

Doctorate Regulations

of the Cross-University

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On the basis of Art. 9 Sentence 2 in conjunction with Art. 96(7) Sentences 1 and 2 in conjunction with Art. 97(1) Sentence 3 of the Bavarian Higher Education Innovation Act (BayHIG) of 5 August 2022 (GVBl. p. 414, BayRS 2210-1-3-WK), as last amended by Section 26 of the Act of 26 March 2026 (GVBl. p. 75), Deggendorf Institute of Technology (DIT) hereby adopts the following Regulations:

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Preamble

On DD/MM/YYYY, Deggendorf Institute of Technology and Rosenheim Technical University of Applied Sciences were granted the right to award doctorates, limited in terms of subject area and duration, for the Doctoral Centre “PRISMA Health – Promoting Research and Innovation for Sustainable Multidisciplinary Approaches in Health”. The coherent field of research of the two universities within this Doctoral Centre, based on the World Health Organization (WHO) definition of health, comprises the following four core research areas: Biopsychosocial research, healthcare practice, professional and educational research, digitalisation and medical technology transformation address both individual and systemic health factors through an integrative approach. This creates a unique basis for practice-oriented innovations and makes a sustainable contribution to addressing current and future challenges in healthcare.

A) General provisions

§ 1 Scope and exercise of the right to award doctorates

(1) Deggendorf Institute of Technology (DIT) governs the right to award doctorates for the Doctoral Centre “PRISMA Health – Research and Innovation for Sustainable Multidisciplinary Approaches in Health”, hereinafter referred to as the Doctoral Centre, by means of the following provisions.

(2) The doctoral degree is obtained at the DIT Graduate School of Deggendorf Institute of Technology and is awarded by Deggendorf Institute of Technology jointly with Rosenheim Technical University of Applied Sciences. Deggendorf Institute of Technology and Rosenheim Technical University of Applied Sciences jointly operate the Doctoral Centre. Responsibility for the doctoral procedure, and thus for conducting the doctorate, lies with the Doctoral Centre in which the subject of the dissertation is represented by a person authorised to act as an examiner from Deggendorf Institute of Technology or the cooperating university, Rosenheim Technical University of Applied Sciences, pursuant to Section 19(2) AVBayHIG. The Doctoral Centre is responsible for the proper conduct of the doctoral procedure.

(3) At the DIT Graduate School of Deggendorf Institute of Technology, the Doctoral Centre awards the doctoral degree

Doctor of Philosophy (Dr. phil.).

(4) The University Leadership of Deggendorf Institute of Technology, in agreement with the Senate of DIT, Rosenheim Technical University of Applied Sciences and the Steering Committee of the Doctoral Centre, adopts guidelines with positive criteria for determining the doctoral degree and the associated quality assurance measures. These form the basis for substantiating the doctoral degree sought.

§ 2 Purpose and form of the doctorate

(1) The doctorate serves to demonstrate the ability to undertake advanced academic research in a designated discipline or research focus. A doctorate constitutes an independently produced academic achievement that makes a significant contribution to the advancement of knowledge in the field of research beyond the current state of research.

- (2) The doctoral achievements consist of an academic thesis (dissertation) and an oral examination in the form of a defence and demonstrate the ability to conduct independent academic research.
- (3) The doctorate takes place within the framework of a structured qualification programme. The requirements set out in Section 10 form part of the requirements for admission to the doctoral procedure.
- (4) The duration of a doctorate should not exceed five years. The period begins upon admission to the Doctoral Centre and ends upon submission of the dissertation. At the request of the doctoral candidate, this period may be extended by the Doctoral Committee.

§ 3 Requirements for a doctorate

- (1) A doctoral degree may be obtained by anyone who
 1. has the required prior qualifications pursuant to Sections 4 and 5;
 2. has completed the structured qualification programme pursuant to Section 10;
 3. demonstrates, by means of an independently prepared academic thesis (dissertation pursuant to Section 7), their ability to conduct independent academic research and present the results;
 4. achieves at least grade 3 in an oral examination (defence) pursuant to Section 18(1).
 5. is worthy of holding the doctoral degree within the meaning of the statutory provisions governing the use of academic degrees, i.e. has no final criminal conviction relating to academic matters (e.g. forgery of documents, fraud, data manipulation) that would render the applicant unworthy;
 6. does not already hold the doctoral degree sought;
 7. has not definitively failed in previous doctoral procedure for the same doctoral degree or for the same dissertation at Deggendorf Institute of Technology or another higher education institution.
- (2) Obtaining a doctoral degree by making use of commercial doctoral placement or advisory services is prohibited; acknowledgement of having been informed of this prohibition must be provided.

