**Length of time permitted for Aii, Bi and Bii recommendation clarification note**

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For reference by Examiners in the examination of PhD theses in association with the Examination of Doctoral Degree Policy (2012) <http://documents.manchester.ac.uk/display.aspx?DocID=7445>

The Examination of Doctoral Degrees Policy – (May 2012) states:

Length of corrections for an Aii recommendation

23.1.2:

‘The time permitted for minor corrections to be completed by the

candidate and approved by the internal examiner is normally no more

than four weeks, but exceptionally no more than twelve weeks from

the date the candidate receives the list of corrections from the

appropriate School or Faculty graduate office.’

Length of corrections for Bi and Bii recommendations

23.2:

‘For recommendations B(i) and B(ii), the candidate is normally required

to revise and resubmit the thesis for the doctoral degree within six

months of receiving the examiners’ statement detailing the required

corrections (see section 24) from the appropriate School or Faculty

graduate office. Where there are extenuating circumstances, examiners

may make a recommendation to extend that period so that the

candidate is required to revise and resubmit the thesis for the doctoral

degree within one year of receiving the examiners’ statement detailing

the required corrections from the appropriate School or Faculty graduate

office.’

Clarification:

1. Decisions for additional time for corrections as described in the Examination policy relates to the quantity of work that is required and the length of time it is feasible to complete the corrections. For example, it may be that a student has revisions that are classified as Bii, but these will take more than 6 months. In this case, the examiners can recommend up to 1 year, still within the Bii category. Please note, this is a recommendation as this will still need to be ratified by the PGR Director of the school.
2. Any student that has personal extenuating circumstances and wishes to request an extension to their resubmission deadline should make the request via the normal extension application process within the School, using the [Circumstances Leading to Changes to PGR Study policy](http://documents.manchester.ac.uk/DocuInfo.aspx?DocID=8162). These circumstances will not be considered as part of the Examination policy recommended length of time for corrections.
3. Any period of correction for any recommendation in the resubmission stage includes that time required for the examiners to sign off the corrections. Therefore, a twelve week correction period would normally allow the student 10 weeks to do the corrections and 2 weeks for the examiners to review and sign the corrections as complete.

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