



At the Court at Buckingham Palace

THE 3rd DAY OF JUNE 2026

PRESENT,

THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY
IN COUNCIL

The Governing Body of the University of Oxford has made a Statute amending the Statutes, in accordance with the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Act 1923, and in the form set out in the Schedule to this Order.

The Statute has been submitted to His Majesty in Council, and the provisions of the Act relating to publication in the London Gazette and laying before both Houses of Parliament have been complied with.

No petition or address has been presented against the Statute.

Now, therefore, His Majesty, having taken the Statute into consideration, is pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to approve it.

Richard Tilbrook, CVO

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

STATUTE APPROVED BY CONGREGATION ON

TUESDAY, 17 June 2025

WHEREAS it is expedient to Statute VI, concerning council, NOW THE UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD, in exercise of the powers in that behalf conferred upon it by the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Act, 1923, and of all other powers enabling it, ENACTS, subject to the approval of His Majesty in Council, AS FOLLOWS.

In Statute VI, amend §8 as follows (new text underlined, deleted text struck through):

8. (1) Members of Council elected under section 4 (16)-(26) or appointed as an external member under section 4 (7)-(11) above shall serve for a period of four years and shall be eligible to serve for a second consecutive period of four years.

(2) The member of Council elected under section 4 (6) shall serve for such period as may be determined under the regulations of the Conference of Colleges.

(3) (a) Members of Council co-opted under section 6 may serve for a period of up to four years and shall be eligible to serve for a second consecutive period of up to four years.

(b) The term of a person whose co-optation is made expressly subject to an appointment under section 7 (4)(a) (ii) will expire on the appointment of a deputy chair who is not when appointed a member of Council.

(4) A member who has served two consecutive periods of four years under sub-sections (1) or (3) above shall not be eligible to serve as an elected external or co-opted member of Council earlier than four years after the end of their period of service.

(5) Vacancies caused other than by expiry of term as a member shall be filled for a full term of office~~the remaining period of office of the member replaced~~ in the same manner as that member took up office except on termination of Council membership under section 9 (1) of an ex officio member serving under section 4 (1)-(5) or (12)-(15), when the vacancy shall be filled in accordance with section 10.

(6) A person who is elected or nominated to fill a vacancy under sub-section ~~(2)~~(5) above shall be eligible to serve as an elected or external member of Council after the expiry of the period referred to in sub-section ~~(2)~~(5) for a period of four years and shall be eligible to serve for a second consecutive period of four years.

**The COMMON SEAL of the
CHANCELLOR, MASTERS, AND
SCHOLARS OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD**

was affixed on 1st July 2025

in the presence of:

James Colman

Director of Public Affairs

