Key Changes to Postgraduate Assessment Regulations for Research Degrees 2017/18

Clarification of regulations relating to MSc by Research degrees.

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<td><strong>Section E</strong></td>
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<td>Some MSc by Research programmes are examined by Boards of Examiners within Schools. The regulations refer to the Taught Assessment Regulations regarding the operation of these Boards, although the programmes themselves are governed by the PGR Assessment Regulations. Schools will inform students at the beginning of an MSc by Research programme which approach will be taken to examination for their programme.</td>
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<td><strong>50 Award of MSc by Research</strong></td>
<td>In order to be awarded the degree of MSc by Research, students must pass at least 180 credits’ worth of courses. This may include the award of credits on aggregate for up to 40 credits. Where credit on aggregate is offered, the provisions of the Taught Assessment Regulations (under “Postgraduate assessment progression”) apply.</td>
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<td>54 Revisions</td>
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