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Post-Graduate Study Regulations of the Faculty of Georesources and Materials Engineering

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The RWTH Aachen University's Faculty of Georesources and Materials Engineering has issued the following Post-Graduate Study Regulations in conformity with section 2, para. 4 and section 67, para. 3 of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia's German Higher Education Act [*Hochschulgesetz*] of 31 October 2006 (Collection of the updated issues of the Gazette for the State of North Rhine-Westphalia 2006, p. 474), as amended by Article 2 of the Law to Establish the University of Applied Sciences for Health Occupations in North Rhine-Westphalia of 8 October 2009 (Gazette of North Rhine-Westphalia 2009, p. 516):

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I. General information

§ 1

Right to confer doctorates

The RWTH Aachen University's Faculty of Georesources and Materials Engineering has the right to confer doctorates.

§ 2

Doctoral programme (academic degree)

- (1) In the doctoral programme, the student is required to prove, above and beyond the overall degree objective, his or her ability to independently write academic papers. This capability is assessed on the basis of a substantial written thesis documenting progress in state of the art scientific research and an oral examination. The doctorate is awarded upon completion of the doctoral programme.
- (2) The Faculty of Georesources and Materials Engineering awards the doctoral degrees of "*Doktor der Ingenieurwissenschaften (Dr.-Ing.)*" [Doctor of Engineering Science] and "*Doktor der Naturwissenschaften (Dr. rer. nat.)*" [Doctor of Natural Science].

§ 3

Study requirements

The study requirements pursuant to these Post-Graduate Study Regulations are:

- a) the thesis,
- b) the oral examination and
- c) the publication of the thesis.

Once these study requirements have been met, the doctoral degree can be conferred in the form of a doctoral degree certificate.

§ 4

Thesis

- (1) The doctoral candidate is required to write an academic thesis in the German or English language. He or she may request permission from the Post-Graduate Study Board to write the thesis in a different language. In this case, the Post-Graduate Study Board may request a certified translation of the authoritative thesis text. The Post-Graduate Study Board decides whether to allow a thesis to be written in a language other than German or English as soon as an application to this effect is made.
- (2) A substantial portion of the thesis must relate to the scientific fields covered by the Faculty of Georesources and Materials Engineering.
- (3) The thesis must be supervised by a university lecturer, an adjunct professor, an honorary professor or a private lecturer of the Faculty of Georesources and Materials Engineering.
- (4) Texts written for previous examinations may not be used as a thesis.

- (5) Excerpts from prior publications on the subject of a thesis which is still being written may only be published with the advisor's consent and, in this case, they may be used in the thesis.
- (6) University lecturers who have been released from their duties or are retired may (pursuant to section 9, para. 1) to supervise and assess theses.

§ 5 Oral examination

The oral examination consists of a fifteen-minute oral thesis presentation without the use of projected images. The oral examination is at least 45 minutes in length and covers the thesis itself, plus the entire specialist field to which the thesis is related.

§ 6 Publication of the thesis

The doctoral candidate is required to publish his or her doctoral thesis in an appropriate manner and to make it available to the academic public by way of duplication and dissemination (please refer to § 19).

§ 7 Post-Graduate Study Board

- (1) The faculty establishes a Post-Graduate Study Board. Its members are the Dean and the division spokespersons. The Dean acts as Chairman. The Post-Graduate Study Board may invite non-members to participate in any of its meetings.
- (2) The Post-Graduate Study Board performs the following functions:
 - a) It assesses applicants' eligibility for admission to the doctoral programme and makes decisions on eligibility for admission pursuant to sections 10, 11 and 12.
 - b) It admits doctoral candidates to the doctoral examination pursuant to section 13.
 - c) It initiates the doctoral examination procedure, appoints advisors and appoints the members of the Examining Board.
 - d) It rejects initiation of the doctoral procedure pursuant to section 14, para. 4.
 - e) It makes decisions relating to special circumstances in the doctoral examination procedure and may raise objections to Examining Board decisions.

The Chairperson of the Post-Graduate Study Board is accorded responsibility for the board's regular business pursuant to (2) a) - c). The names of candidates admitted to the doctoral programme are provided to the Post-Graduate Study Board at its next meeting. Responsibility for decisions pertaining to rejections, objections and special circumstances cannot be transferred.

