



Introduction

This guide provides Supervisors, Department Reviewers and Medical Sciences Board users with an overview of post-outcome suspension applications on On-Course Applications. This includes the application process for students, how applications are processed and how students on a post-outcome suspension are returned. For more general guidance on using On-Course Applications and processing applications please see [this guide](#). Full training guides for On Course Applications can be found on the [Student Systems webpages](#)

Post-outcome suspension applications

There are two post-outcome suspension forms for graduate research students to apply via On-Course Applications:

- Post-outcome suspension
- Post-outcome suspension (parental leave)

To see these forms, graduate research students must have submitted their thesis for the first time on or after 12 October 2025 and have one of the following approved outcomes from a DPhil, DM, MLitt or Msc (Res) programme:

- Major corrections with mandatory viva
- Major corrections without mandatory viva
- Reference back

Students who are required to submit minor corrections are only eligible to apply for a post-outcome suspension for parental leave reasons so will only see the parental leave form.

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New On-course Applications
Appointment of Examiners
Dispensation from Consultation of Thesis
Change of thesis title
Change of mode of study
Dispensation from statutory residence
Notification of withdrawal from programme of study
Change in supervision arrangement
Post-outcome suspension
Post-outcome suspension (parental leave)

Students need to specify the date the suspension will start, and the number of weeks required. The minimum length of suspension that may be approved is 4 weeks. The maximum length of suspension that may be granted is 52 weeks in total.



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Main form

Period of suspension

Please note that you can retain your University Card and Single Sign On (SSO) access to online resources (including email), and to University libraries, during periods of suspension. The minimum length of suspension that may be approved is four weeks. The maximum length of suspension that may be approved is 52 weeks in total, excluding any periods of suspension that do not count towards this total.

If you have already reached this limit but wish to apply for a further suspension, you should contact the relevant [Graduate Studies Administrator](#) for further information.

Further information about suspension of status is available from [Changes in student status | University of Oxford](#).

Specify the date on which your suspension will start

20/Nov/2025

* Specify the number of weeks required

7 Weeks

Previous suspensions

Your previous post-outcome suspensions are listed below.

No previous suspensions on record.

Reason for suspension

* Briefly describe your reason for requesting a suspension of status.

If request is for medical reasons, medical evidence is normally required. This should be shown directly to those approving the request, and should not be uploaded.

The student can optionally upload supporting evidence if required and must then select the supervisor to whom the application is being referred to, before submitting the application.

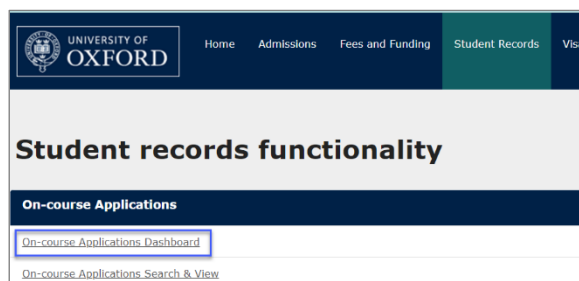
Viewing and processing post-outcome suspensions

Post-outcome suspension applications submitted by the student will be sent to the supervisor before proceeding to the department reviewer and then the Super User or System Administrator.

Note. Medical Sciences Board (MSB) approval will be sought for the majority of Medical Sciences applications. The Super User or System Administrator will refer applications to the MSB, who will process the application. Please refer to this [guide](#) for further information.

The full details of the application can be viewed on the On Course Applications dashboard. To access this, log in to e:Vision as below:

1. Go to www.evision.ox.ac.uk
2. Enter your SSO credentials and complete MFA process if required
3. Select the **Student Records** tab



From the Student Records landing page click on the **On-course Applications Dashboard**

This will display any applications which require action, have been referred back, or are completed:

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On Course Applications Dashboard

To action | Referred back to 0 | Completed 1

Applications to action

Role: All (1)

Search:

Student Name	Programme of Study	Application Name	Role	Application Status	Action	Last Updated	Date Submitted
Lawson, Nigella	DPhil Politics	Post-outcome suspension	Supervisor	Application referred back to Supervisor by the GSA Super User	Action	13/Nov/2025	10/Nov/2025

The **To Action** tab will display any applications that the student has submitted and which are now ready to be processed by you. It will also include any applications which have been referred back to you by a role later in the approval process.

Clicking on **Action** will allow you to review the application and add a decision. This will refer the application to the next user in the workflow. If further information is required before a decision is recorded, the application can be referred back to an earlier stage in the approval process e.g. the Department Reviewer can refer back to the supervisor or student.

Once the Department Reviewer or Medical Sciences Board has made the decision on whether or not to support the application, it is managed by the Super User. They will check that relevant regulations have been followed, and will refer to the Education Committee if required. Super users will check the application meets the following criteria:

- The student can only have a post-outcome suspension for a maximum total length of 52 weeks. Students can have multiple periods of suspension with a minimum of 4 weeks, but the total must not exceed 52 weeks
- Post-outcome suspensions for parental leave also have a maximum suspension length of 52 weeks, but if a student subsequently applies for a post-outcome suspension for any other reason, the parental leave suspensions do not count towards that 52 week maximum length
- Any suspensions which were granted prior to the submission of the student's thesis do not count towards any post-outcome suspension totals

The Super User will then record the decision, including notifying the student and relevant stakeholders of the outcome. When an approved suspension begins, the student's status will update to **Suspended - PGR post outcome**.

Returning from post-outcome suspension

Students will be automatically returned, including their status updated, when their suspension expected end date has passed, and will receive email confirmation when this has happened. Students can still submit their thesis during a period of post-outcome suspension. When submitting, a warning message will appear, advising them that by submitting their period of suspension will automatically end. As soon as a thesis is submitted, the post-outcome suspension will be automatically ended and the student's status updated.