

## SUMMARY OF CHANGES TO UNIVERSITY REGULATIONS FOR 2018-19

The main changes made to the suite of University Regulations for application in 2018-19 are set out below for ease of reference. Full details and copies of the Regulations can be directly accessed electronically via the Secretariat's website at: <http://secretariat.blogs.lincoln.ac.uk/university-regulations/>

### GENERAL REGULATIONS

#### Part A – Academic Offences

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Paragraph 2.1.1 has been updated to allow students undertaking postgraduate activity (which is not part of a full Master level programme and constitutes to no more than 60 M Level credits) to be dealt with under the Summary Procedure.</li> <li>A new paragraph 2.1.2 has been added to clarify that the Summary Procedure is not available to students accused of exam cheating, using 'ghost-writing' services, or where a previous allegation has been upheld.</li> <li>In light of the new Procedure for the Investigation of Misconduct in Research, a new paragraph has been inserted (in section 2.2 and section 17.1 of the PGR Regulations) to clarify that allegations of misconduct made against students will be dealt with outside of the University's Academic Offences regulations. For those cases referred to the Academic Offences Committee it shall make a decision on a case-by-case basis as to whether it is competent to examine the matter or whether it should be referred elsewhere.</li> </ul>
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#### Part B: Academic Review and Appeals

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students on degree apprenticeships are able to appeal the result of their End Point Assessment and the existing Review and Appeal procedures will include a new clause allowing degree apprenticeship students to request a review of a decision of the Independent Assessor who shall, in effect, be the Chair of the Board of Examiners.</li> <li>A new paragraph (1.7) has been added to provide further guidance concerning Review Requests and the role of the Extenuating Circumstances Panel.</li> <li>Section B8 on Confidentiality has been updated.</li> </ul>
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#### Part C – Student Conduct and Disciplinary Regulations

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New section (2.4) allows Heads of School (at Stage 1) in cases of household or personal disputes to refer the students to mediation via the Student Support Centre. This could be offered at any point but needs the consent of all parties. The procedure may continue in parallel if appropriate.</li> <li>A new paragraph/Appendix relating to a new joint process for handling noise complaints and anti-social behaviour involving student households has been incorporated into Section C.1</li> </ul>
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#### Part D (2) – Fitness to Practise Regulations: Programmes with the School of Health & Social Care

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This section has been revised to call the regulations: Part D (2) <i>Cause for Concern and Fitness to Practise Regulations (added words in italics)</i>.</li> <li>The word 'normally' has been inserted into section 6.1 to read '<i>The student will normally be given five working days' notice of the time and venue of the investigation interview by email and will be required to confirm attendance by email.</i>'</li> <li>Section 6.9 has been amended to read: "The Head of School will, no later than five working days after receipt of the report from the investigating officer, <i>consult in partnership with a member(s) of the SSLT</i> and will determine whether, in light of all of the evidence, the student has a case to answer and shall be referred to the Convenor of the School Fitness to Practise Panel."</li> <li>New section 17.1 has been added concerning student attendance at Panel meetings.</li> <li>References to MSc Occupational Health have been changed to MSc Occupational <i>Therapy</i>.</li> </ul>
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#### Part E – Student Complaints Procedure

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Student Complaints Panel has been removed and the Independent Reviewer role has been strengthened accordingly as set out in section E9.</li> </ul>
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#### Part K – Intellectual Property Policies

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The section has been updated to reflect the new Intellectual Property Policy.</li></ul>
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#### Part N – UK Visa and Immigration Compliance

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Minor updates including two new paragraphs (5 and 6) have been added in response to the latest Home Office guidance.</li></ul>
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#### Part P – Extenuating Circumstances

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Reference to 'Annex E' in section 11 removed as it no longer exists as it has been folded into the substantive regulations and Section 25 has been updated to refer to the operation of the Extenuating Circumstances Panel.</li></ul>
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### UNDERGRADUATE REGULATIONS

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Sections 4.4.1 and 4.4.2 re Interruption of Study and 4.5.3 on Change of Studies have been updated to reflect current processes.</li><li>Paragraph 5.7.1b) re Academic Offences has been updated to refer to the role of the Extenuating Circumstances Panel.</li><li>Annex B - Mode and Duration of Study: a new line has been added for Higher, Degree and Masters level Apprenticeships, part-time only, minimum duration 24 months and maximum duration 60 months.</li></ul>
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### TAUGHT POSTGRADUATE REGULATIONS

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Section 4.4.1 and 4.4.2 re Interruption of Study and 4.5.3 on Change of Studies have been updated to reflect current processes.</li><li>An extra sentence in Section 5.4.2 has been added about representative sample sizes for the Dissertation.</li><li>Section 5.6 on Awards has been clarified to state that APEL credits cannot be used in the calculation of Merit and Distinction.</li><li>Sections 5.6.3 to 5.6.5 have been re-ordered to make its application clearer.</li><li>Paragraph 5.7.1b) re Academic Offences has been updated to refer to the role of the Extenuating Circumstances Panel.</li><li>A new section 5.10 has been inserted relating to Aegrotat awards reflecting a similar section in the Undergraduate Regulations.</li><li>Annex B (Mode and Duration of Study) for the Professional Doctorate section has been updated to read: Professional Doctorate (Doctor of Philosophy (Professional), removal of the full and part time references and to state that the minimum length is 27 months and the maximum length is 72 months (as agreed by Academic Board in April 2017) to align with the Professional Doctorate Regulations.</li></ul>
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### RESEARCH DEGREES REGULATIONS

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Section 2.4 replaces 'Training Needs Analysis' with Research Development Needs Analysis'.</li><li>Sections 8.1, 11.4, 12.4c and 14.3c have been slightly revised and updated to provide clarity on Supervision; Examiners; First Examination; and Thesis Submission respectively.</li><li>Section 10.6 (Examinations) incorporates the following sentence: '<i>Where the degree of PhD involves a joint or dual award with another institution, the relevant CRDB will satisfy itself as to the equivalency and suitability of any mutually agreed examination arrangements</i>'.</li><li>Section 17 has been updated to refer to the role of the Academic Offences Committee.</li></ul>
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#### Annex A – Interruption of Study

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>New Sections have been added to provide guidance relating to leave requests for pregnancy and paternity leave.</li></ul>
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#### Annex B – Doctor of Philosophy by Published Work

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>New Section 9 has been added re joint publications</li></ul>
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#### Annex C – Professional Doctorate Regulations

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Section 3.5 has been updated to align the Professional Doctorate Regulations with University Accreditation of Prior Learning policy.</li></ul>
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