- (3) The Post-Graduate Study Board's meetings are not public. Members and guests are sworn to secrecy. Minutes are taken of the Post-Graduate Study Board's meetings. The Chairperson notifies the Faculty Council of any important decisions of the Post-Graduate Study Board.
- (4) The Post-Graduate Study Board decides with unanimous vote. If no unanimous decision can be made, it is referred to the Faculty Council. The Faculty Council's decisions are based on a simple majority vote.
- (5) The Chairperson of the Post-Graduate Study Board informs the applicant of the decision outcome. This information, plus information about legal remedies, is provided in writing.

§ 8 Examining Board

- (1) A Examining Board is established to implement the doctoral examination procedure. It has at least three and a maximum of nine members, consisting of the advisors and other persons pursuant to sections 2 to 4.
- (2) The Examining Board appoints the advisors plus at least one and a maximum of seven further members. All members must be university lecturers pursuant to section 35 of the German Higher Education Act, adjunct professors, honorary professors or private lecturers in the Faculty of Georesources and Materials Engineering. If the subject matter of the thesis is interdisciplinary, a representative of another faculty or university shall be appointed as member in respect of the subject matter which is not covered by faculty conferring the doctorate.
- (3) Any university lecturer pursuant to section 35 of the German Higher Education Act who is a member of the Faculty of Georesources and Materials Engineering may apply to be appointed as member of the Examining Board. This application must be made before the expiry of the objection period pursuant to section 15, para. 2. If the Post-Graduate Study Board rejects the application, the applicant may refer it to the Faculty Council. The decision on the appointment of members has to be final before a decision on the acceptance of the thesis can be made.
- (4) The Post-Graduate Study Board appoints a Chairperson who may not be the advisor but must be a university lecturer pursuant to section 35 of the German Higher Education Act at the Faculty of Georesources and Materials Engineering.
- (6) All members of the Examining Board have voting rights. The Examining Board decisions are made by simple majority vote. In the event of a tie, the Chairperson has the casting vote.
- (7) If an appointed member of the Examining Board is not able to remain in office for the duration of the doctoral examination procedure (e.g. as a result of illness), the Post-Graduate Study Board shall appoint a substitute member. Members of the Examining Board are not permitted to resign.

**§ 9
Advisors**

- (1) The Post-Graduate Study Board appoints at least two advisors for the duration of the doctoral examination procedure. Advisors are generally university lecturers pursuant to section 35 of the German Higher Education Act, adjunct professors, honorary professors or private lecturers at the RWTH Aachen University. They may also be persons who work at another German or foreign university or research institute. Private lecturers may not be appointed as advisors unless their habilitation is at least two years prior to their appointment. Junior professors may be appointed as advisors after undergoing an intermediate evaluation.
- (2) At least one advisor must be a university lecturer pursuant to section 35 of the German Higher Education Act at the Faculty of Georesources and Materials Engineering.
- (3) The advisor pursuant to section 4, para. 3 is the first advisor.
- (4) If the subject matter of the submitted thesis is covered by another faculty, a university lecturer pursuant to section 35 of the German Higher Education Act, an adjunct professor, an honorary professor or a private lecturer of the faculty in question may be appointed by the Post-Graduate Study Board as advisor; in this case, notification must be provided to the Dean of the other faculty.

II. Admission to the doctoral programme

§ 10

General admission requirements for graduates of German universities

- (1) Students are eligible for admission to the doctoral programme if
 - a) they if they hold a university degree (not a bachelor's degree!) in a relevant subject and have studied for at least eight semesters, or
 - b) they hold a university degree in a relevant subject and have studied for at least six semesters followed by post-graduate course in preparation for the doctoral programme or
 - c) they have a master's degree pursuant to section 61, para. 2, line 2 of the German Higher Education Act.

The application for assessment of eligibility for admission pursuant to section 12 is made to the faculty prior to the commencement of work on the doctoral thesis.

- (2) Post-graduate courses which are considered to be suitable as preparatory courses for the doctoral programme pursuant to (1) b), including the required proof of completion of such a course and the required grades, which prove the applicant's ability to write academic papers within the scope of a doctoral programme, are defined by the Post-Graduate Study Board on a case-by-case basis after an interview with the applicant. The Post-Graduate Study Board may transfer this function to a competent examinations board.
- (3) A degree from a University of Applied Sciences which is not a bachelor's or master's degree is deemed to be acceptable if the overall grade and final paper grade are no lower than "very good" [*equivalent to grade A*].
- (4) If the applicant furnishes proof of exceptional academic performance, the Post-Graduate Study Board may, subject to recommendations from three of the faculty's lecturers and a

two-thirds majority vote by its members, apply section 49, para. 11 of the German Higher Education Act by analogy and admit the applicant to the doctoral programme.

