



# **Academic Regulations: Version History**

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**Information Point:** Academic Council, on 23/04/09, approved the consolidation of *General Regulations, Regulations for Undergraduate and Graduate Taught Programmes, Regulations for Research Masters Degree* and *Regulations for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy* into one document, **Academic Regulations**. Please note that references in this document to regulatory amendments made before 23/04/09 refer to the sections of three discrete regulatory documents and may not match up to the consolidated *Academic Regulations* sections. In addition, Academic Council, on 10/12/09 approved *Regulations for the Degree of Doctor of Medicine (MD)*, on 08/12/2010 approved *Regulations for the Degrees of Doctor of Nursing (DN) and Doctor of Midwifery (DM)*, and on the delegated authority of Academic Council, UGPB approved the *Regulations for the Doctor of Governance* on 30/11/2011.



## General Regulations, Regulations for Undergraduate and Graduate Taught Programmes

Affected Section(s)	Description of Change to Regulations	Date AC or ACEC approval
3.1	Further revision to the awards table with regard to the Professional Diploma in Education.	08.12.2011
6.3	Inclusion of Professional Diploma in Education in the UCD taught awards honours classification table	08.12.2011
3.1	The awards table was updated to include the newly approved Professional Diploma in Education – a level 8 major award	26.10.2011 (UUPB/UG PB) – on the delegated authority of AC (22.09.11)
Intro- duction	The statement clarifying that the regulations in force where a student re-registers are the regulations that govern them was amended to refer to all students when they (re-)register. A caveat relating to accommodate pre-2006 PhD students returning from a leave of absence was inserted.	28.04.2011
2.5	Following on from the review/development of a leave of absence academic policy, it is no longer a requirement that retrospective applications be approved by the relevant University Programme Board. Rather, these decisions are now made by the relevant governing board of the programme. The regulation was amended accordingly.	28.04.2011
2.6.1	The text was amended to refer to 're-admission' and not 're-entry'.	28.04.2011
3.9.4	The regulation was amended to automatically exempt clinical/work placement modules normally in a professional or clinical environment and modules off-campus from offering elective places. Note: campus is understood to refer to Belfield and Blackrock.	28.04.2011
4.1	The second paragraph distinguishing between undergraduate and graduate Module Co-ordinators was deleted.	28.04.2011
Intro- duction (new)	Introduction to Academic Regulations expanded to include: 1/ a description of what Academic Regulations are, 2/ the dates of approval of each section of regulations, 3/ the review process and, 4/ a statement that the regulations in force where a student re-registers are the regulations that govern them	17.06.2010
1.7, 1.9	Amendment to the regulations to: 1/ clarify who may be a Module Co-ordinator and lines of responsibility for a module, including non-UCD modules, 2/ differentiate between School-level and Module Co-ordinator responsibilities, and 3/ expand the text regarding School-level responsibility for modules.	17.06.2010



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2.4	Insertion of 'regular and punctual' in relation to student attendance.	17.06.2010
2.5	Insertion of text to regulate that retrospective leave of absence is not normally permitted.	17.06.2010
2.6, 2.6.1 (new)	Insertion of a new regulation governing withdrawal and re-entry from a programme and the University.	17.06.2010
Section 3	Re-titled Section 3 to include 'Awards' in the title.	17.06.2010
3.1	<p>Changed the <u>title of the sub-section</u> to 'Awards' and inserted references to NQAI levels and award types in the introduction to this sub-section.</p> <p><u>Level 8 Honours Bachelor Degree</u> Amended the wording of the regulation to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clarify credit requirements,</li> <li>Allow for a five-stage programme and,</li> <li>Include Honours Bachelor Degree (professional).</li> </ol> <p><u>MD Degree</u> Created a separate category for the Doctor of Medicine (MD) Degree.</p>	17.06.2010
3.3, 3.3.3 and 3.3.4 (new)	<p><u>Regulation 3.3:</u> Inserted a new introduction to the 'Governance and Management of Programmes' section</p> <p><u>Regulation 3.3.3:</u> Inserted a new sub-section to regulate for the governance and management of programmes leading to minor, supplemental and special purpose awards.</p> <p><u>Regulation 3.3.4:</u> Inserted a new sub-section to regulate for the governance and management of programmes at NQAI level 6.</p>	17.06.2010
4.13	Replaced "external" with "extern"	17.06.2010
Section 5	Changed the section title to 'Completion, Compensation, Remediation, Progression and Continuation'	17.06.2010
5.7.1 and 5.14	Deleted reference to WX grade (5.7.1) and clarified text regarding W and WX grades (5.14)	17.06.2010
5.10	Inserted "normally" with regard to component grades carrying forward for repeats	17.06.2010
5.16 and 5.16.1	Re-worded the continuation regulation (5.16) so that it states that the decision regarding eligibility to continue on a programme lies with the University Programme Board and not the Programme Board. Re-worded regulation 5.16.1 as per regulation 5.16.	17.06.2010
Section 6	Changed the section title (deleted "degree")	17.06.2010



