



Graduate School, Khon Kaen University Announcement

(No. 108/2023)

On Comprehensive Examination and Qualifying Examination

To ensure the proper and effective management of comprehensive examination and qualifying examination and to yield beneficial outcomes for graduate-level education management. In accordance with the Act of Khon Kaen University A.D. 2015 Section 40 and Khon Kaen University Regulations on Graduate Education Level, A.D. 2023, Clause 34.2 and Clause 34.5. Adhere to the agreement of the Committee Board of Graduate School Meeting at the 7/2023 on July 6, 2023, therefore issued the announcement of criteria and guidelines for the Comprehensive Examination and Qualifying Examination as follows.

Clause 1 This announcement shall be called “Graduate School, Khon Kaen University Announcement (No. 108/2023) On Comprehensive Examination and Qualifying Examination

Clause 2 This announcement is effective from the issued date onwards.

Clause 3 The previous Graduate School, Khon Kaen University Announcement (No. 28/2017) On Comprehensive Examination and Qualifying Examination is no longer applied.

Clause 4 The term “Comprehensive Examination” refers to an assessment conducted to evaluate the knowledge and abilities of students in their major field of study and related fields. This examination is a requirement for the completion of master's degree programs, particularly in Plan B or Plan 2 (Professional Plan). The criteria and procedures for the Comprehensive Examination are as follows:

4.1 The Comprehensive Examination may take the form of a written examination, an oral examination, or both.

4.2 The Comprehensive Examination Committee shall be responsible for organizing the Comprehensive Examination once per semester. In cases of necessity, an

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additional examination may be conducted in the same semester. This can be conducted in the special semester.

The Comprehensive Examination Committee shall consist of no fewer than three members appointed by the Dean of the affiliated program upon recommendation from the program's committee.

4.3 The student eligible to take the Comprehensive Examination must have a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.00.

4.4 The Comprehensive Examination Evaluation results shall be indicated as "S" signifies pass, and "U" signifies fail.

The committee chairperson shall report the examination results to the faculty, the Bureau of Academic Administration and Development, and the Graduate School through the program's chairperson within 15 days from the examination date.

4.5 The students who do not pass the Comprehensive Examination on their first attempt, as outlined in section 4.3, are allowed to request a reexamination once. However, if a student fails the examination on their second attempt, they will no longer maintain their student status in accordance with the Khon Kaen University Regulations on Graduate Education Level, A.D. 2023, Clause 65.7,

Clause 5 The term "Qualifying Examination" refers to an assessment conducted to evaluate the knowledge and abilities of students in their major field of study and related fields. Its purpose is to determine whether students possess the capability to conduct research and are eligible to propose a proposal in a doctoral program. Passing this examination is a requirement for students enrolled in doctoral programs in Plan 1 and Plan 2. The criteria and procedures for the Qualifying examination are as follows:

5.1 The Qualifying Examination may take the form of a written examination, an oral examination, or both in their major field of study and related fields.

5.2 The Qualifying Examination Committee shall be responsible for organizing the Qualifying Examination once per semester, and if necessary, it may be conducted in a special semester.

The Qualifying Examination Committee shall consist of no fewer than four members; additionally, there may be up to two external committee members who are not

affiliated with the university, appointed by the Dean of the affiliated program upon recommendation from the program's committee.

5.3 The students who are eligible to request the Qualifying Examination include:

5.3.1 The students who enrolled in a doctoral program are allowed to take the Qualifying Examination from the first semester onwards.

5.3.2 The students enrolled in a master's degree program who wish to change to a doctoral program in the same major must be with the following qualifications:

➤ *A master's degree student in Plan A Type A2*

Having completed at least 12 credits of coursework with grades of A, B+, B, C+, C, D+, D, or F, and having a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.50 in the most recent semester prior to the Qualifying examination.

➤ *A master's degree student in Plan A Type A1*

Having research work with the potential to be developed into a dissertation in the doctoral program. It must be approved by the program committee and the Dean of the affiliated program.

5.4 Qualifying Examination Evaluation results shall be indicated as "S" signifies pass, and "U" signifies fail. The committee chairperson shall report the examination results to the faculty, the Bureau of Academic Administration and Development, and the Graduate School through the program's chairperson within 15 days from the examination date.

5.5 The students who pass the Qualification Examination shall be called "Doctoral degree student" and they are able to submit for proposal approval.

5.6 The students, as outlined in section 5.3.1, who do not pass the Qualifying Examination on their first attempt, are allowed to request a reexamination once. They must pass the Qualifying examination within 2 academic years from the time they enrolled in the thesis course. If a student fails the examination on their second attempt, they will no longer maintain their student status in accordance with the Khon Kaen University Regulations on Graduate Education Level, A.D. 2023, Clause 65.7, Unless they receive approval to change their level of study in accordance with the Graduate School, Khon Kaen

University announcements regarding changes in the postgraduate level of study or any further updated announcements.

5.7 The students, as outlined in section 5.3.2, who do not pass the Qualifying Examination on their second attempt, will still maintain their student status in the master's degree program.

Clause 6 The Dean of the Graduate School shall be in charge of this announcement. In case the principles or guidelines are not defined, or if any dispute arises from this announcement, the Dean of the Graduate School has the final authority regarding arbitration, and his/her decision is final.

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signed

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