- (5) Prerequisite for admission to the Dr.-Ing. doctoral programme is a degree in engineering pursuant to (1). Holders of a degree in mathematics and natural sciences pursuant to (1) may be admitted to a Dr.-Ing. doctoral programme if it can be established prior to the doctoral examination procedure being initiated that the applicant has an adequate knowledge of engineering. The same applies in substantiated exceptional cases to holders of a degree from a different university in a different subject.
- (6) Prerequisite for admission to the Dr. rer. nat. doctoral programme is a degree in mathematics and natural sciences or a geography-related degree pursuant to (1). Holders of a degree in mathematics and natural sciences pursuant to (1) may be admitted to a Dr. rer. nat. doctoral programme if it can be established prior to the doctoral examination procedure being initiated that the applicant's thesis subject is of mathematical or scientific interest and the applicant has an adequate knowledge of mathematics or natural science. The same applies in substantiated exceptional cases to holders of a degree from a different university in a different subject.

§ 11

Eligibility for admission to a doctoral programme for graduates with a degree from a foreign university

A general prerequisite for admission to the doctoral programme is a university degree obtained in a degree course of at least eight semesters in duration in a related subject, including a dissertation, which was obtained at a university outside Germany, provided that the degree

- a) is deemed by international conventions to be equivalent to a German university degree,
- b) is classified, on the basis of evaluations published by the Central Office for Foreign Education [*Zentralstelle für ausländisches Bildungswesen*], by the Standing Conference of the Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs of the Länder or the Association of Universities and other Institutes of Higher Education in the Federal Republic of Germany to be a general requirement for admission to a doctoral programme,
- c) is deemed by RWTH Aachen University, on the basis of reciprocal agreements with partner universities outside Germany, to be equivalent to a corresponding degree at the RWTH Aachen University.

During the doctoral programme admissions process, the Post-Graduate Study Board may request an applicant with a degree from a foreign university to furnish proof of additional academic qualifications in the subject area to be covered by the thesis. The Post-Graduate Study Board may delegate this task to the competent diploma, master's or magister examinations board.

§ 12

Application for assessment of eligibility for admission

- (1) All persons seeking admission to the Faculty of Georesources and Materials Engineering's doctoral programme must apply for assessment of eligibility for admission immediately after receiving confirmation from one of the faculty's lecturers that he or she will act as their advisor. This is not the same procedure as the application for admission to the doctoral examination pursuant to (13).
- (2) The application pursuant to (1) must be made in writing to the Faculty of Georesources and Materials Engineering's Post-Graduate Study Board. The application must include the following information:

- a) Details of the academic degree to be pursued.
 - b) The envisaged subject of the thesis.
 - c) Written confirmation from a lecturer at the Faculty of Georesources and Materials Engineering that he or she will act as advisor pursuant to section 4, para. 3.
 - d) The necessary proofs and certificates pursuant to sections 10 and 11.
 - e) The applicant's curriculum vitae.
 - f) An affidavit stating whether the applicant has previously applied to join a doctoral programme.
 - g) The name of the German or foreign university or faculty, the degree grade, the date of graduation and the subject of the thesis.
 - h) A statement confirming acceptance of these Post-Graduate Study Regulations.
- (3) The Post-Graduate Study Board decides whether to accept or reject an application to join the doctoral programme. Acceptance may be made subject to additional requirements of courses or examinations to be taken pursuant to sections 10 and 11. Notification of admission and any additional requirements to be met is provided to the applicant in writing. Notification of rejection is also provided in writing, including a statement of reasons and information about legal remedies.

III. Doctoral examination procedure

§ 13

Application for admission to the doctoral examination

- (1) Applications for admission to the doctoral examination must be made in writing to the Faculty of Georesources and Materials Engineering's Post-Graduate Study Board.
- (2) It must include
 - a) Details of the academic degree to be obtained.
 - b) The title of the thesis.
- (3) The applicant must also append the following:
 - a) A current curriculum vitae.
 - b) Certificate of good conduct (Belegart0). If the applicant is a civil servant or church minister, confirmation from the employer that a police certificate of good conduct was furnished at the time of their recruitment. This must be verified on a case by case basis.
 - c) Four (glue) bound copies of a typewritten thesis pursuant to section 4, para. 1 in A4 format.
 - d) A copy of any publications.
 - e) The name of the thesis advisor.
 - f) An affidavit confirming that the applicant wrote the thesis which includes all sources used for the thesis.
 - g) German and English summaries of the thesis comprising a maximum of two pages in length.
- (4) If the thesis was written at an institution outside RWTH Aachen University, the applicant must provide a written declaration that the publication of the thesis does not breach any trade secrets.