§ 4 Admission with a German higher education degree

The required prior qualifications are held by anyone who has passed a Master's examination with above-average results following a course of study or provides evidence of a comparable qualification. The Doctoral Committee decides whether a qualification comparable to a Master's examination is held. As a general rule, performance is deemed to be above average if the final examination was passed with an overall grade of 2.0 or better. In exceptional cases, above-average performance may also be demonstrated by outstanding academic achievements, such as peer-reviewed publications. The Doctoral Committee decides whether the academic achievements are sufficiently above average to compensate for the grade.

§ 5 Admission with a foreign higher education degree

- (1) Degrees obtained at a foreign higher education institution are recognised upon application if they are equivalent to one of the examinations specified in Section 4. The competent Graduate School determines equivalence. The equivalence agreements approved by the Standing Conference of the Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs and the German Rectors' Conference must be taken into account. If the competent Graduate School is unable to determine equivalence on the basis of these documents, the Central Office for Foreign Education of the Standing Conference of the Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs must be consulted on the question of equivalence; its opinion must be taken into account and any decision deviating from it must be justified.
- (2) The Doctoral Committee also decides whether above-average performance within the meaning of Section 4 has been demonstrated. To determine whether the foreign final degree examination meets the requirement of above-average performance, the result of the foreign examination is converted into the German grading system by corresponding application of the "Agreement on the Determination of the Overall Grade for Foreign Higher Education Entrance Qualifications" (resolution of the Standing Conference of the Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs of 15 March 1991, as amended).

§ 6 Acceptance as a doctoral candidate and membership of the Doctoral Centre

- (1) The application for acceptance as a doctoral candidate at the Doctoral Centre must be submitted in writing to the DIT Graduate School. The Doctoral Committee of the Doctoral Centre decides on acceptance and entry in the list of doctoral candidates. The application must be approved provided that
 1. evidence of the required prior qualifications pursuant to Sections 4 and 5 is provided in electronic form with a verification code or as an officially certified copy;
 2. a copy of the identity card is produced.
 3. a dissertation topic agreed with a professorial member of the Doctoral Centre (the supervisor) has been assigned;
 4. the dissertation topic falls within the subject-specific scope of the Doctoral Centre's right to award doctorates;
 5. a supervision agreement has been concluded between the applicant and at least one supervisor; and
 6. a written research proposal for the doctoral project to be undertaken independently has been submitted. The research proposal should comprise the proposed topic, the current state of research, the objectives and contribution of the work, together with a description of the approach and the proposed methods.
- (2) The applicant receives an administrative decision on the Doctoral Committee's decision, which must also document the doctoral degree sought. Acceptance may be subject to qualification measures in addition to the structured qualification programme. The qualification measures are determined by the Doctoral Committee. A rejection must state the reasons and include instructions on legal remedies. Entry in the list of doctoral candidates does not constitute a decision on the initiation of the doctoral procedure.

- (3) Upon entry in the list of doctoral candidates, doctoral candidates become members of the Doctoral Centre. Upon completion of the doctorate, the doctoral candidate is removed from the list of doctoral candidates and membership of the Doctoral Centre thus ends.
- (4) If a doctoral candidate wishes to discontinue their doctoral project, they may terminate the supervisory relationship at any time. The supervisory relationship may likewise be terminated at any time by mutual agreement. The supervisor may unilaterally terminate the supervision agreement only if there are compelling academic reasons or the relationship of trust has broken down. For this purpose, a feedback meeting with a negative outcome must have taken place, a mediation procedure must have failed and, following a hearing of the supervisor and the doctoral candidate by the Doctoral Committee, it must be determined that the relationship of trust has broken down. Once these requirements have been met, the supervisory relationship is terminated. In this case, the Doctoral Committee should facilitate an alternative, academically appropriate supervisory relationship, unless the doctoral candidate has forfeited their right to continue their doctoral procedure through their conduct. This is assessed by the Doctoral Committee and communicated to the doctoral candidate in writing by the chair of the Doctoral Committee. The decision must include instructions on legal remedies.
- (5) The deadlines stipulated by the Doctoral Committee must be observed. A reminder will be issued in the event of failure to meet a deadline. In the event of repeated failure to meet deadlines, the doctoral candidate may be excluded from the Doctoral Centre. The doctoral project ends upon exclusion. The administrative decision must include instructions on legal remedies.

