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Application of the study regime provisions for doctoral candidates as laid out in the Law of 27 June 2018 on the organisation of the University of Luxembourg

Scope:

The following provisions specify the application of the new study regime for doctoral education as laid out in the Law of 27 June 2018 to currently enrolled and future doctoral candidates. Three cases have to be distinguished:

1. Doctoral candidates enrolled on or after 1 August 2018

The provisions of the Law of 27 June 2018 (hereafter "Law") and the Chapter 5 of the University's Study Regulations of 13 September 2018 apply. Doctoral candidates in this case are required to conclude a doctoral education agreement, enrol in a doctoral programme, and fulfil the 20 ECTS requirement.

2. Doctoral candidates enrolled before 1 August 2018 and who will defend their thesis before 1 August 2020

Candidates enrolled before the implementation of the Law and defending their thesis before 1 August 2020 are **not subject** to the requirements under the new regime. Doctoral candidates in this case pursue their thesis under the previous regulation and are thus not strictly required to conclude a doctoral education agreement, enrol in a doctoral programme, or fulfil the ECTS requirements. Nevertheless, the concerned doctoral candidates are free to choose to comply to the new Law on a voluntary basis.

3. Doctoral candidates enrolled before August 2018 and who will defend after 1 August 2020

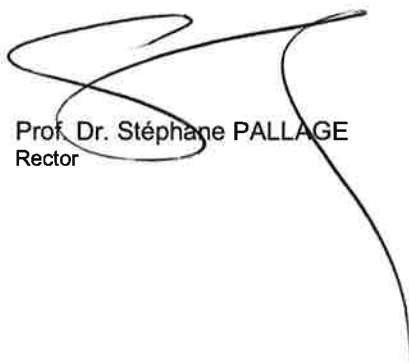
The concerned doctoral candidates are **subject** to the requirements under the new regime, within the following transition measures. The doctoral candidates must conclude a doctoral education agreement and enrol in a doctoral programme and are eligible for the extension beyond the 48-month study duration limit. The number of ECTS required for graduation are pro-rated as follows:

Number of ECTS = $[(24 - N) / 24] \times 20$, where N is the number of months between the enrolment date at the University and 01/08/2018. The Number of ECTS will be rounded down to the next whole number. Please refer to the table below.

Please keep in mind that the thesis/dissertation must be provided to the CET no later than 48 months after the date of the candidate's first enrolment.

Doctorate starting during the month of	N	ECTS
July-2018	1	19
June-2018	2	18
May-2018	3	17
Apr-2018	4	16
March-2018	5	15
Febr-2018	6	15
Jan-2018	7	14
Dec-2017	8	13
Nov-2017	9	12
Oct-2017	10	11
Sept-2017	11	10
Aug-2017	12	10
July-2017	13	9
June-2017	14	8
May-2017	15	7
Apr-2017	16	6
March-2017	17	5
Febr-2017	18	5
Jan-2017	19	4
Dec-2016	20	3
Nov-2016	21	2
Oct-2016	22	1
Before 1 Oct 2016	>22	0

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