

Changes to the Examination Policies for postgraduate research November 2011

Synopsis

This paper sets out revisions to the following policies:

- Examination of Doctoral Degrees Policy
- Examination of Master of Philosophy (MPhil) Degrees Policy
- Resubmission and Re-examination of Postgraduate Research Degrees Policy

All changes to the policies were approved by the Manchester Doctoral Committee (MDC) on 30th November 2011.

The policies can be found at:

<http://www.campus.manchester.ac.uk/researchoffice/graduate/code/submissionandexamination/>

Effective Date of Introduction

30th November 2011

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Changes to Examination of Doctoral Degrees Policy

1. Section 23.2 CATEGORY B: REFER FOR RE-EXAMINATION (recommendations B(i), B(ii) and B(iii))

Current text

For recommendations **B(i) and B(ii)**, the candidate is required to revise and resubmit the thesis for the doctoral degree **within six months** of receiving the examiners' statement detailing the required corrections (see section 24) from the appropriate School or Faculty graduate office.

Revised Text

For recommendations **B(i) and B(ii)**, the candidate is **normally** required to revise and resubmit the thesis for the doctoral degree **within six months** of receiving the examiners' statement detailing the required corrections (see section 24) from the appropriate School or Faculty graduate office.

Where there are extenuating circumstances, examiners may make a recommendation to extend that period so that the candidate is required to revise and resubmit the thesis for the doctoral degree within one year of receiving the examiners' statement detailing the required corrections from the appropriate School or Faculty graduate office.

Changes to Examination of Master of Philosophy (MPhil) Degrees Policy

2. Section 23.2 CATEGORY B: REFER FOR RE-EXAMINATION (recommendations B(i), B(ii) and B(iii))

Current text

For recommendations **B(i) and B(ii)**, the candidate is required to revise and resubmit the thesis for the Master of Philosophy (MPhil) degree **within six months** of receiving the examiners' statement detailing the required corrections (see section 24) from the appropriate School or Faculty graduate office.

Revised Text

For recommendations **B(i) and B(ii)**, the candidate is **normally** required to revise and resubmit the thesis for the Master of Philosophy (MPhil) degree **within six months** of receiving the examiners' statement detailing the required corrections (see section 24) from the appropriate School or Faculty graduate office. **Where there are extenuating circumstances, examiners may make a recommendation to extend that period so that the candidate is required to revise and resubmit the thesis for the doctoral degree within one year of receiving the examiners' statement detailing the required corrections from the appropriate School or Faculty graduate office.**

Changes to Resubmission and Re-examination of Postgraduate Research Degrees Policy

3. Section 2.2 Duration of the resubmission period

Current text

2.2 If examiners select either recommendation B(i) or B(ii) at first examination, candidates have up to six months in which to revise and resubmit their thesis for a second further examination.

Revised text

2.2 If examiners select either recommendation B(i) or B(ii) at first examination, candidates **normally** have up to six months in which to revise and resubmit their thesis for a second further examination, **but in extenuating circumstances may be granted up to one year in which to revise and resubmit their thesis for a second further examination.**

4. Section 7.1.2 - A (ii) award with minor corrections

To update the text in section 7.1.2 to confirm that Category B awards are not permitted on resubmission

Current text

Minor corrections permissible under box A(ii) include:

- typographical errors; however, if the errors, although trivial individually, are so numerous as to suggest carelessness on the part of the candidate or so intrusive as to distract the reader's attention from the argument of the thesis, the examiners would be fully justified in making a recommendation under Category B rather than box A(ii);
- minor amendments and/or replacement of, or additions to, the text or to references or diagrams;
- other more extensive corrections may be made as long as they do not require significant (as defined by the examiners) re-working or re-interpretation of the intellectual content of the thesis.

Revised text

Minor corrections permissible under box A(ii) include:

- ~~typographical errors; however, if the errors, although trivial individually, are so numerous as to suggest carelessness on the part of the candidate or so intrusive as to distract the reader's attention from the argument of the thesis, the examiners would be fully justified in making a recommendation under Category B rather than box A(ii);~~
- minor amendments and/or replacement of, or additions to, the text or to references or diagrams;
- other more extensive corrections may be made as long as they do not require significant (as defined by the examiners) re-working or re-interpretation of the intellectual content of the thesis.