§ 7 Dissertation

- (1) The dissertation consists of a monograph or published papers placed in an academic context (publication-based dissertation). Further details are governed by the Guidelines for the Preparation of Dissertations.
- (2) Irrespective of its form, the dissertation must demonstrate the doctoral candidate's ability to undertake advanced and independent academic research.
- (3) When preparing the dissertation in the form of a monograph, the key research results must additionally be presented to the international academic community for discussion. Further details are governed by the Guidelines for the Preparation of Dissertations.
- (4) In the case of a publication-based dissertation, the research problem, the approaches used to address it, the results obtained and conclusions drawn, as well as the related literature, must be presented in such a way as to demonstrate their positioning within a broader academic context and the added value beyond the publications used. Further details are governed by the Guidelines for the Preparation of Dissertations, which specify the scope of the text section and the number, type, requirements and weighting of the publications and ensure that, in the case of joint publications, the individual contributions of the doctoral candidate are clearly identified and corresponding confirmations from the co-authors are provided. Within the framework of these Guidelines, the Doctoral Committee ensures, while safeguarding positions protected by copyright, that at least

three publications are included for which the doctoral candidate has taken the lead. At least two of these publications must have been accepted by internationally recognised peer-reviewed academic journals. The third publication must already have been submitted to a publication medium. Writings accepted for publication and published in print or electronic journals must be attached to the dissertation as an appendix.

- (5) The publication requirements stipulated in paragraphs 1, 3 and 4 may be waived if there is an outstanding research achievement.

The Doctoral Committee decides whether an outstanding research achievement exists, exercising due discretion on the basis of an academically substantiated assessment of the individual case.

The doctoral candidate must apply for this assessment to be carried out.

The research achievement is assessed independently of publication in specific academic journals and is based exclusively on the academic quality, originality, methodological rigour and academic significance of the underlying work

- (6) The Dissertation shall be written in German or English. Subject to approval by the Doctoral Committee, the dissertation may be written in another language.

- (7) The dissertation must be prepared independently. It must contain a summary of its content and a complete list of the literature used and other sources of information.

- (8) Prior publications of parts of the dissertation must be identified as such. The doctoral candidate's own work that has already been submitted for examination purposes may not be submitted as a dissertation; however, results from such work may be used for the dissertation, in which case the relevant work must be identified as such in the text and in the list of references.

§ 8 Appointment of the supervisor

- (1) Dissertations are prepared under the supervision of a professorial member of the Doctoral Centre. Professorial members of the Doctoral Centre may belong to any of the universities participating in the Doctoral Centre.

- (2) The following persons may be appointed as secondary supervisors:

- a. professors or Privatdozenten (academics holding the *venia legendi*) at a university of applied sciences or university;
- b. doctoral researchers at a university of applied sciences or university who have secured independent, externally funded junior research groups through highly competitive programmes or who hold a fixed-term early-career, junior or tenure-track professorship;
- c. doctoral researchers at a non-university research institution who hold a managerial position and have demonstrated appropriate academic qualifications, particularly with regard to research strength and expertise in the subject area of the respective doctoral project and experience in supervising doctorates.

- (3) In justified cases, the following may also be appointed
- d. professorial staff from another discipline or university of applied sciences with demonstrated appropriate academic qualifications;
 - e. professorial staff as well as persons who have completed a habilitation or have achievements equivalent to a habilitation at a university;
 - f. professorial staff who are involved in performing other research-related responsibilities and tasks and are not members of the Doctoral Centre, such as mentors or project partners
- as secondary supervisors.
- (4) When making the appointment, it should be ensured that the supervisors have sufficient time available to supervise the dissertation until its anticipated completion.
- (5) If a supervising professorial member of the Doctoral Centre leaves their position before completion of the doctoral procedure, they may continue to supervise the ongoing doctoral procedure and may be appointed as an examiner to the Doctoral Examination Committee.
- (6) In justified cases, the Doctoral Committee may, on its own initiative or upon a reasoned application by the persons involved, appoint replacement supervisors during the course of the proceedings, particularly where a supervisor is no longer able to provide supervision.