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6.2.3	Change the calculation of the 'undergraduate final and penultimate stages (weighted)' degree from 70%/30% to a factor of 7/3.	17.06.2010
1.9, 4.9, Title of Section 5, 5.10, 5.10.1, 5.12.1	Amendment to the regulations to reflect re-sits and repeats changes as contained in the <i>Policy on Re-sits, Repeats and Condonation</i> , approved by Academic Council on 23/04/09.	10.06.2009
Global	<i>General Regulations, General Regulations for Undergraduate and Graduate Taught Programmes, Regulations for Research Masters Degrees and Regulations for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy</i> were consolidated into one document entitled <i>Academic Regulations</i> .	23.04.2009
Global	Based on the recommendations of the Academic Regulations Review Group the <i>Academic Regulations</i> were revised to reflect: 1/ re-titling of committees, 2/ changes in existing delegated authority, and 3/ functions of new Academic Council committees.	23.04.2009
3.2	Amendment to the wording of programme credit accumulation structure for University Diploma, Higher Diploma, Masters Degree (Research), Doctoral Degree (research) and Doctoral Degree (professional) to reflect changes to periods of registration for the Research Masters and PhD Degrees.	23.04.2009
3.3.2	Amendment to the wording of the regulation to clarify the relationship of the Graduate School Board, Graduate Taught Programmes Board and Programme Examination Board.	23.04.2009
3.5	Amendment to reflect the establishment of subjects and procedures for the emergence of a subject and appointment of Head of Subject.	23.04.2009
3.9.2, 6.1, 6.1.1, 6.1.2	Amendment to reflect the establishment of subjects. Amendment to reflect the development of "flattened stage" programmes.	23.04.2009
3.9.6	Amendment to the wording of the regulation to clarify the provision of elective places within modules	23.04.2009
4.4.2	Amendment to the description of the module grade of IX.	23.04.2009
Section 5	Section 5 – Compensation, Remediation, Progression and Continuation now regulates for undergraduate and graduate taught programmes. Previously, Section 5 regulated for undergraduate programmes and a separate section regulated for graduate taught programmes.	23.04.2009
5.18, 5.18.1	The regulation regarding exclusion has been reworded as eligibility to continue on a programme as opposed to exclusion from the University.	23.04.2009
Section 6	Section 6 – Honours Classification of Degree Awards now regulates for undergraduate and graduate taught programmes. Previously, Section 6 regulated for undergraduate programmes and a separate section regulated for graduate taught programmes.	23.04.2009



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6.1	Change to the minimum proportion of credits constituting a major within an honours bachelor degree programme from 2/3 to 5/6.	23.04.2009
6.3	An Honours Classification table clarifies the classification of the overall awards for all of the University's programmes up to level 9, consolidating a number of previous regulations into regulation 6.3.	23.04.2009
3.2	Mapping of special purpose and supplemental awards into the regulations and inclusion of award type, and change to description of credit volumes and levels for Masters Degree (research) and Doctoral Degree (research) in table within regulation 3.2	10.10.2008
5.11 5.13	Change to classification of compensated E grade from E(C) to PC.	10.10.2008
7.14, 7.14.1 7.19	Minor edits to regulation numbering.	10.10.2008
7.27	Change to language regarding classification of graduate taught degree awards.	10.10.2008
2.6 (new)	Addition of new section regarding registration for multiple programmes.	17.04.2008
3.2 (Table of Awards)	Change title to 'Programme Credit Accumulation Structure'.	17.04.2008
	Add maximum level 0 credits for all level 8 awards.	
	Add new awards approved by Academic Council in December 2007.	
	Add minimum level 2 credits for Honours Bachelor Degree.	
	Change language for Higher Diploma credits.	
	Change credit range for Masters Degree (Taught) and Masters Degree (Research).	
6.6.2	Add language to clarify that this section only applies to University Certificates and Diplomas.	17.04.2008
Section C	Delete Programme Specification Framework.	17.04.2008
2.5.1 (new)	Add section to clarify that students are expected to participate in all activities, including attendance, associated with all of the modules they register to.	14.12.2007
6.4.1	Amend section to - (1) explain that the Programme Examination Board <b>may</b> classify the overall award to each graduate, (2) clarify exact title of awards that are eligible for honours classification i.e. University (Level 8) Certificate or Higher Diploma.	14.12.2007



