

## Amendments to Regulations – Sections A to G

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<b>Section A</b>			
<b>A4.1d)</b>	<p>d) any of the following as a research degree (SCQF level 11):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Master by Research (MRes)</li> <li><b>ii. <i>Master of Laws by Research (LLMRes)</i></b></li> <li>iii. Master of Philosophy (MPhil)</li> </ul>	<p>d) any of the following as a research degree (SCQF level 11):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Master by Research (MRes)</li> <li>ii. Master of Philosophy (MPhil)</li> </ul>	QS(23/24)40
<b>A9.4 (new)</b>	<p>Any policy issued following invocation of the Emergency Regulations will be underpinned by the following principles which will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) ensure the integrity and value of the awards of Edinburgh Napier University;</li> <li>b) prioritise graduating and awarding students and levels of study that count toward award outcomes;</li> </ul>	(n/a)	QS(23/24)33

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	<p>c) ensure that decisions taken are informed by evidence available;</p> <p>d) in the absence of sufficient baseline evidence being available, enable a holding decision to be made, pending further evidence becoming available;</p> <p>e) where a holding decision is required, pending further evidence being available, Edinburgh Napier, in recognising that the emergency situation being of no fault of the students, will ensure that the detrimental impact on students is minimised. This will require students to be provided with clear, consistent and timely communication, and that official communication is also made available to third party stakeholders such as employers or destinations for further study. Holding decisions may require the University to make a</p>		

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	distinction between the conferral of award and the graduation ceremony.		
<b>Section B</b>			
<b>B6.2</b>	<p>The University is committed to supporting students to continue their studies for as long as they are considered able to benefit and succeed (A2.4). Accordingly a student enrolled on a programme of study leading to an award of the University listed in Regulations <a href="#">A4.1</a> a), b) and f) may be permitted to progress to the next stage of study carrying a failure in no more than 20 credits. In agreeing this, Programme Assessment Boards must ensure that students have passed the prerequisites for compulsory modules in the next stage of study and be satisfied that the student’s academic potential is sufficiently strong, based on their academic profile, that the student has a reasonable chance of success in progressing. The principle of <b>allowing students to proceed with credits pending if they are</b></p>	<p>The University is committed to supporting students to continue their studies for as long as they are considered able to benefit and succeed (A2.4). Accordingly a student enrolled on a programme of study leading to an award of the University listed in Regulations <a href="#">A4.1</a> a), b) and f) may be permitted to progress to the next stage of study carrying a failure in no more than 20 credits. In agreeing this, Programme Assessment Boards must ensure that students have passed the prerequisites for compulsory modules in the next stage of study and be satisfied that the student’s academic potential is sufficiently strong, based on their academic profile, that the student has a reasonable chance of success in progressing. The principle of B6.2 should also apply to students who have not yet</p>	Paper QS(23/24)41

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	<b>considered able to benefit and succeed</b> should also apply to students who have not yet passed all modules within the stage of study due to outstanding (re)assessment opportunities.	passed all modules within the stage of study due to outstanding (re)assessment opportunities.	
<b>Section C</b>	No change.		
<b>Section D</b>			
<b>D1.2</b>	All research degrees are managed and supported by the University's Doctoral College.	(new clause)	Paper QS(23/24)40
<b>D1.3</b>	The <b>Doctoral College</b> - Research Degrees Framework provides advice and guidance which must be followed on the application of Section D: Research Degree Regulations. The University's Code of Practice for the Supervision of Research Degrees should also be used in conjunction with these Regulations.	The Research Degrees Framework provides advice and guidance which must be followed on the application of Section D: Research Degree Regulations. The University's Code of Practice for the Supervision of Research Degrees should also be used in conjunction with these Regulations.	
<b>D2.1</b>	The following research degrees are considered in this section of the University's academic regulations:  a) Master by Research (MRes);	The following research degrees are considered in this section of the University's academic regulations:  a) Master by Research (MRes);	

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<b>D2.2</b>	<p>D2.2 The following terms are used in these regulations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) <i>Registration</i> refers to registering as a student of the University and formally commencing the programme of study (i.e. registering as a research student).</li> <li>b) <i>Approval of thesis topic and programme of study</i> is the process of confirming the area and scope of study and the proposed thesis title.</li> <li>c) <i>Confirmation of target degree</i> is the formal process of determining or confirming what award a student will progress towards.</li> </ul>	<p>D2.3 The following terms are used in these regulations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>f) <i>Registration</i> refers to registering as a student of the University and formally commencing the programme of study (registering as a research student).</li> <li>g) <i>Approval of thesis topic and programme of study</i> is the process of confirming the area of study and the proposed thesis title.</li> <li>h) <i>Confirmation of target degree</i> is the formal process of determining or</li> </ul>	

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	<p>d) <i>Progress Review</i> is the review of progress towards a target degree.</p> <p>e) <i>Viva voce examination</i> refers to the oral examination by which the student defends their thesis.</p>	<p>confirming what award a student will progress towards.</p> <p>i) <i>Progress Review</i> is the review of progress towards a target degree.</p> <p><i>Viva voce examination</i> refers to the oral examination by which the student defends their thesis.</p>	
<b>D2.3</b>	<p>Research degree provision is managed on behalf of Academic Board by the <b>Academic Committee of the Doctoral College</b>. The role and responsibilities of the <b>Academic Committee of the Doctoral College</b> are defined in Academic Board remits.</p>	<p>Research degree provision is managed on behalf of the Research Degrees Committee. The role and responsibilities of the Research Degrees Committee are defined in Academic Board remits.</p>	
<b>D3.2</b>	<p>In addition to the standard periods of registration noted in D3.3 to D3.8, students may, at the discretion of the Academic Committee of the Doctoral College, be granted an additional grace period of no more than 12 months to complete their thesis.</p>	<p>(new clause)</p>	
<b>D3.3</b>	<p>A <b>Master by Research</b> will be awarded to a student who has satisfied all award-specific requirements within <b>12 months</b> following registration (<b>20 months</b></p>	<p>A <b>Master by Research</b> will be awarded to a student who has satisfied all award-specific requirements within 24 months following</p>	