§ 9 Supervision of the dissertation

- (1) When applying for acceptance as a doctoral candidate, the applicant must submit the supervisor's written confirmation in the form of the supervision agreement. The supervisory relationship begins upon acceptance as a doctoral candidate and is conditional upon such acceptance.
- (2) Supervision includes regular academic advice, receipt of outlines or interim reports and meetings to report on progress, as well as support for the doctoral candidate, which must be regulated in the supervision agreement.

§ 10 Structured qualification programme

- (1) The structured qualification programme supports doctoral candidates in their development towards independent academic research and in pursuing an academic career, which, in addition to completing the doctorate within an appropriate period, includes participation in the academic publication process.
- (2) The structured qualification programme forms part of the doctoral procedure.
- (3) Further details are governed by the Guidelines for the Structured Qualification Programme.

B) Doctoral procedure

§ 11 Submission of the dissertation

- (1) The doctoral candidate must apply to the Administrative Office of the DIT Graduate School at Deggendorf Institute of Technology for the initiation of the doctoral procedure. An application for the initiation of doctoral procedure may only be submitted by doctoral candidates entered in the list of doctoral candidates. The application must be accompanied by:
 1. the title of the dissertation;
 2. an electronic version (PDF file) of the dissertation;
 3. a summary of the dissertation, generally one page in length, in German or English; an English translation of the title and summary must also be provided if the dissertation was written in German;
 4. a declaration by the applicant pursuant to Section 3(2);
 5. a list of prior publications;
 6. confirmation of participation in the structured qualification programme and, where applicable, fulfilment of the qualification measures;
 7. a tabular curriculum vitae of the applicant, providing information in particular on their educational background;
 8. confirmation that a certificate of conduct for submission to a German authority was applied for no more than three months previously.
- (2) The Administrative Office of the DIT Graduate School checks whether the application meets the formal requirements and subsequently forwards the application for initiation of the doctoral procedure to the Doctoral Committee.

§ 12 Initiation of the doctoral procedure

- (1) The Doctoral Committee checks whether the application complies with the provisions.
- (2) The application for initiation of the doctoral procedure may only be rejected if
 - a. the requirements for admission stipulated in Section 3 are not met; or
 - b. the evidence required under Sections 10 and 11 is incomplete or incorrectA reasoned rejection must be communicated to the doctoral candidate in writing without delay. The decision rejecting the application must include instructions on legal remedies.
- (3) The Doctoral Committee shall reach the necessary decisions as quickly as possible and appoint a Doctoral Examination Committee.
- (4) If the doctoral procedure are initiated, the Doctoral Committee shall endeavour to ensure that the oral examination is generally conducted within six months.
- (5) The Doctoral Committee appoints a Doctoral Examination Committee consisting of a chair, a first examiner, a second examiner and, optionally, a third examiner, whereby the latter may also be appointed at a later stage of the proceedings or as required. The chair and the first examiner must be professorial members of the Doctoral Centre. The other examiners must be professors or Privatdozenten (academics holding the *venia legendi*) at a university of applied sciences or university, or hold a fixed-term early-career, junior or tenure-track professorship. The chair of the Doctoral Examination Committee and one examiner must be independent of the supervisory relationship.

- (6) First examiners must provide evidence of having participated in the supervision and assessment of at least one successfully completed cooperative or independent doctoral procedure.
- (7) Upon appointment as an examiner, the authority to act as an examiner in this doctoral procedure is deemed to have been established.

§ 13 Examination of the dissertation

- (1) The Doctoral Committee forwards the application for the opening of the doctoral procedure, together with all documents, to the chair of the Doctoral Examination Committee. The chair forwards the dissertation to the examiners for examination.
- (2) The chair of the Doctoral Examination Committee ensures that the assessment and examination of the dissertation are completed within a reasonable period.
- (3) The Doctoral Examination Committee is responsible for issuing invitations to and conducting the oral examination (defence).