Affected Section(s)	Description of Change to Regulations	Date AC or ACEC approval
6.4.2 (new)	Add section to provide for award of distinction for University (Level 7) Certificates and University Diplomas and explain method of calculation.	14.12.2007
6.6.1	Amend section to clarify exact title of awards that are eligible for honours classification i.e. University (Level 8) Certificate or Higher Diploma.	14.12.2007
6.6.2 (new)	Add section to detail the minimum GPA required to given an award of distinction.	14.12.2007
Title	Change title of document from 'Modularisation & Semesterisation General Regulations' to 'Academic Regulations: General Regulations, Regulations for Undergraduate Programmes and Regulations for Taught Graduate Programmes'.	04.10.2007
Global	Change all references of 'postgraduate' to 'graduate'.	04.10.2007
2.3, 2.3.1, 2.4, 2.4.1	Change titles of sections to refer to <u>student workload</u> .	04.10.2007
2.5 (new)	Add section to specify that student wishing to apply for a leave of absence must apply to their Programme Board or Graduate School Board.	04.10.2007
3.3.2	Amend section to clarify that Graduate School Boards may delegate responsibility for graduate taught programmes to a Graduate Taught Programme Board.	04.10.2007
3.3.3 (new)	Add section to clarify that where a matter calls for approval by ACEC, it may delegate this responsibility to UUPB and/or UGPB.	04.10.2007
5.1	Amend section to: (1) explain that at the end of the semester the Programme Exam Board determines whether a student has completed an attempt at a stage, (2) clarify that that WL, WX, I and IX grades are considered attempts for purposes of determining whether a student has completed an attempt at a stage and that W and AU grades are not considered attempts and (3) to explain that when the Programme Exam Board determines that a student has completed an attempt at a stage, they then determine whether the student can compensate E grades and progress to the next stage.	04.10.2007
5.2	Amend section to explain that when the Programme Exam Board determines that a student has NOT completed an attempt at a stage, they can still determine that the student has achieved sufficient credit to progress to the next stage.	04.10.2007
5.27	Amend section to clarify that a full semester course load is normally 30 ECTS credits but 20 ECTS credits at a minimum.	04.10.2007
5.29.2 (new)	Add section to clarify that students can take modules from the next stage in advance of progressing when they are registered for a repeat stage but that they cannot register to modules in Stage n if they have not completed the credit requirements of Stage n-2 unless they have the approval of the Programme Board.	04.10.2007



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7.1	Amend section to clarify that that WL, WX, I and IX grades are considered attempts for purposes of determining whether a students has completed an attempt at a stage and that W and AU grades are not considered attempts.	04.10.2007
3.2	Amend table re programmes and awards to clarify that 240 credit degrees require a minimum of 90 ECTS credits at level 3 or above.	12.09.2007
3.11.1	Change minimum credits of structured electives from 20 credits to 15 credits as per approved Electives Policy.	12.09.2007
3.11.5	Add language to section to emphasize programmes' requirement to provide sufficient modules for students to take all elective credits within subject areas as per approved Electives Policy.	12.09.2007
3.12-3.15	Add titles to sections to be consistent with all of Section 3.	12.09.2007
4.4	Add grade description to NG grade.	12.09.2007
4.4.2	Amend section to clarify that students seeking to withdraw late from a module must do so before the end of week 13.	12.09.2007
4.4.2	Delete NW grade and grade descriptor from table. (See proposal re eliminating NW grade.)	12.09.2007
4.5	Amend module component grade scale to include grade of NG.	12.09.2007
5.2, 7.1	Change Section regarding what constitutes an attempt at a stage to reflect that a WX is not considered as representing a full attempt at a module.	12.09.2007
5.8	Change section regarding pass/fail modules to reflect that a fail is grade point 1.0 instead of zero. This change is consistent with the pass/fail grade scale in Section 4.4.1	12.09.2007
5.16, 5.16.1, 7.15.1, 7.16	Add title to sections to differentiate between repeats and resit assessments.	12.09.2007
5.16, 7.15.1	Amend section to clarify that a grade a D- or better awarded for any repeat attempt is capped at 2.0.	12.09.2007
5.20, 7.17	Amend section re grades for repeats and resit assessments to clarify that the grade point for any passing grade on a repeat or resit is capped at 2.0.	12.09.2007
4.5	Add module component grade scale to regulations.	07.03.2007



