

**SCHEDULE A: THESIS EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS FOR SPECIFIED MASTERS DEGREES** (Approved by Academic Board on 26 February 2018)

This schedule is pursuant to the [Higher Degrees by Research Assessment Procedure](#).

Degree	Thesis examination
Master of Science (Research)	<p>The thesis will be assessed according to the HDR Assessment Procedure with the following variations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Executive Dean of the Faculty of Science, Engineering and Built Environment (SEBE) must be informed at least six weeks prior to the thesis being submitted.</li> <li>2. The thesis examination procedure will be coordinated by SEBE and not Deakin Research. The online examination system will not be used.</li> <li>3. Students must submit their thesis by the date set by the Faculty in the relevant trimester. Variations to the submission date may be approved by the Faculty Executive Dean. Students may not submit their thesis without supervisor approval.</li> <li>4. Only two examiners must be nominated by the Head of Academic Unit or nominee. One examiner may be a member Deakin academic staff, but must be from outside the immediate research group. No examiners have to be resident outside Australia.</li> <li>5. The nominated examiners will be approved by the Faculty Executive Dean or nominee.</li> <li>6. Students may submit a statement to the Faculty Executive Dean giving reasons why a specified person ought not to be appointed as an examiner of their thesis.</li> <li>7. All communication with the appointed examiners about the examination must be undertaken by SEBE Research Innovation Group.</li> <li>8. Examiners will provide a written report for consideration by the Head of School and principal or executive supervisor. The supervisor, via the Head of School, will provide a response to the written examiners reports and a recommendation to the Thesis Examination Subcommittee.</li> <li>9. The Thesis Examination Subcommittee can recommend that:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. the examination be passed</li> <li>b. the examination not be passed.</li> </ol> </li> <li>10. In addition to lodging the final thesis with Deakin Research, students must also submit their final thesis with the Faculty.</li> <li>11. The student may apply to the Faculty Executive Dean or nominee to defer publication or restrict access to a thesis for a limited period of time to facilitate the commercial exploitation of material or for other compelling reasons, as per <a href="#">Schedule B: Restricted Access to Thesis</a></li> </ol>

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<p>Master of Philosophy (Electromaterials) – offered jointly with University of Wollongong</p>	<p>Where Deakin is the home institution for the student, the thesis will be assessed according to the <a href="#">HDR Assessment Procedure</a> with the following variations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The student will be required to submit a single thesis to both Deakin and the University of Wollongong at the same time.</li> <li>2. To proceed to examination, the thesis must be approved as ready for submission by the executive and co-supervisor from the University of Wollongong, and the Head of Academic Unit or nominee.</li> <li>3. The executive supervisor will nominate two examiners instead of four. One examiner will be external to both universities and the other examiner will be internal to either Deakin or the University of Wollongong. The Thesis Examination Committee (or equivalent) of each university will consider the thesis and the recommendations from the examiners and decide the outcome of the examination according to the same process as for other HDRs.</li> </ol>
<p>Master of Philosophy – offered by the School of Medicine</p>	<p>The administrative process for the examination of the theses will be coordinated by the Course Director, with approval from the School of Medicine’s HDR and Research and Research Training Committees.</p> <p>The student will be required to submit a single thesis of between 30,000-40,000 words in length. Students may not submit their thesis without supervisor approval. The thesis will be assessed by two examiners, nominated by the Head of the Academic Unit or nominee and approved by the Faculty Executive Dean or nominee:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. One examiner internal to Deakin University, but outside the immediate research group.</li> <li>2. One examiner external to Deakin University (may be either national or international).</li> </ol> <p>The Thesis Examination Committee will consider the thesis and the recommendations from the examiners and decide the outcome of the examination, according to the same process as other HDRs.</p>
<p>Master of Surgical Research</p>	<p>The administrative process for the examination of the theses will be coordinated by the Course Director, with approval from the School of Medicine’s HDR and Research and Research Training Committees.</p> <p>The student will be required to submit a single thesis (maximum of 30,000 words in length). Students may not submit their thesis without supervisor approval. The thesis will be assessed by two examiners, nominated by the Head of the Academic Unit or nominee and approved by the Faculty Executive Dean or nominee:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. One examiner internal to Deakin University, but outside the immediate research group.</li> <li>2. One examiner external to Deakin University (may be either national or international).</li> </ol> <p>The Thesis Examination Committee will consider the thesis and the recommendations from the examiners and decide the outcome of the examination, according to the same process as other HDRs.</p>