

Changes to Academic Regulations 2025/2026 (Taught)

This document provides details of the substantive changes that have been made to the university's academic regulations for taught programmes for 2025/2026. If further information is required, please contact the Quality Assurance and Enhancement team at quality@imperial.ac.uk. Please note that it would be expected that students liaise with their programme team in the first instance if they have questions regarding the regulatory framework.

Previous versions of the Academic Regulations can be found on the [archive page](#).

1. General Regulations

These regulations apply to undergraduate and postgraduate taught students governed by the *Academic* and *Examination* Regulations (Regs B), and to research students. No changes have been made to these regulations for 2025/2026.

Academic Regulations

2. Regulations for Taught Programmes of Study ("Regs A")

The following changes have been made within these regulations:

24/25 para number	New para number	Change	Notes
Glossary	-	Additional definitions added	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic Regulations Borderline Candidate Extended Consideration Programme Exemption to the regulations Programme Overall Weighted Average (POWA) Research Weighted Average Rounding Taught Weighted Average Year weighted Average
N/A	N/A	Clarity regarding application of regulations to both current versions of the MBBS programme.	This includes the MBBS programmes that are offered by the Imperial School of Medicine in London and the graduate entry programme at the Pears Cumbria School of Medicine.

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Table 1	Table 1	Addition of iBSc	Confirmation that students completing the iBSc will not be granted an associateship on the basis of the award. This was an omission from previous versions of this document and does not constitute a change in practice.
Table 2	Table 2	Updated to provide clarity with regards to length of student and registration requirements for “additional” and “replacement” years (in industry, abroad or management year)	
Table 2	Table 2	Addition of Graduate Entry Medicine programme	
Para 46	Para 46	Re-phrased for greater clarity	
Addition	Para 63	Confirmation of eligibility for an exit award to those withdrawn from the university	<i>“If a student is required to withdraw for whatever reason, and has met the requirements for an exit award, this will be granted unless specifically exempted as a part of a disciplinary sanction.”</i>
Addition	Para 90	Clarity with regards to academic level for language modules as part of the curriculum framework.	<i>“Language modules offered by the Centre for Languages, Culture and Communication are aligned to the CEFR framework. For the purposes of this curriculum framework, where modules are taken for credit as part of the target award, the credit level will be set to the academic level of the of year of the programme the student is completing. For example, if taken as part of year 1 of an undergraduate degree it will be considered to be level 4.”</i>
Para 90	Para 92	Clarity with regards to academic level and size within the curriculum framework	
Addition	Para 104	Addition of previously agreed use of zero credit modules	It had been agreed that zero credit modules would not contribute to progression or award requirements, but this had been omitted from the regulations.
Para 133	Para 136	Confirmation of standard pass mark for assessment at each academic level	Conforms to current practice.
Para 140	Para 143	Removal of reference to full	

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Addition	Para 144	Confirmation of calculation of weighted average marks due to Academic Misconduct penalties	
Para 152	Para 156	Additional supporting information for Board of Examiners	<i>"The decision available to the Board of Examiners will be dependent on the student's current academic profile including any previous attempts in the module, and in line with the guidance in the Board of Examiners Notes"</i>
Para 163	Para 167	Remove option for the Board to offer a re-take of the year (capped)	This regulation was in contradiction to the principle of credit achievement agreed for the regulations and has agreed to be removed. Re-takes of failed modules and Re-fresh years remain available.
Para 226	Para 230	Confirmation that rounding is not permitted for Taught or Research Weighted Averages	
Para 227	Para 231	Removal of borderline for PGT programmes. Additional regulation with regards to uplifts in classification on the grounds of unspent mitigating circumstances.	
Additional	Para 251	Confirmation that Associateships/DiC will be awarded to students granted a relevant posthumous degree.	
New section	Paras 252-256	Additional paragraphs to confirm details of conferment dates for named awards.	

3. **Academic and Examination Regulations ("Regs B")**

These Regulations have not been updated, beyond changing the academic year of application. These regulations are in place to support those students continuing after their cohort has completed.

4. **Short Course Regulations**

Short course regulations for 2025/2026 are in the process of being amended and approved. This is expected to be completed by the end of October. An updated version of this document will be published on the website with the final version of the regulations once approval has been received.

5. **Regulations for Students**

Staff, students and interested parties are reminded that these regulations were rescinded from 2024/2025. Please see the mapping document on the [regulations](#) webpages which details of how aspects of these regulations have been incorporated elsewhere within the university's regulatory structures or have been fully rescinded.