§ 14 Assessment of the dissertation

- (1) The first examiner, the second examiner and, where applicable, the third examiner assess the dissertation in independent written reviews, which must include a grade. The reviews must be submitted to the chair. The chair shall ensure that this is done within a reasonable period (generally no more than three months).
- (2) If the grades awarded in the first and second reviews differ by more than one grade or if the dissertation is awarded “summa cum laude”, the chair of the Doctoral Examination Committee appoints a third examiner from among the persons specified in Section 12(5).
- (3) Once all reviews have been received, an overall grade for the dissertation is determined. The grading scale pursuant to Section 20(3) shall be applied. The overall grade is calculated as the arithmetic mean of the individual grades awarded. If the calculation of the average results in a fraction, the better grade is awarded for values up to 0.5. An overall grade of at least 3 is required for admission to the defence.
- (4) If the overall grade is lower than 3, the doctoral project has failed and the doctoral procedure are thereby terminated. The Doctoral Examination Committee decides whether the dissertation may be resubmitted in revised form or whether a new version is required; this decision must be unanimous. Section 19(2) and Section 21(2) apply accordingly.

§ 15 Involvement of the Professorial Body

The Professorial Body consists of all professors of the Doctoral Centre. If the dissertation has been assessed by all examiners with grades resulting in an overall grade of at least 3, the chair of the Doctoral Examination Committee shall ensure that the dissertation, together

with the written reviews, is made available digitally to the Professorial Body for possible comment.

§ 16 Acceptance of the dissertation

- (1) The dissertation is accepted if no objection is raised by members of the Professorial Body within a period of two weeks. If an objection is raised, written reasons must be submitted within two weeks. If duly reasoned objections have been raised, the Doctoral Committee makes the final decision on acceptance of the dissertation.
- (2) If the dissertation is rejected, the doctoral project has failed and the doctoral procedure are terminated. In this case, the doctoral candidate receives a reasoned written administrative decision including instructions on legal remedies.)

C) Defence

§ 17 Invitation to the oral examination

- (1) If the dissertation has been accepted, the chair of the Doctoral Examination Committee schedules and chairs the oral examination in the form of a defence.
- (2) The chair invites the doctoral candidate, the Doctoral Examination Committee and the other members of the Doctoral Centre authorised to act as examiners to the defence at least two weeks in advance. The invitation may also be issued electronically. Data protection requirements must be observed. With the agreement of the doctoral candidate, the Examination Committee may admit additional members of the public as observers, where appropriate only for parts of the examination; in this case, it shall publicly announce the date and time.
- (3) The Doctoral Examination Committee may, in consultation with the doctoral candidate, determine that the defence is to be conducted by video conference or with one or more participants joining by video link. Software approved by Deggendorf Institute of Technology for this purpose should be used. In this case, the invitation is issued electronically by sending the link; other members of the Doctoral Centre authorised to act as examiners should notify the chair of the Examination Committee of their interest in participating no later than three working days before the scheduled examination. The chair enables their participation.

§ 18 Oral examination and its assessment

- (1) At the beginning of the defence, the doctoral candidate gives a presentation on their dissertation before the Doctoral Examination Committee; the presentation should not exceed 30 minutes. Following the presentation, time is allowed for public discussion.
- (2) The doctoral candidate is subsequently examined individually for a total of approximately one hour. Minutes of the examination must be prepared. Starting from the dissertation, the examination should extend to the broader subject area to which the dissertation belongs. During the defence, the content of the dissertation is discussed, taking the written reviews

into account, and the examination also extends to issues in the relevant academic disciplines touched upon by the dissertation. Active participation in the discussion with the doctoral candidate is the responsibility of the members of the Doctoral Examination Committee.

- (3) As a rule, the oral examination is conducted in the same language in which the dissertation is written.
- (4) The oral examination is conducted by the Doctoral Examination Committee. The chair may permit questions from other persons present who are authorised to act as examiners. Grades are awarded only by the examiners. The chair shall ensure that all examiners have an appropriate opportunity to ask questions.
- (5) The grades specified in Section 20(3) must be awarded for the assessment of the defence. Each examiner awards a grade. The overall grade for the oral examination is calculated as the arithmetic mean of the individual grades awarded by the members of the Doctoral Examination Committee. If the calculation of the average results in a fraction, the better grade is awarded for values up to 0.5. The oral examination is passed if an overall grade of at least 3 is achieved. The grade for the defence is deliberated in a closed session.
- (6) If the examination is assessed as “Failed” or if the doctoral candidate fails to attend the oral examination for reasons for which they are responsible, the oral examination is deemed failed. In this case, Section 19(2) applies.