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	part-time) and has been assessed as <b>meeting the standard required for the degree.</b>	registration (32 months part-time) and has successfully been assessed.	
D3.4	A <b>Master of Laws by Research</b> (LLMRes) will be awarded to a student, specifically in the field of law, who has satisfied all award-specific requirements within 12 months following registration (20 months part-time) and has been assessed as meeting the standard required for the degree.	(new clause)	
D3.5	A <b>Master of Philosophy</b> will be awarded to a student who has satisfied all award-specific requirements within <b>24 months</b> following registration ( <b>40 months</b> part-time) and has been assessed as <b>meeting the standard required for the degree.</b>	A <b>Master of Philosophy</b> will be awarded to a student who has satisfied all award-specific requirements within 36 months following registration (52 months part-time) and has successfully been assessed.	
D3.6	(moved to later)	A <b>Doctor of Philosophy by Published Works</b> will be awarded to a student who has satisfied all award specific requirements within 12 months following registration and has successfully been assessed.	
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D3.8	A <b>Professional Doctorate (Doctor of Business Administration)</b> will be awarded to a student who has satisfied all award-specific requirements within <b>36 months</b> following registration and has been <b>assessed as meeting the standard required for the degree.</b>	A <b>Professional Doctorate (Doctor of Business Administration)</b> will be awarded to a student who has satisfied all award-specific requirements within 48 months following registration and has successfully been assessed.	
D3.9	<b>Professional Doctorate</b> will be awarded to a student who has satisfied all award specific requirements within a period of between <b>36 and 48 months</b> following registration and has been <b>assessed as meeting the standard required for the degree.</b>	<b>Professional Doctorate</b> will be awarded to a student who has satisfied all award specific requirements within 48 months following registration and has successfully been assessed.	
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<b>D4.2</b>	Except with the specific permission of the <b>Academic Committee of the Doctoral College</b> , a student for a research degree may not, during the period of their registration, be a student for another award of any university.	Except with the specific permission of the University, a student for a research degree may not, during the period of their registration, be a student for another award of any university.																																											
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	Professional Doctorates	Part-time	36 to 48 months	Professional Doctorates	Part-time	36 months	
	At the discretion of the Academic Committee of the Doctoral College, students may be provided with a grace period of no more than 12-month in which to complete their thesis.			At the discretion of the Doctoral College, students may be provided with a grace period of no more than 12-month in which to complete their thesis.			
<b>D5.2</b>	A student may submit their thesis for examination any time from one month before the end of their standard period of registration and must submit before the expiry of their maximum period of registration ( <b>i.e. their standard period of registration plus any agreed grace period</b> ).			A student may submit the thesis for examination any time from one month before the end of the standard period and must submit before the expiry of the maximum period of registration.			
<b>D5.4</b>	Under exceptional circumstances, a student may be permitted to submit earlier than one month before the end of their standard period of registration. Applications						

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	must be submitted for consideration by the Academic Committee of the Doctoral College.		
<b>D6.1</b>	Students will be assessed by <i>viva voce</i> examination for all research awards except for the Master by Research and <b>Master of Laws (LLM) by Research</b> .	Students will be assessed by <i>viva voce</i> examination for all research awards except for the Master by Research.	
<b>D6.2</b>	Master by Research and <b>Master of Laws (LLM) by Research</b> will normally be assessed by thesis only, though examiners may request a <i>viva voce</i> examination as a means of helping to determine difficult or borderline cases.	Master by Research will normally be assessed by thesis only, though examiners may request a <i>viva voce</i> examination as a means of helping to determine difficult or borderline cases.	
<b>Section E</b>			
<b>E3.4 (new)</b>	<p>A student enrolled on an NMC approved pre-registration theory or practice module will be entitled to one reassessment opportunity in that module. In exceptional circumstances a Programme Assessment Board has the discretion to permit one further reassessment opportunity.</p> <p>a) If only one component of assessment is used, a student who does not meet the requirements</p>	n/a	Paper QS(23/24)41 to underline reassessment regulations related to these programmes.

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	<p>of Regulation E3.1 or Regulation E3.2 will be reassessed in that component.</p> <p>b) If two components of assessment are used, a student who does not meet the requirements of Regulation E3.1 or Regulation E3. 2 will be reassessed in any component where a mark of 40 per cent or a pass grade has not been achieved as appropriate.</p> <p>c) In providing student with the opportunity to make good any initial assessment failure account will be taken of Regulations A7.11, A7.12, A7.13 and Regulations E3.1 and E3.2 as appropriate.</p>		
<b>E4.3</b>	(regulation removed)	Students on a programme of study leading to an award registered with RCOT (Occupational Therapy) are prevented from progressing in the pre-registration programme should they fail their first attempt at consecutive practice-based learning components. In these circumstances the	Paper QS(23/24)41 to reflect changes in PSRB requirements.

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		Programme Assessment Board will withdraw the student from the programme.	
<b>Section F</b>			
<b>F3.20c)</b>	Students must achieve an additional 80 programme-specific SCQF level 10 credits from practice modules. In addition, comprising of at least 1000 hours of successful practice experience.	Students must achieve an additional 80 programme-specific SCQF level 10 credits from practice modules, all at the first attempt. In addition, comprising of at least 1000 hours of successful practice experience.	Paper QS(23/24)41 to reflect changes in PSRB requirements.
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<b>Section G</b>	No change.		

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