

Changes in PhD Regulations and Appendix E 2024

The following changes have been made in the PhD Regulations 2023:

1. An addition in paragraph 1 of Article 10 ('Responsibilities of the supervisor') is the period within which the supervisor draws up the compulsory training and supervision plan, in consultation with the second and/or co-supervisor(s) and the PhD candidate, *for external and externally funded PhD candidates*.
2. In Article 11.2 ('Appointment of the second or co-supervisor') 'Under exceptional circumstances' has been replaced by 'Only in the case of a joint degree'.
3. In Article 16 ('Nature, content and scope of the dissertation'), a new paragraph 5 about obtaining a doctorate on the basis of articles has been added.
4. An addition in paragraph 5 of Article 19 ('Non-scientific component') is that the curriculum vitae must also specify the elements of the training programme during the PhD track.
5. In paragraph 1 of Article 21 ('Distribution of printed copies and digital version of the dissertation'), the number of copies for the University Library has been reduced to two.
6. A new Article 22 ('Lay talk') has been added.
7. An addition in Article 29 (new numbering: 30; 'Decision on awarding the doctorate') is the new paragraph 5, stating the conditions under which a replacement certificate in Latin can be issued.
8. In Article 30 (new numbering: 31; 'Reopening of the meeting and awarding of the doctorate'), paragraph 7 has been changed with regard to what happens if, during the meeting, the decision is made not to award the doctorate or if the votes are tied.
9. In Article 44.2 (new numbering: 45.2), (Withdrawal of previous regulations), it has been added: "The requirement in Article 22 that every PhD candidate gives a lay talk prior to the defence applies to all PhD candidates who defend their PhD on or after September 1, 2024."

The following changes have been made in Appendix E:

- In paragraph 4, the sentence 'A UHD's request to be appointed as a PHD supervisor must have been granted before or at the start of the PHD track.' has been deleted.
- In paragraph 5, the last clause ('... and has independently acquired the funds ... external PhD candidates.') has been replaced by the sentence 'The UHD must also have actively contributed to acquiring the funds that have financed the PhD candidates for whom the *ius promovendi* is requested, or have personally recruited the self-funded or external PhD candidates.'
- Paragraph 11 on wearing a gown has been deleted.

The PhD Regulations 2024, with the appendices and jurisprudence, are valid from 1 September 2024.