

Key Changes to Undergraduate Degree Regulations 2025/26

Links within the regulations to other information and changes in terminology have been updated as necessary.

Regulation Updated	What has changed
9 Commencing studies	<p>Amended to state that students cannot resume study following an interruption of study more than two weeks after the beginning of a Semester.</p> <p>The revised Authorised Interruption of Study Policy (for use from September 2025) sets an expectation that students should, wherever possible, agree a return to study plan before they take an interruption, and that Schools must contact the student to confirm that they are ready to return before their return to study date.</p>
26 Leave of absence	<p>Clarification has been added that leave of absence is not appropriate for long-term study at a distance from Edinburgh, which should only be offered as part of a specific online or distance-learning programme.</p>
33 Withdrawal and Exclusion	<p>Amended to add reference to the fact that a former student who has withdrawn from study may apply for admission to the same programme of study, provided that they had not failed to meet the requirements for their programme at the point they withdrew. The regulation sets a time limit of three years for readmission on this basis, which is line with the requirements of regulation 58, and based on Admissions requirements regarding recency of qualifications.</p>
42 Addressing credit deficits	<p>Wording clarified to indicate that students who have not progressed due to a credit deficit in pre-Honours years are entitled to return (usually on an assessment-only basis) to complete reassessment, where they have remaining assessment attempts available to them.</p>
58 Returning to complete an Honours degree	<p>We have removed the expectation that students returning on this basis would “normally be required to achieve a further 240 credit points”, amending this to state that students will be required subsequently to meet the requirements of the Degree Programme Table for the relevant Honours degree.</p>
Changes to Degree Specific Regulations	
64 BA Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences	<p>Amended to remove the requirement that students must not only have a substantial volume of credits in a major subject of study at the relevant SCQF levels, but also have at least 40 credits in each of two other subjects.</p>

College of Medicine and Veterinary Medicine specific regulations	
77, 80, 82	Amended to reflect removal of the Progression Review Committee.
78	Amended to clarify that students in Year 1 of the MBChB (Medicine) programme may have up to four attempts to pass the year, in line with the standard entitlement under the Taught Assessment Regulations.
80	Amended to reflect the expectation that students should pass all components for a relevant year in a single year, i.e. students cannot carry forward passed components from a previous attempt at a year.
95, 97	Amended to remove reference to the previous, 5-year MBChB programme.
99	Minor stylistic amendments.
100	Removed as duplicates 102.
104	<p>Redrafted to align with regulation 97 relating to the MBChB. Addition of an Honours exit award for students who have completed an appropriate amount of study at SCQF level 10 at the point that they exit the programme.</p> <p>A new regulation has been added, copied directly from regulation 98, specifying compliance, attendance, and participation requirements for the Honours exit award programme.</p>