

**MATHEMATICAL, PHYSICAL AND LIFE SCIENCES DIVISION**
**Application for Appointment of Assessors for Confirmation of D.Phil. status, for students in the Mathematical Sciences (Computing, Mathematics & Statistics)**

Section 1 of this form together with a GSO.14 form (the application form for confirmation of D.Phil. status) should be completed by the student who should then arrange for the supervisor(s) to complete Section 2. Some departments may have additional policies, so please also consult your departmental handbook and/or administrator for further information.

Both forms should then be sent via your college office to:  
MPLS Divisional Office (Graduate Studies Office), Room 21, 9 Parks Road, Oxford, OX1 3PD

**SECTION 1 – to be completed by the Student. Please use BLOCK CAPITALS.**

Surname:		Title (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/etc.):	
First Name (in full):		OSS ID Number:	
College/Hall:			
Supervisor(s):			
Latest date by which 2 copies of the above written work/progress report will be submitted to the Graduate Studies Office (See notes below):			

**SECTION 2 – to be completed by the current Supervisor. Please use BLOCK CAPITALS.**

Please suggest the names of two assessors and indicate below whether or not you have approached them to act. It is preferable that the supervisor **is not** one of the assessors, but if there are particular reasons for acting in this case please indicate below. Please note, in the case of joint supervision, the assessors **must not** be both supervisors.

<input type="checkbox"/>	I suggest the following assessors:		
	<b>Assessor One:</b>		
	Full Name (including Title and Forename):		
	Address:		
	Email Address:		
<input type="checkbox"/>	I have confirmed that he/she is prepared to act if asked to do so.		
	<b>Assessor Two:</b>		
	Full Name (including Title and Forename):		
	Address:		
	Email Address:		
<input type="checkbox"/>	I have confirmed that he/she is prepared to act if asked to do so.		
<input type="checkbox"/>	I have informed the student of my proposals for the assessors.		
The description of the written work, programme of research and specification of the work studied have my approval:			
Supervisor Signature:		Date:	
Full Name:			

**SECTION 3** – to be completed by the **Director of Graduate Studies** (or equivalent)

The following persons should be appointed to assess:			
<b>Assessor One:</b>			
Full Name (including Title and Forename):			
<b>Assessor Two:</b>			
Full Name (including Title and Forename):			
DGS Signature:		Date:	
Full Name:			

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**NOTES**

**These notes concern the Report required for Confirmation of Status, for D.Phil. students under the Mathematical Sciences Faculty Board. The Report mentioned below takes the place of that requested in section II(i) of form GSO.14.**

Transfer applications to Confirmed D.Phil. status provide an opportunity for the assessors to decide whether you are likely to have enough material for submission in a year's time; and for you to focus on constructing a thesis from the results you have, or are likely to obtain by then. Although some students will require more than 3 years in total to complete their theses, it is essential that everyone should be able to demonstrate at Confirmation a sound core of research already achieved, and a realistic timetable for the future.

To meet the first of those aims you should give evidence of your work: in abstract form if you have produced papers and/or given a conference talk, and in more detail if not. In the latter case, drafts of parts of the thesis already written are likely to be the most appropriate material to submit. To meet the second aim, you might provide, for example, a table of contents of your proposed thesis, with dates for completion of each chapter. If you propose to submit a report substantially different from that described above, you should consult your supervisor as to whether it is likely to be suitable.

If progress has been normal, nothing like the technical detail provided at the PRS to D.Phil. transfer stage is required at Confirmation. In particular it is not expected that a substantial piece of work need be written specifically for the Confirmation process.

Please note however that Confirmation is by no means automatic. Those whose work does not demonstrate the necessary aptitude for research at doctoral level will not be allowed to continue in that status.