

ORDINANCE 61: General Ordinance for Online Professional Doctorate Degrees

1. This Ordinance shall apply to online Professional Doctorate degrees, with effect from academic session 2008/09.
2. Each programme of study leading to an award governed by this Ordinance shall be designed in accordance with the University's Framework for Online Professional Doctorates which contains the detailed requirements for the design and successful completion of such programmes, including the credit value, the pass mark for taught modules, the thesis requirements and the minimum and maximum periods of registration. Each programme of study shall have a programme specification which shall set out the aims, learning outcomes, structure and assessment requirements of the programme. Further details of curricula shall be provided in module specifications.
3. In order to be admitted to an online Professional Doctorate programme, each student must have obtained such prior qualifications and/or experience as shall be deemed appropriate by the University. Students who accumulate relevant certificated credits arising from previous study may be permitted to transfer such credits upon entry to the programme, provided that such credits shall not normally amount to a total of more than one third of the credits required for the award.
4. Students who fail to meet the requirements for the award for which they are registered may be eligible for an exit award, as detailed in the relevant programme specification, provided that they are deemed by the Board of Examiners to have met the requirements for that award.
5. Boards of Examiners shall be empowered to take account of extenuating circumstances affecting students' performance in determining the conditions relating to re-sit examinations in the pre-thesis stage of an online Professional Doctorate programme, in accordance with the provisions of the Code of Practice on Assessment and the Extenuating Circumstances Policy.

The Framework for Online Professional Doctorates can be found at: <https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/media/livacuk/tqsd/code-of-practice-on-assessment/annex-12.1-PGR-CoP.pdf>

The Code of Practice on Assessment (including the Extenuating Circumstances Policy) can be found at: <https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/aqsd/academic-codes-of-practice/code-of-practice-on-assessment/>

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS MADE TO ORDINANCE 61: GENERAL
ORDINANCE FOR ONLINE PROFESSIONAL DOCTORATES**

1. Original amended Ordinance approved on behalf of Senate and Council October/November 2015.
2. Amendments approved on behalf of Senate and Council August 2021 to update references to mitigating circumstances to read extenuating circumstances.