D) Completion of the examination

§ 19 Examination result

- (1) Following completion of the oral examination, the members of the Doctoral Examination Committee determine in a closed session whether the examination has been passed and whether the doctoral degree is to be awarded. Where applicable, the members of the Doctoral Examination Committee require amendments to the dissertation that must still be made by the doctoral candidate. These requirements must be recorded on the examination form together with a deadline (max. three months). The chair is responsible for verifying compliance with the requirements. The chair approves the dissertation for publication. Any requirements must be documented in the minutes of the oral examination.
- (2) Following the examination, the chair of the Doctoral Examination Committee informs the doctoral candidate of the grade awarded for the oral examination, the grade awarded for the dissertation and the overall result determined. If the examination is failed, the doctoral candidate receives a written administrative decision including instructions on legal remedies, which also provides information on the options for repeating the examination.
- (3) Following completion of the doctoral procedure, doctoral candidates may inspect the examination documents within one year.

§ 20 Assessment of the doctorate

- (1) The date on which the oral examination is passed is deemed to be the date of the award of the doctorate.
- (2) Both the dissertation and the defence must each be passed with a grade of at least 3.
- (3) The overall grade consists of the grade for the dissertation and the grade for the defence, with the dissertation grade weighted at 2/3 and the defence grade at 1/3. If the calculation of the average results in a fraction, the better grade is awarded for values up to 0.5. The overall performance is passed if an overall grade of at least 3 is achieved. The following grades are awarded:
 - summa cum laude = 0 = “excellent” = an outstanding performance
 - magna cum laude = 1 = “very good” = a particularly commendable performance
 - cum laude = 2 = “good” = a performance above average
 - rite = 3 = “satisfactory” = a performance that meets average requirements.

§ 21 Retention of examination and dissertation documents

- (1) Following successful completion of the doctoral procedure, the examination documents are retained at the DIT Graduate School of Deggendorf Institute of Technology and at the Graduate Center of Rosenheim Technical University of Applied Sciences; one copy remains on file at the DIT Graduate School.
- (2) If the doctoral project has definitively failed, the dissertation together with the written reviews remains on file at the DIT Graduate School of Deggendorf Institute of Technology and at the Graduate Center of Rosenheim Technical University of Applied Sciences.

E) Repetition of doctoral assessments

§ 22

- (1) If the dissertation has been rejected for the first time by the Doctoral Centre pursuant to Section 14(4) or Section 16(2), and the doctoral project has therefore failed, the doctoral candidate may, within two years of service of the decision rejecting the dissertation, submit a new dissertation or, with the consent of the Doctoral Examination Committee pursuant to Section 14(4), the revised dissertation via the respective competent Graduate School.
- (2) If the doctoral candidate does not submit a revised or new dissertation within the period specified in paragraph 1, the doctoral project has definitively failed. In this case, the doctoral candidate receives a written administrative decision including instructions on legal remedies. The provisions of the Act on the Protection of Mothers at Work (Maternity Protection Act – MuSchG), as amended, apply accordingly to the doctorate. The protection periods stipulated in the MuSchG must be taken into account when calculating all periods under these Doctorate Regulations. This also applies to parental leave within the meaning

of the Act on Parental Allowance and Parental Leave (Federal Parental Allowance and Parental Leave Act – BEEG), as amended.)

- (3) If a dissertation revised or resubmitted pursuant to Section 14(2) is not awarded at least grade 3 (assessment: “Failed”) or if the dissertation is not accepted pursuant to Section 16(1), the doctoral procedure have definitively failed. In this case, the doctoral candidate receives a reasoned written administrative decision including instructions on legal remedies.
- (4) If the dissertation submitted to the Doctoral Centre has been assessed by all examiners with grades corresponding to a “pass”, but the oral examination has not been passed, the doctoral candidate is required to repeat only the oral examination. The oral examination may be repeated only once, no earlier than three months and no later than one year after the failed oral examination. If this period expires, entitlement to recognition of the dissertation lapses and the doctoral project has definitively failed. Admission to a further repeat examination is possible only in cases of hardship, which must be explained in writing to the chair of the Examination Committee; admission to a further repeat examination requires a unanimous decision of the Doctoral Examination Committee.

