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| **Joint Examiners’ Report and Recommendation**  **Doctoral degrees (PhD, EdD, Professional Doctorate) – resubmission**  Enquiries: [pgr.school@yorksj.ac.uk](mailto:pgr.school@yorksj.ac.uk) |  |

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| (b) | The degree be awarded subject to amendments | |  |
| (c) | In the case of a doctoral examination, that the degree of MPhil be awarded | |  |
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| **Award subject to amendments** |
| Please provide a summary of the nature of the amendments below. The candidate will be given six months from the date of the oral examination to complete the amendments and submit an amended version to the internal examiner.  **Please also ensure that the candidate is given a complete list of the amendments to be made, in writing, within one working day of the oral examination.** |
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| **Lower degree to be awarded (with or without further amendment to the submission)** |
| Examiners can recommend the award of the degree of MPhil to doctoral candidates who fail to achieve the standard for the award of a doctorate but who nevertheless satisfy the criteria for the award of the degree of MPhil. Please refer to the *Learning Outcomes* for the criteria for MPhil award.  **Please provide a summary giving the reasons why the degree of MPhil should be awarded, giving****positive examples of how the submission meets the criteria for MPhil award. This should include comment on the quality of the research reported in the submission and whether it contains an independent contribution to knowledge and scholarship and material at a level suitable for publication. Specific examples should be given.** |
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| **No research degree awarded (fail)** |
| A recommendation that a submission be failed cannot be made on a first submission other than where specified under the ‘Research Misconduct Policy’. Please give a thorough and detailed account of the reasons for failure below. |
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| **Learning Outcomes** |
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