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5.24, 7.18.3	Add G and NG grades to list of non passing grades.	07.03.2007
5.14-5.20, 7.13.1-7.17	Major substantive changes to text of repeat sections to reflect current policy on repeats and resit assessments.	07.03.2007
5.11, 5.13 7.9, 7.11	Change compensation GPA from 2.25 to 2.0.	07.03.2007
5.11 7.9	Change E(C) grade point from 2.0 to 1.6.	07.03.2007
5.11, 5.13 7.9, 7.11	Global Change: Change P(C) to E(C) for a compensated E grade.	07.03.2007
4.5	Add module component grade scale.	07.03.2007
4.4.3	Grade of IP is now grade neutral.	07.03.2007
4.4.2	Add NG grade to P/F DS/P/F grade scale.	07.03.2007
4.4.1	Minor change to description of F, G and NG grades.	07.03.2007
2.3.1	Students re-sitting a module are now exempted from the minimum and maximum workload for full-time undergraduate students per semester (40 credits) and year (70 credits).	07.03.2007
1.6	Add definition of 'required module' to reflect current repeats policy.	07.03.2007
Global	Global change: Post graduate to graduate.	07.03.2007
4.4.1	Amended grading scale as follows: changed grade point of E grade from 1.8 to 1.6, and of F grade from 0 to 1.0; added G grade with grade point of 0.4 and NG grade with grade point of 0.0.	08.11.2006
5.13	Eliminated possibility of designating a pre-requisite as not passable compensation and requiring minimum grade of D- to satisfy the requirement.	08.11.2006
2.3.1	Eliminated the requirement of Programme Board approval for students wishing to pursue a greater or lesser amount of credits than 30 per semester (minimum 20 credits, maximum 40 credits).	08.11.2006



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3.11.2	Changed the timing of the credit minimums for majors and minors from “across the programme” to “across the last two stages of the programme” for each of the modes (i.e., single major, major (with minor), joint major and minor).	08.11.2006
3.2, Frame- work Specifi- cation Table p. 28	Changed the number of ECTS credits required at Level 3 or above for 180 credit honours bachelor degrees from 50 and 60 ECTS credits to 40 ECTS credits.	08.11.2006
1.3, 7.22, 7.23	Correction of minor typographical errors.	08.11.2006



## Regulations for Research Masters Degree

Affected Section(s)	Description of Change to Regulations	Date AC or ACEC approval
8.6.1	'Extend their registration' was replaced with 'continue in the programme beyond the prescribed period of registration' (recommendation from the Policy Working Group on Leave of Absence, Extension and Withdrawal).	28.04.2011
14.1.3	The text was amended to clarify the process of nomination, recommendation, approval and appointment of the extern examiner. In alignment with the PhD Regulations, a sentence was inserted specifying that the extern examiner should be a recognised expert in the area of research of the thesis.	28.04.2011
14.6.1, 14.6.2 and 14.6.3	Text inserted stating that the Chair of the Research Masters Examination Committee informs the candidate and the Principal Supervisor of the recommendation of the Examination Committee.	28.04.2011
8.6	In alignment with PhD and MD Regulations, retrospective registration is not permitted.	17.06.2010
10.3.1	The definition of what constitutes masters level research activity was moved from the PhD regulations and inserted as a new regulation in the Research Masters regulations.	17.06.2010
11.2	Amended the text to read that a student is entitled to receive a transcript where the Assessment Panel recommends that their registration be terminated.	17.06.2010
13.2 and 13.2.1	Inserted text in relation to thesis length for research masters theses. Moved the last sentence of existing regulation 13.2 to a new subsection (13.2.1). There was no amendment to the existing text.	17.06.2010
13.3 and 13.4	Replaced "Three copies" with "The appropriate number of copies" and "Assessment" with "the Student Desk"	17.06.2010
14.1.1	Revised this regulation as per the current process for appointing an internal examiner	17.06.2010
14.1.2	Deleted "normally" with regard to the Principal Supervisor acting as an internal examiner	17.06.2010
14.1.4	Inserted a new regulation for cases where the candidate is a known academic (the same regulation as PhD Regulation 22.1.4) and where there may be a conflict of interest in other situations.	17.06.2010
14.2 and 14.3	New regulations regarding conflict of interest and confidentiality inserted here (in line with recently approved MD regulations).	17.06.2010
14.4	Inserted a sentence regarding procedures for a <i>viva voce</i> examination.	17.06.2010
14.6.1	Deleted "major or minor" with regard to corrections; replaced "an internal examiner" with "the Chair of the Research Masters Examination Committee (or nominee – normally an Internal Examiner)"	17.06.2010



