

Summary of Key Changes for 2015-16 Edition of the *University Calendar*

Please note that the regulations in the new edition of the Calendar apply to all students. The only exception to this rule is that continuing students will be governed by the degree regulations in place in the year of first registration on their current programme of study. (For Honours students, this means the year in which they commenced their Honours programme.)

Fees and General Information for Students

There are two new sections:

- 31 Policy Statement on Students' Recording of Lectures
- 34 Fitness to Study Procedure (*the new policy and further information will be published online for the start of the session*)

The latter sections of Fees and General have therefore been re-numbered, including the Plagiarism Statement, the Code of Student Conduct, Fitness to Practise Procedure and the Code of Practice on Unacceptable Behaviour.

The following changes have been made to current regulations in Fees and General:

1. Code of Assessment – definition of Good Cause (s. 16.45(a))

The definition of good cause has been amended slightly, to remove the word 'unforeseen', as follows:

Good cause refers to the sudden ~~unforeseen~~ onset of illness or adverse circumstances affecting the student. It is not intended to apply to chronic or persistent illness or to long-term adverse personal circumstances. Where there is a chronic medical condition good cause shall only be established where the candidate's performance in assessment has been compromised by a sudden severe episode of the illness.

The word 'unforeseen' was considered unnecessary and potentially ambiguous. This change of wording has been replicated in the Code of Academic Appeals (s. 26.3.5).

Further information on the operation of Incomplete Assessment and Good Cause is included in the [Guide to the Code of Assessment](#), Chapter 5.

2. Code of Assessment – attendance of External Examiners at Boards of Examiners meetings

The Code has been amended to reflect the fact that External Examiners are not required to attend every meeting of the Board but must attend at least one meeting each session:

S. 16.64 External Examiners shall:

- e) iii) in respect of meetings of the Board of Examiners;
 - attend in person at least one meeting of the Board per academic session.

This is also reflected in minor amendments to s. 16.66.

3. Code of Student Conduct

This Code has been re-written and re-organised to make it more user-friendly. As a result much of the numbering has changed within the section as the order of items has changed.

PhD Regulations

Two changes have been made to the PhD regulations (which are reproduced in each College section of the Calendar).

- a) Change to thesis word length s. 3.1.

For candidates in the College of Arts and the College of Social Sciences the word length remains at a minimum of 70,000 and a maximum of 100,000 words including references, bibliography and appendices. For candidates in the College of MVLS and the College of Science & Engineering this has been changed to a maximum of 80,000 words excluding references, bibliography and appendices (with no stated minimum).

- b) Duration of study s. 3.2

The maximum duration of study for part-time candidates has been changed from six to eight years.

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