



Mae Fah Luang Announcement
Re: Regulations, Conditions for the Graduate Level Qualifying Exam and
Comprehensive Exam, B.E. 2560

According to the Mae Fah Luang Regulations on Graduate Study, B.E. 2560, students are required to take the qualifying exam or the comprehensive exam, as part of graduation or a change in education level.

By virtue of items 62 and 69 of the Mae Fah Luang Regulations on Graduate Study, B.E. 2560 and section 26 of the Mae Fah Luang University Act B.E. 2541 as agreed on by resolution of the Academic Council 10/2560 meeting dated August 2nd, 2560, Mae Fah Luang University, it is hereby stated that:

No.1 This announcement is titled “Regulations, Conditions for the Graduate level Qualifying Exam and Comprehensive Exam, B.E. 2560.”

No. 2 This announcement has been applied to the students admitted to study from the 2560 academic year hence.

No. 3 As indicated in this announcement:

“Qualifying Exam” refers to: an assessment of basic knowledge, analytical skills, potential and readiness for doing independent research. The exam should be administered in written or an oral form; or by both means.

“Comprehensive Exam” refers to: an assessment of the students’ ability to integrate knowledge through a written exam, oral exam; or through both means.

No. 4 The President is acting on behalf of this announcement and is authorized to make the final decision on the enforcement of this announcement, and the decisions of the President shall be final.

No. 5 Regarding student eligibility to take the qualifying exam and the comprehensive exam, they should meet the Mae Fah Luang University regulations on Graduate study, B.E. 2560.

No. 6 The School is entitled to define its conditions for the Qualifying Exam or the Comprehensive Exam with approval by the program committee, the school’s postgraduate committee consecutively. Upon approval by the postgraduate committee, the School’s Qualifying

Exam and Comprehensive Exam Announcement signed by the Dean should be prepared and published for the students prior to the exam.

Should there be an amendment to the exams' conditions, the School can proceed as indicated in the first section of this announcement.

No. 7 The Qualifying Exam or Comprehensive Exam Committee membership should be in line with the regulations of Mae Fah Luang University on Graduate study as of B.E. 2560. The appointment of an exam committee member should be granted with approval by the program committee, the school's postgraduate committee, the postgraduate committee and the academic council. Accordingly, the School can appoint an exam committee member every semester, unless there is no exam that semester.

Should there be an amendment to the Exam Committee, the School can proceed as indicated in the first section of this announcement.

No. 8 Upon completion of the qualifying exam or comprehensive exam, the Exam Committee should report the results to the program committee, the school's postgraduate committee within 3 weeks (or 21 days) starting from the completion date, and they shall report the results to Office of the Postgraduate Studies before the end of the semester.

No. 9 The criteria and conditions for the qualifying exam for Ph.D. students and the comprehensive exam for Master's degree students of plan B are as follows:

9.1 Should a Ph.D. student fail the qualifying exam and Master's degree student in plan B fail the comprehensive exam on their first attempt, they may exercise their right to take another exam. In that case, students are obliged to pay the exam fees indicated by the university. Students who fail the second exam shall be dismissed from the program according to the regulations of Mae Fah Luang University on Graduate study as of B.E. 2560.

9.2 Ph.D. students are obliged to take the first qualifying exam by the end of their 4th semester, starting from admission. They shall pass the exam by the end of the 6th semester, starting from admission. If a student is deemed unsuccessful, they shall be dismissed from the program.

9.3 Ph.D. students who pass the qualifying exam will be able to defend his/her thesis proposal.

No. 10. The qualifying exam administered to Master's degree students for an educational level change into the Ph.D. program is as follows:

10.1 The students must pay for the exam fees as indicated by the university.

10.2 The qualifying exam is administered by the School as stated in the criteria, conditions, date and time of the exam.

10.3 The students who fail the first qualifying exam are able to take a second exam. Should the students be unsuccessful in completing the second exam, they have the right to maintain their Master's degree student status.

10.4 Should there be a change in the student's education level, this qualifying exam result is also applied as a requirement for graduation in the Ph.D. program.

No. 11 Should the students fail to take the qualifying exam or the comprehensive exam after obtaining the approval to take the exam, they shall be considered as fail the exam and will receive a U grade. To prevent this, they must present their certified documents to the program committee, the school's postgraduate committee within 7 days of the exam date.

11.1 Upon approval by the school's postgraduate committee, the students will receive an M, and they shall proceed to the second exam as offered by the School. The students must pay the exam fees indicated by the university.

11.2 Should the school's postgraduate committee disapprove of the students' requests, they shall fail the exam and receive a U.

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