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Global	Based on the recommendations of the Academic Regulations Review Group the <i>Academic Regulations</i> were revised to reflect: 1/ re-titling of committees, 2/ changes in existing delegated authority, and 3/ functions of new Academic Council committees.	23.04.2009
Global	Amendment to relevant sections to clarify that the responsibility for the admission, supervision and assessment of students registered to Research Masters programmes lies primarily with the Head of School and College Graduate School Boards.	23.04.2009
10.3	Amendment to reflect changes to periods of registration for the Research Masters Degree programme.	23.04.2009
10.8	Insertion of additional section to reflect the importance of structured monitoring of the progress of students.	23.04.2009
11.1 Section 11	Amendment to clarify transfer options for students from the Research Masters to PhD Degree, including minimum registration period Amend the section title to reflect the transfer process rather than a progression route.	23.04.2009
13.3, 13.4, 13.5, 14.6	Amendment to reflect the role of Assessment, UCD Registry in the management of graduate research degree theses.	23.04.2009
7.1	Consolidation of Section 7 by: Removing the tables referencing the Research Masters Degrees these regulations apply to, Removing the table listing the Research Masters Degrees a College may prepare a student for, and Amendment to the wording to emphasise the fundamental elements of the Research Masters Degree and to identify the additional personal and professional development elements it may also include.	23.04.2009
8.1	Deletion of sentence regarding specialist Research Masters Degree programmes.	23.04.2009
10.2	Insertion of 'nominal' to clarify that the University records work conducted in the pursuit of research degrees on a nominal credit basis.	23.04.2009



## Regulations for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy

Affected Section(s)	Description of Change to Regulations	Date AC or ACEC approval
16.6.2	'Extend their registration' was replaced with 'continue in the programme beyond the prescribed period of registration' (recommendation from the Policy Working Group on Leave of Absence, Extension and Withdrawal).	28.04.2011
19.4	'Candidate' was changed to 'student' in order to make the terminology within the PhD Regulations more consistent.	28.04.2011
22.1.3	The text was amended to clarify the process of nomination, recommendation, approval and appointment of the extern examiner.	28.04.2011
22.6.1, 22.6.2 and 22.6.3	Text inserted stating that the Chair of the Research Masters Examination Committee informs the candidate and the Principal Supervisor of the recommendation of the Examination Committee.	28.04.2011
18.3.1	Moved the definition of what constitutes masters level research activity from this regulation into the Research Masters regulation (10.3.1)	17.06.2010
19.2	Amended the text to read that a student is entitled to receive a transcript where the Assessment Panel recommends that their registration be terminated.	17.06.2010
21.2 and 21.2.1	Inserted text in relation to thesis length for PhD theses. Moved the last sentence of existing regulation 21.2 to a new subsection (21.2.1). There was no amendment to the existing text.	17.06.2010
21.3 and 21.4	Replaced "Three copies" with "The appropriate number of copies" and "Assessment" with "the Student Desk"	17.06.2010
22.1.4	Expanded existing regulation to allow for the appointment of a second extern examiner where the Graduate School Board considers a potential conflict of interest may arise, additional to where the candidate is a full-time member of the academic staff of the University or another constituent university or recognised College of the NUI.	17.06.2010
22.2 and 22.3	New regulations regarding conflict of interest and confidentiality inserted here (in line with recently approved MD regulations).	17.06.2010
22.5.2	Clarified the process where the examiners do not agree that a thesis is suitable for examination	17.06.2010
22.6.1	Deleted "major or minor" with regard to corrections and replaced "an internal examiner" with "the Chair of the Research Masters Examination Committee (or nominee – normally an Internal Examiner)"	17.06.2010
22.6.3	Clarified the situation where the examiners are in disagreement and cannot unanimously recommend that the degree be awarded	17.06.2010



