

## Changes to the Academic Handbook during 2020/21

### Volume 1 – Regulations and Academic Procedures

Vol	Section	Detail of Change	Approval date
1	Section 5: Mitigating Circumstances	Guidance for staff and students has been published which summarises the changes made for 2020/21.	30.06.2020
1	10.11 - 'Regulations for the Professional Graduate Certificate in Education (post-compulsory education and training) PGCE (PcET) Prof Cert Ed (PcET)'.	Corrected pass mark to '40%', paragraphs 5 and 7.	02.11.2020
1	4.3 'Guidance on Assessment Marking'	The paragraphed sections of the document have largely been removed, it now consists of a three-page introduction/explanation followed by both the comprehensive tabled descriptors and their summarised versions.	02.11.2020
1	8.1 'Unfair Practice Procedure' and 8.10 'Unfair Practice Committee of Enquiry Notes of Guidance for Chairs and Members'	Removes reference to a separate case presenter.	17.11.2020
1	11.01A 'Regulations for MPhil and PhD'  11.01C 'Doctoral Degree Regulations' (effective from Oct 2020)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Opportunity for another attempt (with specific conditions/provisos) if an AMR is not approved.</li> <li>- Addition of supervisor meeting record section.</li> <li>- Clarification of requirement for candidates to 'review' supervisor comments.</li> </ul>	15.01.2021
1	7.6 Appeals Procedure (Postgraduate Research Degree) 7.7 Application Form for Postgrad Research Degree Appeal 7.8 Appeals Procedure (Unfair Practice)	Removed references to postal address and hard-copy appeal forms.	19.04.2021



1	05.1E - Mitigating Circumstances Procedure	Deadline for submission of Self Certification amended to one minute before the submission deadline for an assessment. Also: a- An amendment to 10(i) to take account of the submission deadline change above; b- An amendment to clarify 17c; c- An amendment to further simplify 18	24.09.21
1	05.1E - Mitigating Circumstances Procedure	Addition of an appeals stage.	05.10.21

## **Volume 2- Quality Procedures and Processes**

*Please note that in the light of the global COVID-19 pandemic, all programme design, approval, monitoring and review processes may be subject to change in order to facilitate ongoing effective quality assurance and enhancement that is responsive to changing needs and demands. Should you have any queries about content in this volume, please contact QED colleagues.*

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2	9.2 - 'Collaborative Provision Principles and Procedures'.	Removed paragraph 30 'Annual Review of Partnerships', as this process has been discontinued by AQSC.	03.11.2020
2	1.4A 'Module Descriptor Guidance Notes' and 1.4B 'Modules Descriptor Template'	Addition of guidance re: Learning Outcomes.	19.01.2021
2	10.4 'Progression to University Programmes: Agreement Template (International)	Updated 'in compliance with the General Data Protection Regulations'.  to 'in compliance with all the relevant UK privacy legislation.	25.01.2021

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RDC – Research Degrees Committee