<sup>[1.184]</sup> 1. A registration fee is payable for the degree of Doctor of Clinical Psychology and for the Postgraduate Certificate in Supervision of Applied Psychological Practice. The fee for the current academic year is available from [www.ox.ac.uk/students/fees-funding/fees/liability/other-charges](http://www.ox.ac.uk/students/fees-funding/fees/liability/other-charges) or from the ~~Planning and Resource Allocation Section~~ Planning and Council Secretariat.'

9. Amend citation reference 1.190 as follows (new text underlined, deleted text struck through):

<sup>[1.190]</sup> 1. Every person attached to the clinical school under regular instruction for a qualifying medical examination of another university or of a recognised professional institution shall, unless liable to pay fees under the provisions of §1, pay to the Regius Professor of Medicine a

fee of £10 on admission and fees every three months at the annual rate published at [www.ox.ac.uk/students/fees-funding/fees/rates](http://www.ox.ac.uk/students/fees-funding/fees/rates) or available from the ~~Planning and Resource Allocation Section~~ Planning and Council Secretariat which would be applicable to him or her if liable for fees under §1 cl. 3.'

**10.** Amend citation reference 1.195 as follows (new text underlined, deleted text struck through):

<sup>[1.195]</sup> 1. Fees are payable in the following circumstances, except where 'no charge' is stated. Fees are reviewed on an annual basis, with the fees for the current academic year available from <https://www.ox.ac.uk/students/graduation/certificates> or from the ~~Planning and Resource Allocation Section~~ Planning and Council Secretariat.'

#### **Explanatory Notes**

These changes concern minor text updates around two areas: the updating of out-of-date references to the Planning and Resource Allocation Section, which has been renamed to Planning and Council Secretariat; and the removal of references to the separate EU fee rate, which has now been abolished following Brexit.

## Changes in Examination Regulations relating to Suspended or Withdrawn Status

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### Planning and Resource Allocation Committee

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### Appendix A Regulations on Financial Matters

### Changes relating to Suspended or Withdrawn Status

#### Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2020, Regulations on Financial Matters*, at <https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/Regulation?code=ai-ronfinamatt>

With effect from 1 October 2021

#### Detail of change

1. Amend citation references 1.3-1.18 as follows (new text underlined, deleted text struck through):

#### '§1. Fees payable by members of the University

<sup>[1.3]</sup> (a) Every member of the University shall pay fees at the appropriate annual rate for each academic year in which ~~he or she is~~ they are working in ~~Oxford~~:

<sup>[1.4]</sup> (i) For the Degree of BA or the Degree of M.Biochem. ~~or the Degree of M.Biol. or the Degree of M.Biomed.Sci or the Degree of M.Chem. or the Degree of M.Math.Comp.Sci. or the Degree of M.Comp.Phil. or the Degree of M.Earth Sci. or the Degree of M.Eng. or the Degree of M.Math. or the Degree of M.Math.Comp.Sci. or the Degree of M.Comp.Phil. or the Degree of M.Math.Phil. or the Degree of M.Phys. or the Degree of M.Phys.Phil. or the Degree of MSci. or the Degree of M.Math.Phil.~~ (Those working for an honour school requiring the study of one or more languages for an academic year outside Oxford or for Law with Law Studies in Europe, or for an honour school requiring a period of study shorter than a year outside Oxford, or for Part II in Chemistry or Materials Science or Molecular and Cellular Biochemistry, or for Part II in the Honour Schools of Engineering Science, shall be deemed for all the purposes of this clause to be working in Oxford for the degree of BA or the Degree of M.Biochem. or the Degree of M.Chem. or the Degree of M.Eng., whether or not their work is being undertaken in Oxford);

<sup>[1.5]</sup> (ii) for the Degree of BFA;

<sup>[1.6]</sup> (iii) for the Degree of BCL or Magister Juris;

<sup>[1.7]</sup> (iv) for a second Final Honour School;

<sup>[1.8]</sup> (v) for the First Examination for the Degree of BM;

<sup>[1.9]</sup> (vi) for the Diploma in Theology;

<sup>[1.10]</sup> (vii) for the Diploma in Legal Studies;

<sup>[1.11]</sup> (viii) for the Certificate in Diplomatic Studies;

<sup>[1.12]</sup> (ix) for the Postgraduate Diploma in Diplomatic Studies;

[1.13] (x) for the Postgraduate Diploma in Education; or

[1.14] (xi) for the Postgraduate Certificate in Education (~~those working for the certificate shall be deemed for all the purposes of this clause to be working in Oxford, whether or not their work is being undertaken in Oxford~~).

[1.15] (b) The fees shall be paid as follows:

[1.16] (i) in the case of those members of the University whose fees are paid under the terms of the Education (Student Support) Regulations (or under corresponding arrangements approved by the Scottish Executive, Northern Ireland Assembly, Welsh Assembly or the States Assembly of Jersey, States Assembly of Guernsey or Isle of Man Government) the fees shall be paid in accordance with the arrangements laid down in those regulations;

[1.17] (ii) in all other cases, fees shall be collected in accordance with the provisions of §3 below;

[1.18] (iii) ~~on application by their society, and subject to the approval of Council's Education Committee, some part of the University fee for an academic year may subsequently be returned to those who do not work in Oxford for the whole of that year. The general rule agreed by Council is that, for each complete term not spent working in Oxford, one third of the annual fee shall be returned.'~~

2. Amend citation references 1.89-90 as follows (new text underlined, deleted text struck through)

### '§3. Arrangements relating to the payment of fees

[1.89] (b) On application by their society, or by the Head of the student's department for programmes where fees are usually paid directly to the department, ~~and subject to the approval of Council's Education Committee,~~ some part of the fees for an academic year may subsequently be returned to those who cease working towards their award ~~do not work in Oxford for the whole of that year~~ as a result of expulsion. Unless otherwise provided in respect of an individual programme of study, the general rule is that, for each complete term not spent working towards an award ~~in Oxford~~, one third of the annual fees shall be returned.

[1.90] (c) On application by their society, or by the Head of the student's department for programmes where fees are usually paid directly to the department, ~~and subject to the approval of Council's Education Committee,~~ some part of the fees for an academic year may subsequently be returned to those who are not working towards their award ~~do not work in Oxford for the whole of that year~~ as a result of suspension or withdrawal. Unless otherwise provided in respect of an individual programme of study, the general rule agreed by Council is that, for each complete term not spent working towards an award ~~in Oxford~~, one third of the annual fee shall be returned, and that in addition, if a student withdraws or suspends their status on or before Monday of Week 4 of any term the fees payable in respect of that term will generally be reimbursed to the student.'

### Explanatory Notes

The changes relate to a clarification of the wording around suspended or withdrawn status following a recommendation from JFSSAG to ensure that students who choose to undertake a mandatory research year in industry rather than at the University should be liable for full fee rates. The regulation in question has been reviewed and it is proposed that the clause is deleted from the regulations. Much of the clause is duplicated under section §3. *Arrangements relating to the payment of fees*, and it is proposed that updating this wording would allow for clause §1.2(b)(iii) to be removed entirely.

The changes also update the list of undergraduate degrees to include the degrees of Master of Biology (MBiol), Master of Biomedical Sciences (MBiomedSci), Master of Science in Experimental Psychology (MSci) which have recently been approved.