Proposed amendments to Regulations consequential on a change from upgrading to confirmation of PhD (or EngD) registration

The Board for Graduate Schools has agreed that the current procedure for upgrading from MPhil to PhD (or EngD) should be replaced, from October 2010, by a procedure for confirmation of PhD (or EngD) registration (M09-10/6). In consequence of this change, the following changes to the Regulations were approved by the Board, to take effect from 2010/11.

Regulation 2.1(p)

Existing text:

“All students are required to complete successfully the University Online Plagiarism tutorial before the end of the first stage or year of their programme of study. Students will not be considered for upgrading or thesis examination or award of a degree until confirmation of successful completion of the tutorial has been received. Failure to comply with this regulation may result in termination of registration with the University.”

Change to read:

“All students are required to complete successfully the University Online Academic Integrity Tutorial before the end of the first stage or year of their programme of study. Students will not be considered for confirmation of PhD/EngD registration or thesis examination or award of a degree until confirmation of successful completion of the tutorial has been received. Failure to comply with this regulation may result in termination of registration with the University.”

Regulation 2.5(d)

Existing text:

“A candidate intending to pursue a course of research for the degree of PhD will normally be required to register initially for the degree of MPhil. If transfer to PhD registration is subsequently approved by the Senate on the recommendation of the Board of Studies concerned, such registration will be effective from the date on which the candidate initially registered for the degree of MPhil.”
“A candidate intending to pursue a course of research for the degree of PhD will normally be required to register provisionally for that degree. Confirmation of PhD registration must be approved by the Senate, on the recommendation of the Board of Studies concerned, before the candidate may proceed to the award of the degree of PhD. If a Board of Studies decides not to recommend confirmation of PhD registration, it may recommend instead that the candidate should be allowed to submit a thesis for the award of the degree of MPhil, or a dissertation for the award of the degree of MA or MSc by research (where those degrees are available), subject to the normal regulations and requirements for those degrees.”

Regulation 2.7(f)

Existing text:

“A candidate intending to pursue a course of research for the degree of EngD will normally be required to register initially for the degree of MPhil. If transfer to EngD registration is subsequently approved by the Senate on the recommendation of the Board of Studies concerned, such registration will be effective from the date on which the candidate initially registered for the degree of MPhil.”

Change to read:

“A candidate intending to pursue a course of research for the degree of EngD will normally be required to register provisionally for that degree. Confirmation of EngD registration must be approved by the Senate, on the recommendation of the Board of Studies concerned, before the candidate may proceed to the award of the degree of EngD. If a Board of Studies decides not to recommend confirmation of EngD registration, it may recommend instead that the candidate should be allowed to submit a thesis for the award of the degree of MPhil, or a dissertation for the award of the degree of MSc by research (where that degree is available), subject to the normal regulations and requirements for that degree.”

Regulation 2.9(b)(viii)

Existing text:

“a decision not to recommend the transfer of a student registered for the degree of MPhil to registration for the degree of PhD, following a meeting of
his or her thesis advisory panel convened to consider whether or not such a transfer should be recommended; or”

Change to read:

“a decision not to recommend confirmation of a student’s registration for the degree of PhD or EngD, following a meeting of his or her thesis advisory panel convened to consider whether or not such confirmation should be recommended; or”