

**Education Committee**

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**Regulations for the Conduct of University Examinations: Part 14 Late Submission, Non-submission, Non-appearance and Withdrawal from Examinations**

**Brief note about nature of change:** inclusion of provisions for the use of provisional declared to have deserved Honours/Masters outcomes where marks are unavailable as a result of industrial action

**Location of change**

In *Examination Regulations 2022*,

<https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/Regulation?code=rftcoue-p14ls-n-snowfromexam>

**Effective date**

**With immediate effect for the academic year 2022-23 only**

**Detail of change**

Insert the following text after citation reference 1.88 (new text underlined)

**Provisions in the event of a marking and assessment boycott**

14.32. If as a result of a marking and assessment boycott the examiners do not have marks for all assessments available to them at the time of the final exam board meeting for any candidate and after having made appropriate checks as advised by the Proctors and Education Committee, the examiners may do the following:

(i) if the University Examination is one in which Honours may be awarded, the examiners may act as if the candidate had completed the part of the University Examination concerned and consider whether the candidate has had sufficient work marked for the examiners to be confident that the candidate would be awarded honours once all marks are available. The examiners shall report the provisional award to Student Registry;

(ii) if the University Examination is one in which Honours are not awarded, the examiners may act as if the candidate had completed the part of the University Examination concerned and consider whether the candidate has had sufficient work marked for the examiners to be confident that the candidate would pass the award once all marks are

available. The provisional award that should be confirmed and reported to Student Registry is the relevant award from the lists in 14.31.

14.33. Where provisional outcomes have been released under 14.32 above, the examiners should reconvene at the earliest opportunity when all marks are available to reconsider the candidate's final outcome as follows:

(i) Where the University Examination is one in which Honours may be awarded, the examiners should determine the candidate's appropriate class. This may be no lower than a Third except in cases where academic misconduct has been confirmed to have taken place:

(i) Where the University Examination is one in which Honours are not awarded, the examiners should determine the candidate's appropriate outcome. This may be no lower than a Pass except in cases where academic misconduct has been confirmed to have taken place.

14.35. The examiners shall keep a record of all decisions made under 14.32 above and report these to the Proctors at the same time as they return the Results List.

## Appeals under this Part

~~14.32.~~ 14.36 A candidate or their college who is dissatisfied with any decision made by the Proctors or by the examiners under this Part, may appeal against that decision in accordance with the provisions of Part 18.

### **Explanatory Notes**

These provisions allow Exam Boards to award the 'declared to have deserved' outcome to students who have been affected by the Marking and Assessment Boycott. The change would allow Boards to give an interim outcome of 'Declared to have Deserved XXX' and then to update the marks and overall outcome at a later Board meeting when all marks are received. Boards would need to have a high level of confidence that a student will at least pass the award when all marks become available. This mechanism should be used only in exceptional circumstances where other attempts to mitigate the impact of the Boycott have been exhausted.