Mobile phones in examination rooms

The National College of Ireland’s Examination Regulations state that “Candidates shall not bring into the Examination room, nor have in their possession while in such examination room, any computing equipment, including electronic organisers and programmable calculators, mobile phones, recording equipment, radio, books, notes, paper or any source of information pertinent to the examination or which might influence examination performance.”

If a candidate has a mobile phone in his/her possession in the examination room, whether this phone is powered on or off, the phone shall be removed and retained by the Invigilator. The Invigilator will bring the phone to the Examinations Office (Theatre One during Exam times) Examinations Office staff will check the phone in the presence of the candidate to ensure that the phone does not contain unauthorised material. If there are notes of any kind relating to any element of the candidate’s course, the candidate shall be deemed to be in breach of the Examination Regulations. The candidate will then have to sign an “Exam Incident Form” and the Examinations Officer will report the matter to the Disciplinary Committee.

Similarly, if a mobile phone in a candidate’s bag or jacket rings or the alarm activates during the examination, the phone shall be removed and retained by the Invigilator. The Invigilator will bring the phone to the examinations office following the examination and the candidate will be required to report to the Examinations Office to retrieve their phone.