

Examiner Guidelines for the Re-Examination of a Thesis.

Macquarie University has determined that in the case of a thesis re-submitted for examination, an invitation is sent to all initial examiners who have indicated their willingness to re-examine the thesis. When a thesis is first examined, examiners are requested to indicate their interest in participating in a re-examination.

Appointment of Examiners

A new examiner can be approached to conduct a thesis re-examination due to the unavailability of previous examiners. Not all initial examiners wish to conduct a re-examination and this may also require the appointment of new examiners.

An examiner who previously passed the initial thesis, subject to modification, may be approached to re-examine the thesis. This would happen in instances where the University had previously determined that the thesis required additional work requiring further enrolment. When making a determination on the thesis outcome, the University takes into account all examiner reports plus any other relevant information.

Examination Process

Examiners who have previously examined a thesis may wish to check if their particular recommendations are included in the revised thesis, but this action is ancillary to the principal requirement of the re-examination process.

When a thesis is re-submitted for examination, a detailed report is compiled by the candidate outlining the exact changes made to the thesis during the period of re-enrolment. The revised thesis, detailed report and recommendation form are sent to the Examiner. Requests to access the original thesis should be sent to hdrexam@vc.mq.edu.au.

The purpose of the thesis re-examination is to determine whether or not the revised thesis now meets the requirements of the degree as outlined in the documentation forwarded to Examiners. It is not expected that examiners of the re-submitted thesis will recommend that new areas of research investigation should be undertaken by the candidate for the finalisation of the thesis.

Rule 7 (9) of the Doctoral and Masters Degree Rules at Macquarie University permit only one submission of a thesis for re-examination.

*Approved by the Higher Degree Research Committee
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