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Global	Amendment of relevant sections to clarify that the responsibility for the admission, supervision and assessment of students registered to Research Masters programmes lies primarily with the Head of School and College Graduate School Boards.	23.04.2009
16.6, 18.3	Amendment to reflect changes to periods of registration for PhD Degrees	23.04.2009
21.3, 21.4, 21.5, 22.7	Amendment to reflect the role of Assessment, UCD Registry in the management of PhD degree theses	23.04.2009
18.2, 18.5, 18.7, 18.9	Insertion of 'nominal' to clarify that the University records work conducted in the pursuit of research degrees on a nominal credit basis.	23.04.2009
4.6	Addition of transferable skills training to description of modules that PhD students may undertake; and specification of the role of the College Graduate School Board in determining the volume of credit for taught modules that PhD students are required to achieve.	10.10.2008
3.2	Delegation of authority to approve Adjunct and Visiting Staff as Principal Supervisors from ACEC to the UGPB and Minor change in language to clarify reference to Adjunct and Visiting Staff acting as Principal Supervisor.	14.12.2007
3.3	Deletion of regulation permitting appointment as Principal Supervisor of an individual who is not a member of staff of the University and not an approved Adjunct or Visiting member of staff of the University and Inclusion of new regulation allowing for Adjunct and Visiting Staff to act as additional supervisor, or advisor, with the approval of the Graduate School Board.	14.12.2007
6.2	Minor change of wording related to concurrent registration for more than one programme.	14.12.2007
8.9 – 8.14	Replacement of University Graduate Programmes Board with Academic Council Standing Committee on Examinations with respect to decision on the award of the PhD degree.	14.12.2007
3.2, 3.3, 3.7	Change in language to remove "affiliated" from references to Adjunct and Visiting Staff and/or Supervisors.	04.10.2007
3.5, 3.8	Addition to clarify exceptional circumstance allowing for the delegation of supervisory duties and obligations	04.10.2007



### Regulations for the Degree of Doctor of Medicine (MD)

Affected Section(s)	Description of Change to Regulations	Date AC or ACEC approval
24.4.1	'Extend their registration' was replaced with 'continue in the programme beyond the prescribed period of registration' (recommendation from the Policy Working Group on Leave of Absence, Extension and Withdrawal). In addition, 're-entry' was replaced with 're-admission'.	28.04.2011
30.1.3	The text was amended to clarify the process of nomination, recommendation, approval and appointment of the extern examiner.	28.04.2011
30.4.1, 30.4.2 and 30.4.3	Text inserted stating that the Chair of the Research Masters Examination Committee informs the candidate and the Principal Supervisor of the recommendation of the Examination Committee.	28.04.2011
24.4	Deleted "minimum" and used the term "normally" instead with regard to the registration period for an MD student	17.06.2010
25.6	Deleted references to named policies and replaced with "the relevant University policies"	17.06.2010
29.3 and 29.4	Replaced "Copies" with "The appropriate number of copies" and "Assessment" with "the Student Desk"	17.06.2010
30.1.4	Expanded existing regulation to allow for the appointment of a second extern examiner where the Graduate School Board considers a potential conflict of interest may arise, additional to where the candidate is a full-time member of the academic staff of the University or another constituent university or recognised College of the NUI.	17.06.2010
30.4.1	Deleted "major or minor" with regard to corrections	17.06.2010



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**Regulations for the Degrees of Doctor of Nursing (DN) and Doctor of Midwifery (DM)**

<b>Affected Section(s)</b>	<b>Description of Change to Regulations</b>	<b>Date AC or ACEC approval</b>
32.3.1	'Extend their registration' was replaced with 'continue in the programme beyond the prescribed period of registration' (recommendation from the Policy Working Group on Leave of Absence, Extension and Withdrawal). In addition, 're-entry' was replaced with 're-admission'.	28.04.2011
38.1.3	The text was amended to clarify the process of nomination, recommendation, approval and appointment of the extern examiner.	28.04.2011

