

Schedule 1 – HDR Examination Recommendations and Classifications

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1A – Recommendations Available to Examiners: First Examination

Classification	Short Description	Detailed Description
R1	Passed	The candidate should be awarded the degree with no requirements for amendments other than corrections of an editorial nature. Amendments are to be made within four (4) weeks of classification and certified by an RMIT academic delegate.
R2	Passed subject to minor amendments	The candidate should be awarded the degree subject to minor amendments. Recommended amendments may include re-writing of small sections of text. Amendments are to be made within six (6) weeks of classification and certified by an RMIT academic delegate.
R3	Passed subject to major amendments	The candidate should be awarded the degree subject to major amendments. Recommended amendments may involve substantial re-writing of parts of the thesis. Amendments are to be made within six months of classification and certified by an RMIT academic delegate.
R4	Revise and Resubmit	The candidate should not yet be awarded the degree. Substantial revisions and a re-examination (by non-RMIT certified delegate) are required before a pass can be considered. Resubmission for re-examination to take place within 12 months of initial classification.
R5	Failed	The research does not meet the criteria for the degree as specified by the University and a significant amount of additional research work and/or major substantive revision will not raise it to an acceptable standard.

1B – HDR Examination Classifications and Decisions Available to the Associate Deputy Vice-Chancellor Research Training & Development or nominee: First Examination

		Examiner 1 recommendation				
		R1	R2	R3	R4	R5
Examiner 2 Recommendation	R1	C1	C1 or C2	C1, C2 or C3	Refer to CHEAC ¹	Refer to CHEAC ¹
	R2	C1 or C2	C2	C2 or C3	Refer to CHEAC ¹	Refer to CHEAC ¹
	R3	C1, C2 or C3	C2 or C3	C3	Refer to CHEAC ¹	Refer to CHEAC ¹
	R4	Refer to CHEAC ¹	Refer to CHEAC ¹	Refer to CHEAC ¹	C4	Refer to CHEAC ¹
	R5	Refer to CHEAC ¹	Refer to CHEAC ¹	Refer to CHEAC ¹	Refer to CHEAC ¹	C5

1C – Recommendations Available to Examiners: Re-Examination

Classification	Short Description	Detailed Description
R1	Passed	The candidate should be awarded the degree with no requirements for amendments other than corrections of an editorial nature. Amendments are to be made within four weeks of classification and certified by an RMIT academic delegate.
R5	Failed	The research does not meet the criteria for the degree as specified by the University and a significant amount of additional research work and/or major substantive revision will not raise it to an acceptable standard.

¹ Refer to CHEAC: The candidate has received diverging recommendations and should be referred to a College HDR Examinations Advisory Committee (CHEAC). The CHEAC members will recommend whether the candidate should be given the interim classification of Revise and Resubmit (C4) or whether the matter should be referred to an external adjudicator for review. In cases where one of the examiners has recommended an R5 - Failed, the CHEAC panel can recommend a Failed classification (C5) – see Schedule 2A for further information.

1D – HDR Re-Examination Classifications and Decisions Available to the Associate Deputy Vice-Chancellor Research Training & Development or nominee: Re-Examination

		Examiner 1 Recommendation	
		R1	R5
Examiner 2 Recommendation	R1	C1	Convene GRC Executive meeting
	R5	Convene GRC Executive meeting	Convene GRC Executive meeting

1E – HDR Re-Examination Classifications and Decisions Available to the Graduate Research Committee Executive Group: Re-Examination

		Examiner 1 Recommendation	
		R1	R5
Examiner 2 Recommendation	R1	N/A	C5 or refer to an adjudicator ²
	R5	C5 or refer to an adjudicator ²	N/A

² Refer to adjudicator: The candidate has received diverging recommendations from their examiners (one pass, one fail) and the matter can be referred to an external adjudicator for review.