- (5) All documents are to be submitted as officially certified copies. A certified translation of certificates in a language other than German or English must be provided upon request.

§14

Initiation of the doctoral examination procedure

- (1) The Post-Graduate Study Board initiates the doctoral examination procedure upon receipt of a written application, accompanied by all the required documents (please refer to sections 12 and 13), plus written confirmation from the advisor that he or she is willing to provide a report. The procedure must be initiated, at latest, in the second Post-Graduate Study Board meeting after receipt of the application pursuant to section 13.
- (2) When the procedure is initiated, the advisor and the members of the Examining Board are appointed. The applicant receives immediate written notification of the initiation of the doctoral examination procedure.
- (3) After initiating the doctoral examination procedure, the Chairperson of the Post-Graduate Study Board passes responsibility for the examination procedure to the Examining Board.
- (4) If the application for admission to the doctoral examination and the accompanying documents do not meet the requirements (please refer to sections 10, 11, 12 and 13), the doctoral examination procedure is not initiated. Prompt notification of rejection is provided in writing by the Chairperson of the Post-Graduate Study Board, including a statement of reasons and information about legal remedies.
- (5) An application to initiate the doctoral examination procedure which is submitted to the Faculty of Georesources and Materials Engineering may be withdrawn up to three months after notification is received pursuant to (2) that the doctoral examination procedure has been initiated.

§ 15

Assessment of the thesis

- (1) The advisors assess the thesis and furnish a separate written report to the Post-Graduate Study Board within three months. The report proposes acceptance, rejection or revision of the thesis, including the reasons for the proposal. A report proposing the acceptance of the thesis must include a possible grade. If an advisor is not able to provide a report within the three month time period, the Post-Graduate Study Board must appoint another advisor in the fourth month. If the Post-Graduate Study Board is not able to hold a meeting within this time period, the Dean may act in accordance with section 7, para. 2, whereby the appointment of a new advisor does not constitute special circumstances pursuant to section 7.
- (2) Upon receipt of the report, the doctoral thesis and reports are submitted for possible comments and objections to the university professors, adjunct professors, honorary professors and private lecturers of the Faculty of Georesources and Material Engineering as well as the members of the Faculty Council with doctorates. The period available for reading these documents is **two weeks during term time and six weeks during the semester break**. The time allowed for objections expires on the second working day after end of the reading period.
- (3) If the advisors unanimously recommend the acceptance of the thesis and no objections are lodged, the Dean establishes that the thesis has been accepted. If the advisors unanimously recommend the rejection of the thesis and no objections are lodged, the Dean establishes that the thesis has been rejected. Rejections are notified to the doctoral candidates in writing, accompanied by information about legal remedies.

- (4) If the advisors are not unanimous about the acceptance or rejection of the thesis or at least one advisor proposes revision or non-acceptance pursuant to (1), or an objection was lodged within the time period allowed, the Dean submits the thesis, together with the report, comments and objections to the Examining Board. It meets within one month of receiving the written objections from the Dean's office. It can propose the calling in further advisors. The Examining Board recommends the acceptance, rejection or revision of the thesis pursuant to section, or non-acceptance. If the recommendation is unanimous, the Dean takes the appropriate action. Non -acceptance does not constitute the rejection of the thesis.
- (5) If the Examining Board is not able to make a unanimous recommendation pursuant to (4), the Dean submits the thesis, together with the reports, comments and objections to the Post-Graduate Study Board. The Post-Graduate Study Board makes a prompt decision, based on the foregoing recommendations, with regard to the acceptance, rejection or revision of the thesis pursuant to section 16 or non-acceptance pursuant to section 4. Acceptance of the thesis is subject to the existence of two reports proposing acceptance.

