

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 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 Doctoral students shall be reviewed by each department/graduate institute/degree program (collectively, “department”) with strict standards. Only those who pass the qualifying examination and meet all relevant Ph.D. candidacy application requirements set forth in the *Degree Conferral Act* may be nominated as Ph.D. candidates by their home department.

Article 3 Qualifying examinations shall be held once per semester. Each department shall set its examination date and accept students’ applications independently.

Article 4 Upon receipt of a qualifying examination application, each department shall establish a committee to process examination-related matters.

Doctoral students expelled by the University but admitted to the same department (division) through re-examination may, with the approval of their home department, 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.

The qualifying examination method, exemption criteria, and subject areas to be included on the examination shall be formulated separately by each department and set out clearly in its departmental doctoral candidacy qualifying examination regulations.

Article 5 A doctoral student shall meet the following two conditions to be nominated as a Ph.D. candidate:

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

In addition to the preceding two subparagraphs, each department may formulate additional requirements in its departmental doctoral candidacy qualifying examination regulations.

- Article 6 Doctoral students who fail to complete their doctoral candidacy qualifying examination by the deadline stipulated by their home department or those who fail both the first and make-up examinations shall be expelled from the University.
- Article 7 For doctoral students receiving candidacy status, each department shall notify the Office of Academic Affairs to indicate the doctoral candidacy status on students' transcripts of academic record.
- Article 8 Each department shall formulate its own departmental doctoral candidacy qualifying examination regulations in accordance with the Directives, which shall be reviewed at the department affairs meeting, submitted to the Office of Academic Affairs for reference, and then implemented upon promulgation.
- Article 9 The Directives shall be passed by the Academic Affairs Meeting before implementation and then reported to the Ministry of Education for reference.