

NATIONAL TAIWAN UNIVERSITY

Directives Governing Implementation of Ph.D. Candidate Qualifying Examination

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Article 1 The *National Taiwan University* (“the University”) *Directives Governing Implementation of Ph.D. Candidate Qualifying Examinations* (“the Directives”) are formulated in accordance with Article 26 , Paragraph 5 of the *University Act* and Article 9 of the *Degree Conferral Act* to increase doctoral students’ research capabilities and equip them with the necessary academic competencies.

Article 2 In order to be nominated as a Ph.D. candidate, a doctoral student shall not only meet the following two conditions, but the additional requirements stipulated in Regulations of Ph.D. candidate qualifying examination of his/her department/graduate institute/degree program (hereinafter referred to as “academic program”):

1. Completing all the required coursework for the doctoral degree
2. Passing the doctoral candidacy qualifying examination

Article 3 Doctoral students shall be reviewed by each academic program with strict standards. Only when doctoral students meet the qualification of the preceding article shall the academic program proceed in accordance with Article 7 of the Directives.

The qualifying examination method, exemption criteria, and subject areas to be included on the examination shall be formulated separately by each academic program and set out clearly in its departmental Ph.D. candidate qualifying examination regulations.

Doctoral students expelled by the University but admitted to the same academic program through re-examination may, with the approval of their home academic program, be exempted from the qualifying examination provided that they had passed the examination prior to expulsion and within 10 years of the semester of readmission.

Article 4 Ph.D. candidate qualifying examinations shall be held once per semester. Each academic program shall set its examination date and accept students’ applications independently.

Article 5 Upon receipt of a qualifying examination application, each academic program shall establish a committee to process examination-related matters.

Article 6 Doctoral students who fail to complete their Ph.D. candidate qualifying examination by the deadline stipulated by their academic program or those who fail both the first and make-up examinations shall be expelled from the University.

The deadline set by the academic program in the preceding paragraph is subject to change based on factors such as pregnancy, childbirth, raising one or more children aged three or younger, or holders of a disability ID card. Those who receive approval from his/her academic program may request extension of the deadline up to one year, except for academic programs which have their own regulations.

Article 7 For doctoral students receiving candidacy status, each academic program shall notify the Office of Academic Affairs to indicate the doctoral candidacy status on students' transcripts of academic record.

Article 8 Each academic program shall formulate its own Ph.D. candidate qualifying examination regulations in accordance with the Directives.

After being approved by the academic program affairs meeting, the regulations mentioned in the preceding paragraph shall be implemented on the date of promulgation; meanwhile, be submitted to the Office of Academic Affairs for reference.

Article 9 After being approved by the Academic Affairs Meeting, the Directives shall be implemented on the date of promulgation; meanwhile, be submitted to the Ministry of Education for reference.