§ 16

Revision of the thesis

- (1) On the basis of the Post-Graduate Study Board's or Examining Board's decision pursuant to section 15, para. 4 or section 15, para. 5, the Dean may request the candidate to revise the thesis by a specific deadline. The revision requirements must be documented and written notification provided to the doctoral candidate and the advisor. The candidate may request one deadline extension only in writing. If the revision deadline is missed, the Dean shall establish that the thesis has been rejected and the doctoral examination procedure ends. The candidate is informed of this in writing, including information about legal remedies.
- (2) After revision and resubmission of the thesis within the time allowed, the thesis is re-assessed pursuant to section 15. The reports pertaining to the revised version must, in particular, consider whether the requirements pursuant to (1) have been met. Revised theses may only be rejected if the requirements are not adequately met. A rejection is also necessary if serious academic objections are raised with regard to sections of the thesis which are reformulated or added in the revision process.

§ 17

Oral examination procedure

- (1) When the thesis has been accepted, the Dean appoints a date for the oral examination. It is conducted by the Examining Board pursuant to (5).
- (2) The Dean informs the lecturers of the Faculty of Georesources and Materials Engineering, the Principal, the members of the Examining Board and the members of the Faculty Council, plus the candidate, of the time and venue of the oral examination at least ten days in advance. The time and venue of the oral examination is also be displayed in a official announcement.
- (3) The members of the Post-Graduate Study Board and the faculty's professors are entitled to attend the oral examination as guests. Other guests are only permitted with the candidate's approval and provided that they are employees of RWTH Aachen University with doctorates. Doctoral candidates at RWTH Aachen University who have commenced writing their thesis may be admitted to the oral examination as listeners, provided that the candidate does not object.

- (4) Candidates attend individual oral examinations in the German or English language.
- (5) The oral examination is attended by at least three examiners. The examiners include the first advisor and one further advisor. The oral examination consists of a fifteen-minute oral thesis presentation without the use of projected images. The oral examination is at least 45 minutes in length and covers the thesis itself, plus the entire specialist field to which the thesis is related.
- (6) The Examining Board decides the doctoral examination grade immediately after the oral examination.
- (7) If the candidate fails the oral examination, it may be repeated once and once only at the Faculty of Georesources and Materials Engineering. The request to take the examination again may be submitted at least three months after and at latest 18 months after the first examination.

§ 18

Assessment of the doctoral examination

- (1) The candidate passes the doctoral examination when the written thesis is accepted and the oral examination has been passed.
- (2) The candidate fails the doctoral examination if the thesis is rejected or he/she does not pass the second oral examination (pursuant to section 17, para. 7). The Dean informs the candidate that he or she has not passed the doctoral examination and states the reasons why.
- (3) If a candidate fails the doctoral examination, the thesis may not be submitted within the framework of another doctoral programme.
- (4) One further attempt only may be made to pass the doctoral examination, though not before the end of the year in which the candidate received notification of having failed the first doctoral examination. A new thesis must be submitted.
- (5) At least one example of theses in respect of which objections or comments were made must remain at the Faculty of Georesources and Materials Engineering until the procedure ends.
- (6) The Examining Board awards the following overall grades:

"mit Auszeichnung"	(summa cum laude),
"sehr gut"	(magna cum laude),
"gut"	(cum laude) or
"genügend"	(rite).
- (7) The candidate must be notified of the grade immediately.

§ 19

Procedure for thesis publication

- (1) Applicants who pass the doctoral examination present their thesis to the Dean for approval of the version for publication. The Dean grants this approval, subject to any requirements which have been imposed being met, and after consultation with the advisors.
- (2) The competent faculty is entitled to demand that the doctoral candidate

- provides a summary of his or her thesis of no longer than one A4 page in length and accords the university the right to publish this summary or to offer it to a publisher or database,
 - writes the title, subtitle and summary in two languages (generally German and English).
- (3) The doctoral candidate is required to publish his or her doctoral thesis in an appropriate manner and to make it available to the public by way of duplication and dissemination. The procedure is either
- a) the submission of 4 obligatory copies (or 5 copies if there are three advisors) to the faculty's administrative office and 49 obligatory letterpress or photographic print copies to the university library or
 - b) publication in an academic journal. In this case, 4 obligatory copies (or 5 copies if there are three advisors) are delivered to the faculty's administrative office and 14 obligatory copies to the university library. The name of the journal in which the thesis was published must be specified on the back of the title page (stating publisher and place of publication) and all obligatory copies must be furnished with the endorsement "D 82 (Diss. RWTH Aachen University), [*year of the oral examination*]" or
 - c) distribution via book retailers or a commercial publisher. In this case, 4 obligatory copies (or 5 copies if there are three advisors) are delivered to the faculty's administrative office and 14 obligatory copies to the university library. The name of the journal in which the thesis was published must be specified on the back of the title page (stating publisher and place of publication) and all obligatory copies must be endorsed with "D 82 (Diss. RWTH Aachen University), [*year of the oral examination*]" or
 - d) submission of an electronic version to the university library after agreeing the data format and transfer mode with the university library, together with 6 obligatory copies. A further 4 obligatory copies (or 5 if there are three advisors) have to be delivered to the faculty's administrative office. A summary in German and English must be provided for publication. The doctoral candidate transfers to the university library, the German National Library in Frankfurt/Leipzig and, if appropriate, the German Research Association's Library, the right to publish the electronic version of the accepted thesis in data networks and gives his or her assurance that the electronic version is identical to the accepted version. The university library checks the submitted version for legibility and conformity with requirements. Files which are not submitted in the required format or transferred in the required mode do not count as publications.

