

UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN

QUALITY ASSURANCE COMMITTEE

REGULATORY CHANGES FOR INTRODUCTION IN 2024/2025**1. PURPOSE OF THE PAPER**

The purpose of this paper is to seek the **approval** of the Quality Assurance Committee (QAC), for onward consideration of the Senate, for the attached *appendix A* comprising Changes to Regulations for Various Degrees.

2. PREVIOUS CONSIDERATION BY /FURTHER APPROVAL REQUIRED

	Board/Committee	Date
Previously considered/ approved by:	Academic Policy and Regulations Group (APRG)	4 September 2024
	Quality Assurance Committee (QAC)	25 September 2024

3. RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Quality Assurance Committee is asked to **approve** the regulatory changes in the attached *Appendix A*.

4. DISCUSSION

- 4.1 The regulatory changes to be introduced with effect from 2024/25 are included in the attached *Appendix A*. This Resolutions enacts the changes in Degree Regulations as recommended by the Academic Policy and Regulations Group (APRG).
- 4.2 The change pertains to the **General Regulations for Postgraduate Research**. The proposed change in respect of the postgraduate research regulations is the addition of 'development' in relation to the monitoring of student progress, in order that it is clear to students that it is both progress and development which are considered on a bi-annual basis.
- 4.3 It has been agreed with the Clerk to Senate that the resolution as it stands will not proceed to Senate in its current form, and the amendment to the regulation should be approved by QAC with a footnote added to the regulations that the change will be subject to resolution. Thereafter, the amendment to the regulation will be included in the Omnibus Resolution in its consideration at Senate and Court at an appropriate time in the academic year.

5. FURTHER INFORMATION

Further information is available from Liam Dyker, Administrative Officer (liam.dyker2@abdn.ac.uk) or Rhiannon Thompson, PGRS Engagement Manager (r.thompson@abdn.ac.uk).

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DRAFT RESOLUTION NO x OF 2024 [CHANGES IN REGULATIONS FOR VARIOUS DEGREES]

After consultation with the Senatus Academicus, the University Court, at its meeting on < > passed the following Resolution:

1. On the recommendation of the Senatus Academicus, the following changes to Degree Regulations are hereby approved.
2. This Resolution shall come into force on the fifteenth day of September, two thousand and twenty-four.

1. GENERAL REGULATIONS FOR RESEARCH DEGREES

Regulation 27

In the existing regulation, following 'progress', insert 'and development'.

In the existing regulation, replace 'has' with 'have'.

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| <p>27. The Senatus Academicus shall in respect of candidates admitted for degrees by research obtain bi-annual reports as to whether their progress <u>and development</u> has <u>have</u> been satisfactory. If the Senatus Academicus is of the opinion on consideration of the reports that a candidate's progress is unsatisfactory, it shall have the power to recommend to the Senatus Academicus that their candidature for the degree be terminated, or moved to a lower award, as appropriate. It is the duty of every candidate whose performance has been or is likely to be impaired by any circumstances to inform the Senatus Academicus and the Head(s) of the relevant School(s) accordingly in writing at the earliest opportunity, but in any case not later than the date on which the candidate submits the thesis for examination.</p> |
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