

## CHANGES TO WRITING UP REGULATIONS – UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN

### 4.1 EXTENSION TO PERIOD OF STUDY FOLLOWING COMPLETION OF SUPERVISED STUDY

**It is expected that research students will normally submit their theses by the end of their period of registered supervised study.** (Supervised study is the period for which tuition fees are charged). Students registered prior to 1 August 2010 are permitted an additional 12 month 'extension period' (previously writing-up period) for completion of the thesis, provided it does not run contrary to the requirements of their funding body. Changes to University of Aberdeen regulations for research postgraduates, approved by Senate on 10 February 2010, mean that students registered after 1 August 2010 are not automatically permitted a 12 month 'extension period' and must instead apply for a period of extension.

Students requiring additional supervision should complete a research student application for Extension to Supervised Study form, for which additional tuition fees are payable.

Research students approaching the end of their supervised study **must** complete an Application for Extension form three months prior to the termination of the period of supervised study. Students funded by one of the UK Research Councils, or other funding bodies, should note that they must comply with the requirement of their funding body as regards the length of period of study and deadline for submission of thesis. It is the expectation of Research Councils that full-time PhD students funded by them should submit their thesis for examination within four years of starting their programme of research. If an extension is required, this must be approved by the relevant Research Council in addition to having the approval of RDSC and University of Aberdeen. **It is the responsibility of the student and the Director of Studies to keep the Research Council informed of any delays in submission.**