F) Reasonable adjustments

§ 23

- (1) Due consideration must be given to the nature and severity of a disability in the doctoral procedure. If a doctoral candidate provides credible evidence that, due to a long-term or permanent physical disability or chronic illness, they are unable to complete the doctoral procedure and the oral examination, in whole or in part, in the prescribed form, reasonable adjustments may be made by extending the doctoral procedure accordingly or by making alternative arrangements for the oral examination. A medical certificate must be submitted upon request.
- (2) The decision pursuant to paragraph 1 is made by the Doctoral Committee. The decision must be communicated to the doctoral candidate in writing.

G) Publication of the dissertation

§ 24

- (1) After passing the oral examination, the doctoral candidate must make the approved version of the dissertation available to the academic community by reproduction and dissemination within 12 months. The publication requirement does not apply to publications attached as an appendix pursuant to Section 7(3) that have been accepted for publication and have appeared in print or electronic journals. In particularly justified exceptional cases, the Doctoral Committee may approve an embargo on a case-by-case basis if a coherent and detailed justification of the exceptional circumstances is provided. Such exceptional circumstances may relate to special circumstances concerning publication in academic journals or to patent applications. An embargo must be limited to a maximum period of five years; an extension may only be approved in further particularly justified exceptional cases, provided that the relevant grounds continue to apply and are substantiated in a comprehensible manner.

(2) For this purpose, in addition to the abstract in German and English, the doctoral candidate must submit free of charge:

1. to the university library of the respective partner institution of the Doctoral Centre, an electronic version of the dissertation free of charge, the file format and data carrier of which must comply with the requirements of the respective university library; the doctoral candidate grants the respective university library, the German National Library and the Bavarian State Library the right to publish the electronic version on data networks for an unlimited period and to make it accessible in other databases and confirms that the electronic version corresponds to the accepted dissertation; the doctoral candidate is required to check the metadata and the online version of their dissertation for completeness, accuracy and readability; the submission of files that do not meet the stipulated requirements regarding file format and data carrier does not constitute publication
2. the copies of the dissertation to be submitted must contain a title page in accordance with the requirements of the Doctoral Centre (two bound hard copies in DIN A4 or DIN A5 format are to be submitted to the respective Doctoral Centre, or an electronic version.)

H) Completion of the doctorate and certificate

§ 25

- (1) As provisional evidence of the award of the doctoral degree, the doctoral candidate receives a provisional certificate in German and English from the DIT Graduate School of Deggendorf Institute of Technology, bearing the seals of both universities and stating the date of the doctorate, provided that the doctorate has been passed and the required copies pursuant to Section 24 have been submitted within the stipulated period.
- (2) Upon presentation of the certificate, the doctoral candidate acquires the right to use the doctoral degree awarded. Before the certificate pursuant to paragraph 1 has been presented, the doctoral candidate is not entitled to use the doctoral degree.
- (3) The doctoral candidate receives a certificate in German and English bearing the seal of Deggendorf Institute of Technology and stating the date of the doctorate pursuant to Section 20(1). The time and form of the personal presentation are determined by the DIT Graduate School. A ceremonial certificate is available for a fee.
- (4) Rosenheim Technical University of Applied Sciences, as the university cooperating within the Doctoral Centre, is also identified by name and seal on the certificate.
- (5) The supervisors are identified on the certificate by name and by the name of their respective university.

I) Invalidity of the doctorate

§ 26

If, before the doctoral degree certificate is presented, it is established that the doctoral candidate was admitted to the doctorate on the basis of false information or that the doctoral candidate attempted to commit or committed deception in connection with their doctoral assessments, the management of the Doctoral Centre shall declare these doctoral assessments invalid and the doctoral procedure definitively failed. The doctoral candidate receives a written administrative decision on this decision, including instructions on legal remedies.

J) Revocation of the doctoral degree

§ 27

The revocation of a doctoral degree already awarded is governed by Art. 101 BayHIG.

§ 28 Entry into force

These Doctorate Regulations enter into force on DD/MM/YYYY.