

# National Taiwan University of Science and Technology Doctoral Program Candidate Qualifying Examination Regulations

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Article 1 The Doctoral Program Candidate Qualifying Examination (abbreviated below as Qualifying Examination) Regulations are set out in accordance with the University Act and its enforcement rules as well as with the Degree Conferral Law and its enforcement rules.

Article 2 Doctoral program students of college of Management should pass the qualifying examination within three years after enrollment and for department other than college of Management should pass the qualifying examination within two years after enrollment. If they are not able to do so, they will be expelled in accordance with the university's General Academic Regulations.

Students who are unable to complete the qualifying examination within the prescribed timeframe due to reasons such as department transfer, physical or mental disabilities, pregnancy, childbirth, or caring for a child under the age of three, may apply for an extension of the qualifying examination passing period by providing relevant supporting documents. The total extension period is limited to one year.

Article 3 Doctoral program students, upon obtaining permission from their faculty advisor and the head of their department or graduate institute should fill out the application to take the qualifying examination and send it to the office of the graduate institute.

Article 4 After the graduate institute receives applications for the qualifying examination, it should organize a qualifying examination committee to hold the examination. The committee should be divided into groups according to the applicants' areas of specialization. Each group should have one convener, to be chosen by the members of the group.

Article 5 The examination process, the fields covered, and the regulations for waiving the examination will be set out by each department (graduate institute). This information should be included in the Doctoral Program Candidate Qualifying Examination Regulations of each department (graduate institute) and sent to the Academic Affairs Office, to be kept on file. The qualifying examination should be held at least once each academic

year, with the date and application process to be set by the department (graduate institute).

Article 6 Within two weeks after the qualifying examination has been finished, the examination scores should be sent by each graduate institute to the Academic Affairs Office for registration.

Article 7 The passing score for the qualifying examination is 70 or B-. If the student fails to pass it the first time, he/she may apply to take the examination again. If the student fails the second time, or student who meets the situation that stated in Article 2, he/she must be expelled.

Article 8 Students in a direct pursuit Ph.D. program who fail to pass the qualifying examination will be allowed to return to their studies in a master's program after receiving approval from the appropriate faculty meeting of their department (graduate institute), as well as from the university president.

Article 9 These regulations will go into effect after being approved by a meeting of the Academic Affairs Council, as will any amendments.