

EXAMINATION PROCEDURES FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS WHERE A THIRD EXAMINER IS APPOINTED

The tables below outline the outcomes in cases where a third examiner is appointed due to a discrepancy in the recommendations of the initial two examiners (i.e. one examiner recommends that the candidate be awarded the degree and the other recommends that the candidate not be awarded the degree or has recommended revise and resubmission). Following a recommendation from the Chair of Examiners the MSGR will arrange for a copy of the thesis to be sent to the third examiner. Where the outcome is revise and resubmission, the revised thesis will be sent to all three examiners.

Table 1. Initial Examination – One of first two Examiners Recommends ‘4 - Revise & Resubmit’

		Examiner 1					
		1	2	3a	3b	4	5
Examiner 2	4	3 rd Examiner Appointed	3 rd Examiner Appointed				3 rd Examiner Appointed
Examiner 3	1	Pass	Minor Amendments				Resubmission to all 3 Examiners
	2	Minor Amendments	Minor Amendments				Resubmission to all 3 Examiners
	3a	Revisions to Chair’s satisfaction OR Resubmission to all Examiners	Revisions to Chair’s satisfaction OR Resubmission to all Examiners				Resubmission to all Examiners
	3b	Revisions to Examiner 3’s satisfaction OR Resubmission to all Examiners	Revisions to Examiner 3’s satisfaction OR Resubmission to all Examiners				Resubmission to all Examiners
	4	Resubmission to all 3 Examiners	Resubmission to all 3 Examiners				Resubmission to all 3 Examiners
	5	Resubmission to all 3 Examiners	Resubmission to all 3 Examiners				Fail

Examiner Recommendations

1. Be awarded the degree without further examination or amendment.
2. Be awarded the degree without further examination, subject to inserting in the thesis the minor corrections and/or additions as I have specified and which may be subsequently carried out to the satisfaction of the Chair of Examiners, without further reference to me.
3. Be awarded the degree subject to revising part or parts of the thesis to either (a) the Chair of Examiners, or (b) my satisfaction.
4. Not yet be awarded the degree, but be permitted to resubmit the thesis in a revised form for re-examination.
5. Not be awarded the degree and not be permitted to submit for re-examination.

Table 2. Initial Examination – One of first two Examiners Recommends ‘5 – Fail’

		Examiner 1				
		1	2	3a	3b	4
Examiner 2	5	3 rd Examiner Appointed	3 rd Examiner Appointed	3 rd Examiner Appointed	3 rd Examiner Appointed	3 rd Examiner Appointed
Examiner 3	1	Pass	Minor Amendments	Revisions to Chair’s satisfaction	Revisions to Examiner 1’s satisfaction	Resubmission to all 3 Examiners
	2	Minor Amendments	Minor Amendments	Revisions to Chair’s satisfaction	Revisions to Examiner 1’s satisfaction	Resubmission to all 3 Examiners
	3a	Revisions to Chair’s satisfaction	Revisions to Chair’s satisfaction	Revisions to Chair’s satisfaction	Revisions to Examiner 1’s satisfaction	Resubmission to all 3 Examiners
	3b	Revisions to Examiner 3’s satisfaction	Revisions to Examiner 3’s satisfaction	Revisions to Examiner 3’s satisfaction	Revisions to Examiners 1 & 3’s satisfaction	Resubmission to all 3 Examiners
	4	Resubmission to all 3 Examiners	Resubmission to all 3 Examiners	Resubmission to all 3 Examiners	Resubmission to all 3 Examiners	Resubmission to all 3 Examiners
	5	Fail	Fail	Fail	Fail	Fail

Examiner Recommendations

1. Be awarded the degree without further examination or amendment.
2. Be awarded the degree without further examination, subject to inserting in the thesis the minor corrections and/or additions as I have specified and which may be subsequently carried out to the satisfaction of the Chair of Examiners, without further reference to me.
3. Be awarded the degree subject to revising part or parts of the thesis to either (a) the Chair of Examiners, or (b) my satisfaction.
4. Not yet be awarded the degree, but be permitted to resubmit the thesis in a revised form for re-examination.
5. Not be awarded the degree and not be permitted to submit for re-examination.

Table 3. Resubmission Examination – One of first two Examiners Recommends ‘3 – Fail’

		Examiner 1	
		1	2
Examiner 2	3	3 rd Examiner Appointed	3 rd Examiner Appointed
	Examiner 3	1	Pass
2		Minor Amendments	Minor Amendments
3		Fail	Fail

Examiner Recommendations

1. Be awarded the degree without further examination or amendment.
2. Be awarded the degree without further examination, subject to inserting in the thesis the minor corrections and/or additions as I have specified and which may be subsequently carried out to the satisfaction of the Chair of Examiners, without further reference to me.
3. Not be awarded the degree and not be permitted to submit for re-examination

NOTES

The MSGR Examinations Office manages the examination processes for all RHD students and provides the Chair of Examiners with guidance on the exact procedures regarding these outcomes. The outcome is determined by the majority recommendation of the examiners. When a final outcome has been reached and following receipt of confirmation of the outcome from the Chair of Examiners, the MSGR will inform the candidate of the outcome and will provide copies of the reports from the examiners.

Further information on examination outcomes can be found in the PhD Handbook: www.gradresearch.unimelb.edu.au/current/phd/bk/examination.html and MPhil Handbook: www.gradresearch.unimelb.edu.au/current/mphil/bk/examination.html.

See also: Examination procedures following receipt of examiners' recommendations