

ORDINANCE 59(B): Degree of Doctor of Clinical Psychology (applicable to students who commenced their studies prior to 2025-26)

1. The University may award the degree of Doctor of Clinical Psychology (DClinPsychol) to students who have pursued an approved programme of studies, including clinical work/placements, over a period of three calendar years, as set out in the programme specification for the degree, to the satisfaction of the Board of Examiners. The programme specification shall set out the aims, learning outcomes, structure, assessment and re-assessment requirements of the programme. The majority of the DClinPsychol programme, including the thesis, shall be at doctoral level (FHEQ level 8), as defined in the PGR Code of Practice.
2. Candidates for the degree of DClinPsychol shall, before entry upon the degree programme, have obtained entrance qualifications of a type and standard deemed appropriate by the University.
3. Subject to any overriding considerations of patient safety in relation to clinical assessments, the Board of Examiners shall be empowered to take account of extenuating circumstances affecting students' performance in determining the conditions relating to re-assessments in the pre-thesis stage of the DClinPsychol programme, in accordance with the provisions of the Code of Practice on Assessment and the Extenuating Circumstances Policy.
4. The maximum period for which a student may be registered for the degree of DClinPsychol, including any periods of interruption of studies, shall be six years. The maximum period of registration includes any period of interrupted study, extensions to the expected submission date, writing up (thesis submission pending) and re-submission.

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/codeofpractice-on-assessment/>

The PGR Code of Practice can be found at: <https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/aqsd/academiccodes-of-practice/pgr-code-of-practice/>

The Fitness to Practise Policy can be found at: <https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/studentadministration/policies-procedures/fitness-to-practise/>

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS MADE TO ORDINANCE 59

1. Original amended Ordinance approved on behalf of Senate and Council September 2015.
2. Amendments approved on behalf of Senate and Council August 2021 to update references to mitigating circumstances to read extenuating circumstances.
3. Amendments approved via Chair's action on behalf of Senate and Council August/September 2022 to reflect revised terminology.
4. Amendments approved via Chair's action on behalf of PGR Committee and Senate in January 2024 to increase the maximum period for which a student may be registered for the degree of DClInPsychol, including any periods of suspension of studies, from five to six years.
5. Amendments approved by Senate November 2024 to replace references to 'suspension' of studies with 'interruption' of studies.

