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**Request for Amendment to Regulation 6.1.3 (a) (viii) relating to the Professional
Doctorate awards**

Purpose of Paper

1. APRC is asked to **consider** and, if thought appropriate, **approve in principle** the addition of the award of Doctor of Pharmacy (DPharm) to the list of awards included under the banner of Professional Doctorate (Regulation 6.1.3 (a) (viii)).

Proposal

2. That the award of DPharm is added to the list of awards included under the banner of Professional Doctorate. Regulation 6.1.3 (a) (viii) would therefore read as follows:

Professional Doctorate (ClinPsyD, EdD, ThD, EdPsychD, SocSciD, Foren.Psy.D, HScD, HScD(Clin), DPT, App.Ed, Child Psy.D and DPharm)

A programme, normally of three years' duration, which integrates taught postgraduate work and/or professional practice with research within a programme of 540 credits. Registered Students are assessed by a combination of written examinations and/or project report(s), dissertation or thesis which collectively make an original contribution to knowledge, worthy of publication. The programme comprises no more than 180 credits of taught modules.

Background

3. At the May 2011 Programme Approval Review Committee (PARC), a Proposal to Develop a New Programme form (PDNP) was submitted from the College of Medical and Dental Sciences (MDS). This form related to the new type of Professional Doctorate, DPharm.
4. APRC is asked to approve this change in principle only, as the full proposal has not been approved through PARC at this time. This paper proposes that, if the programme is approved at PARC, the DPharm should be added to the list of those programmes covered in the Regulations under the banner of Professional Doctorate.

Argument to Support Proposal

5. Academic and Student Administration consulted with the College of MDS as to whether it would be necessary to create a new type of Professional Doctorate to accommodate this new programme, and it was noted that it is not possible to accommodate this award under an existing degree title, as the DPharm qualification will be more attractive to the target audience than other titles and is the accepted nomenclature in the field.

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