

## Changes in PhD Regulations 2023, adopted on 14 September 2023

1. The term 'professor' has now been added to the definitions, as subsection o. In connection with this, 1.1c has also been changed.
2. Throughout the Dutch text, the word 'toegang' has been replaced by the words 'toelating' and 'toelaatbaar(heid)'. This does not involve any changes in the English version
3. The description of 'joint degree' has been updated in Article 2 and accordingly in the definitions (1.1l).
4. Article 2.4 now leaves open the possibility of giving permission for a second PhD research study 'for other compelling reasons'.
5. Article 3.1 has now been expanded with the provision that PhD candidates may only be admitted to the PhD defence if they have completed a training programme, which training programme was agreed in advance. All the conditions are listed in Article 3.1c. It is stated in Article 44.2 that this requirement is only applicable for PhD candidates who start their PhD track on or after 1 January 2024.
6. Article 6 has been transformed into an article about what a person should do if they wish to follow a PhD track; Article 9 has been added to indicate the formal moment at which the PhD track starts.
7. In Article 10.1, the word 'compulsory' has been inserted before 'training and supervision plan'.
8. In Article 10.2b, reference is now made to the Netherlands Code of Conduct for Research Integrity.
9. In Article 11 the sentence "If in a given PhD track a UHD has been appointed supervisor, a second supervisor must be appointed who is a professor" has been deleted in connection with the changes to Appendix E, *Ius promovendi* for UHDs.
10. In Article 15 it is now indicated that the Propositions are submitted for approval to the Dean together with the other elements of the non-scientific component (see Article 19).
11. In Article 19, the paragraph that concerns the approval by the beadle and the Dean has been moved from 3 to 7 and expanded. In connection with this, the phrase 'and the notification regarding the propositions as referred to in Article 15' has been deleted from Article 22.1.
12. Articles 22-24 have been brought into line with one another: 22.3 has been moved to 24.1 and 23.5 has been deleted, because the same is also stated in 24.5.
13. An addition in Article 24.3 is that a form is available for the formulation of the assessment.
14. In Article 24.4, the words 'and the supervisor(s) and co-supervisor(s)' have been deleted.
15. An addition in Article 24.7 is: 'A correction procedure of this kind is permitted only once.'
16. In Article 24.11, the formulation of the Doctorate Board's decision has been clarified: in such a case, the doctorate procedure is temporarily suspended.
17. Article 27.2 now ends after 'a substitute'. A new 27.3 has been added, which regulates the appointment of Pro-rectors.
18. Article 29.3 has been changed and now regulates what happens if the votes are tied or if the Examining Committee's assessment is negative. See also Article 30.7.
19. Article 30.5 now makes it explicit that a co-supervisor can deliver the *laudatio*.
20. Article 32 had not yet been amended in line with the new cum laude procedure, which had already been changed in 2021 (described in Appendix D); this has now been done (32.2 and 32.5 have been rewritten).
21. In Article 38.4, the term 'regalia' is now used instead of 'gown'.
22. Article 40.5 in the Dutch version contained an incorrect reference, which has now been corrected. The English version was correct: 'the report referred to in the fourth paragraph'.

23. Articles 42-44 regulate the official title, the effective date and the adoption of the new provisions.

#### Changes to the Appendices

The rules on *ius promovendi* for UHD's were already amended in April 2023 as follows:

1. If a UHD is appointed as the supervisor for a particular PhD track, it will no longer be necessary to appoint a second supervisor who is a full professor.
2. Two requirements for obtaining *ius* have been amended: the UHD must now have supervised at least two PhD candidates to a successful PhD defence at a Dutch university or in similar supervisory pathways at non-Dutch universities and must have completed a training course on supervising PhD candidates.
3. UHD's who have obtained *ius* at another Dutch university will now automatically receive *ius* in Leiden.

#### Changes in jurisprudence

1. The rule about the title page in the case of a joint degree has been changed.
2. There is now a clearer description of when the appointment of three supervisors is permitted and when permission can be given for a larger team of supervisors and co-supervisors.
3. An addition to 4.2 'Admission' is that if a PhD candidate has already completed the dissertation but has not yet obtained a master's diploma, it is not necessary to still obtain that master's diploma.
4. The comments at 14.1 have been generalised to also include UDs (lecturers/assistant professors) and UHDs (senior lecturers/associate professors). An additional condition has also been included for the appointment of emeritus professors in a new PhD track.
5. The comment at 'Propositions' has been expanded to include a comment about text generators.
6. Comments have been added with regard to *ius promovendi*.