

APPENDIX TO MINUTE NO 224

CHANGES IN GENERAL REGULATIONS FOR FIRST DEGREES AND TAUGHT POSTGRADUATE AWARDS]

After consultation with the Senatus Academicus the University Court of the University of Aberdeen at its meeting on 26 September 2000 passed the following Resolution.

1. On the recommendation of the Senatus Academicus the changes in degree regulations set out below are hereby approved.
2. This Resolution shall come into force on the day on which it is passed by the University Court.

1. General Regulations for First Degrees

Regulation 4

To the first sentence of the existing Regulation add “, and shall normally be permitted to complete their degree programme by that mode of study, unless the relevant Undergraduate Programme Committee has agreed that a particular Honours programme may be undertaken by full-time study only.”

At the end of the Regulation add “In the case of an Honours programme any period of part-time study must normally be continuous and not exceed twice the period of full-time study permitted for completion of that Honours programme (or that part of it being undertaken by part-time study).”

Regulation 21

In Regulations 21.2 and 21.3 for “may apply to be awarded” substitute “shall be awarded”.

2. General Regulations for Taught Postgraduate Awards

Regulation 7

For the existing Regulation substitute the following and renumber subsequent Regulations accordingly.

- “7 Unless exemption is approved by the Academic Standards Committee (Postgraduate), on application, or unless, exceptionally, re-assessment has been permitted under Regulation 8, candidates may count towards a Postgraduate Award only the first result obtained by them in any prescribed element of assessment which contributes to such an Award. In addition, except where Regulation 8 or 9(b) applies, candidates may not count towards a Postgraduate Award any result unless it was obtained at the first occasion on which the assessment was available to candidates, during or following completion of the course(s) concerned.
8. Unless exemption is approved by the Academic Standards Committee (Postgraduate), on application, candidates who do not complete satisfactorily a prescribed element of assessment for any course at level 5 may be re-assessed in that element only in exceptional circumstances and on the unanimous recommendation of the examiners. In no circumstance shall any candidate be permitted to submit themselves for assessment in any element more than twice.
- 9 In the case of a candidate who has been unable to complete a prescribed element of assessment at the time prescribed by Regulation 7 on account of illness or other good cause,

- (a) the examiners may recommend the award of a Master's Degree or Postgraduate Diploma or Postgraduate Certificate, suitably designated, as appropriate, as if the relevant prescribed element of assessment had been completed, provided they are satisfied that a sufficient part of the total assessment for the postgraduate programme has been completed for them to pass judgement on the candidate's performance;
- (b) **if, but only if**, the examiners are unable to make a recommendation under sub-paragraph (a) above, the candidate may be allowed to count for the purposes of a Postgraduate Award the result of a subsequent opportunity of assessment in an element or elements not completed by them, subject to the permission of the Senatus Academicus on the recommendation of the Academic Standards Committee (Postgraduate).

It is the duty of every candidate whose performance has been or is likely to be impaired by any circumstances to inform the Clerk to the Academic Standards Committee (Postgraduate) and the Head(s) of the relevant Department(s) accordingly in writing at the earliest opportunity, and no later than one week after the date on which a candidate submitted or appeared for the assessment concerned.

10. A candidate who is registered for, but fails to satisfy the requirements of, a Master's Degree or a Postgraduate Diploma, or who elects not to proceed to further study, may, if otherwise qualified, be awarded a Postgraduate Diploma or Postgraduate Certificate, suitably designated, as appropriate. Candidates who have not satisfactorily completed the prescribed element(s) of assessment for a course or courses at level 5 will nevertheless be deemed to have satisfied the credit requirements for the award of a Master's Degree, Postgraduate Diploma or Postgraduate Certificate in respect of that course or courses if, on the basis of their overall performance, they are subsequently awarded the qualification concerned."