

National Dong Hwa University Department of Economics

Regulations for the Qualification Assessment of Doctoral Candidacy

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Article I

The *Regulations for the Qualification Assessment of Doctoral Candidacy* of the Department of Economics (hereinafter referred to as “the Regulations”) at National Dong Hwa University (hereinafter referred to as “the University”) are formulated in accordance with the *University’s Regulations of Master and Doctoral Degrees Examination*. The purpose of these regulations is to strengthen the research capabilities and professional competence of doctoral students and to ensure their academic quality and scholarly achievements.

Article II

Doctoral students who pass the qualification assessment and fulfill the requirements for applying for doctoral candidacy, as stipulated in the *University’s Regulations for the conferral of Ph.D. and Master’s Degrees*, shall be recommended by the Department as doctoral candidates.

Article III

Regulations for the Doctoral Qualification Examination:

1. The Doctoral Qualification Examination (hereinafter referred to as “the Examination”) shall consist of two subjects: Microeconomics and Macroeconomics.

2. The Microeconomics examination shall cover the content of Microeconomic Analysis (I) and Microeconomic Analysis (II). The Macroeconomics examination shall cover Macroeconomic Analysis (I) and Macroeconomic Analysis (II).
3. The Examination shall be administered within one week before the start of each semester. Doctoral students must apply for the Examination between May 1 and May 31, or between October 1 and October 31.
4. Each written section of the Examination shall be graded on a scale of 0 to 100, with a minimum passing score of 70. Students who fail to meet the passing standard may retake the Examination within six semesters of enrollment (excluding periods of suspension). A maximum of two retakes per subject is allowed.
5. Doctoral students must pass at least one subject of the Examination within four semesters of enrollment (excluding periods of suspension). Failure to meet this requirement within the prescribed timeframe shall result in mandatory withdrawal from the program, as reported by the Department to the Office of Academic Affairs.
6. Students entering the program with a Master's degree in non-economics-related field, as well as international students, overseas Chinese students, or in-service students, may be granted a one-year extension to fulfill the above requirement, subject to departmental approval.

Article IV

Regulations for Subject Waivers in the Doctoral Qualification Examination:

1. Doctoral students may apply for subject waivers within four semesters of enrollment (excluding periods of suspension) by submitting a published journal paper. The application form for the subject waiver must be signed and approved by the student's advisor in the Department; applications lacking the advisor's approval shall not be accepted.
2. If a doctoral student and their departmental advisor co-author and publish a paper in an SSCI-indexed journal, or in a core journal listed by the Taiwan Humanities and Social Sciences Citation Index –both of which must employ an anonymous peer-review process– in the fields of economics, econometrics, finance, or related disciplines, the student may waive one subject (either Microeconomics or Macroeconomics) by publishing one paper, or both subjects by publishing two papers.
3. If a doctoral student and their departmental advisor co-author and publish a paper in a journal recommended by, or rated B level or above according to the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences' review criteria set by the National Science and Technology Council (NSTC), in the disciplines of economics, finance, accounting, management (I), management (II), regional

studies, or geography, the student may apply for a waiver of both Microeconomics and Macroeconomics examinations.

Article V

Eligibility Criteria for Doctoral Candidacy:

A doctoral student shall be eligible for doctoral candidacy upon fulfilling all of the following requirements:

1. The student must satisfy one of the following conditions: (1) Pass both subjects of the Doctoral Qualification Examination; (2) Pass one subject of the Examination and present one paper at an academic conference; or (3) Present two different papers at academic conferences. Eligible academic conferences include: the Annual Conference of the Taiwan Economic Association or other conferences organized by the Association; conferences organized by Academia Sinica; international conferences held in Taiwan by professional academic societies; and international conferences held abroad where the student presents a paper in English via an oral presentation.
2. The student must pass the doctoral dissertation proposal review. Prior to beginning dissertation writing, the student must obtain approval from their advisor and successfully defend the proposal at a public review meeting organized by the Department. The advisor shall serve as chair of the review meeting, which must be attended by three invited professors or experts in the relevant field.

Article VI

A graduate student who is directly admitted to the doctoral program and subsequently fails the Examination or fails to meet the Eligibility Criteria for Doctoral Candidacy may, with the approval of the Department Affairs Meeting and the University President, be permitted to return to the original Master's program to continue their studies.

Article VII

Upon a doctoral student's successful completion of the Examination, the Department shall notify the Office of Academic Affairs to officially record the results on the student's transcript.

Article VIII

These Regulations have been approved at both the Department Affairs Meeting and the College Affairs Meeting prior to their implementation.