



# Regulations for Professional Doctorates

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## Summary

### What is this document about?

The research regulations are detailed academic rules that explain what a student must do to obtain their research degree and the support that they are entitled to. The regulations are comprised of several links which will take you to the relevant section. As not all sections are updated each year, the document that the link takes you to may have a different date to the front cover of the regulations. This just indicates the last date that the particular section you are in was amended. Each of the sections has further links to useful information contained within them.

### How does the University check this document is followed?

The University of Portsmouth has a committee structure in place to check that the policies in this document are followed. The relevant committees for research regulations are the University Research Degrees Committee, the Faculty Research Degrees Committee and the Graduate School Management Board.

### Who is this document for?

This document will be of most interest to new and existing research students, supervisors and research degree examiners.

It will be of interest to the UK Quality Assurance Agency (QAA) and it may also be of interest to the wider public.

### Who can you contact if you have any queries about this document?

If you have questions about this document please contact Academic Standards, Quality and Partnerships, Department of Student and Academic Administration (DSAA) [asqp@port.ac.uk](mailto:asqp@port.ac.uk)

**The relevant sections of the Professional Doctorate regulations can be found by clicking on the link below**

1. [General](#) (including fees, language of assessment and notification to students)
2. [Progression to Research Phase](#) (including progression to research phase, staff registration, dual registration and study external to the University)
3. [Students with Disabilities](#) (including help available for students with disabilities)
4. [Registration](#) (including registration period, mode of study, suspensions, extensions, exceeding registration periods and termination of registration)
5. [Supervision](#) (including number of supervisors, first supervisors, experience of supervisor, advisers and the eligibility of candidates to act as supervisors)
6. [Annual Review](#) (includes application procedure and annual review assessment procedure)
7. [Interim Examinations](#) (including basis, informing the student, panel membership and decisions)
8. [Presentation of Thesis](#) (including submission, content, length, collaboration, published material, abstract, final text, copyright, IPR and confidentiality)
9. [Examination Arrangements](#) (including candidate responsibilities, appointment of examiners, preliminary assessment, referral, examination, independent chairs, examiners reports and recommendations, failure to reach a unanimous decision, re-examination, award date and completion date)
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