

## Key Changes to Postgraduate Assessment Regulations for Research Degrees 2020/21

Regulation	What has changed
Throughout	<p>Hyperlinks updated as necessary.</p> <p>References to Curriculum and Student Progression Committee amended to Academic Policy and Regulations Committee.</p>
15 Repeat progression review	<p><b>Amended</b> to state that, “Where a student is offered a repeat progression review under 14(b), the repeat review must be undertaken within three months of the date of issue of the progression decision to the student.”</p> <p>This change clarifies that a repeat progression review is not required for other annual progression review recommendations (for example when recommending exclusion or registration for a different degree).</p>
22-24 Examiner recommendations (PhD, PhD by Research Publications, MPhil)	<p>(b) <b>deleted</b> “without further supervision”.</p> <p>This change clarifies that supervisors often provide a great deal of support in the final stages thesis completion.</p>
25 Thesis Resubmission	<p>25.3 <b>Amended</b> to state that examiners may hold a second oral examination if they consider it appropriate.</p> <p>This change clarifies that, in line with the regulations on examiner recommendations, a second oral examination is not always required.</p>
26 Academic misconduct	<p><b>Deleted</b> reference to Students’ Association peer proof-reading service as this service is not currently being offered.</p>
44 Final version of the thesis	<p><b>Amended</b> to remove reference to hard copy submission, pending Library move to electronic only submission mid-2020. The move to electronic only submission was brought forward in March 2020 to address Covid-19 issues.</p> <p>The move to electronic only submission of the final thesis will promote equality of opportunity for students who may have left Edinburgh, and particularly international students who may have left the UK, and would incur additional costs in submitting a hard copy.</p>