All copies to be submitted must be accompanied by a special cover sheet stating the name (see Appendix 1) and may include information about the author's curriculum vitae and degree course in German or English. They must be printed on age-resistant, wood and acid-free paper and be securely bound. They also have to be technically correct. If it is ascertained that the copies do not satisfy these requirements, they will be rejected. A rejected copy is considered to be unpublished, in which case the doctoral degree certificate is not awarded.

- (4) The thesis must be published within one year of the oral examination. In justified exceptional cases, the Dean may extend this deadline. If the applicant fails to comply with the set deadline, all rights acquired in the examination are forfeit.
- (5) In justified exceptional cases, at the doctoral candidate's request, the Dean may block the publication of the thesis for a maximum of one year. During this blocking period, it is kept under lock and key at the Dean's office.

§ 20 Doctoral certificate

- (1) After submission of the obligatory copies, a doctoral degree certificate is prepared according to the specifications of the Faculty of Georesources and Materials Engineering and signed by the Principal and Dean. The doctoral degree certificate bears the date on which the obligatory copies were submitted to the university library. The advisors who recommended the acceptance of the thesis are also named on the doctoral degree certificate. The doctoral examination procedure ends upon hand-over of the doctoral degree certificate. From this time onwards, the certificate holder is entitled to use the title of Doctor.
- (2) Upon request, the doctoral candidate may be issued with an additional English version of the doctoral degree certificate if he or she provides an English title for the thesis.

§ 21

Honorary doctorates and renewal of the doctoral degree

- (1) The senate may, at the request of the Faculty of Georesources and Materials Engineering, award honorary engineering doctorates (which are followed by the initials E. h.) or an honoris causa (h. c.) degree to individuals who make outstanding personal, scientific, technical or artistic achievements in one of the subject areas taught at the university. They may not be members of the RWTH Aachen University staff or their relatives.
- (2) The faculty may only apply for honorary doctorates to be awarded which correspond to the doctorates which it is entitled to award. The application must be accompanied by at least two external reports. The Faculty Council debates the application to award an honorary doctorate in two sessions and notifies the Senate of its decision. At least two-thirds of Post-Graduate Study Board members present must vote in favour of the application.
- (3) The Principal confers the honorary doctorate by handing over a doctoral degree certificate which specifies the recipient's achievements.
- (4) Tribute can also be paid to persons with doctorates from RWTH Aachen University who have made outstanding academic or practical contributions to their field of work after 25 or 50 years, or on special occasions, by the renewing their doctoral degree certificate. The Faculty Council makes the decision on whether or not to renew doctoral degree certificates.

IV Concluding provisions

§22

Center for Doctoral Studies (CDS)

All applicants may additionally complete a programme at the Center for Doctoral Studies. Students who complete the programme successfully receive a doctoral supplement from the Center for Doctoral Studies listing the additional qualifications gained there.

§ 23

Revocation of the doctoral degree

- (1) If the Post-Graduate Study Board ascertains that the candidate has cheated in meeting the study requirements or that it was mistakenly assumed that the candidate met essential prerequisites for admission to the doctoral programme, the faculty may declare the doctoral programme credits to be void.

- (2) The doctoral degree may be revoked by the faculty if the degree holder is sentenced to at least one year in jail as the result of a pre-meditated criminal offence. This decision is based on a majority vote by the statutory members of the Faculty Council.
- (3) The person affected by the decision pursuant to (1) or (2) is notified by the Principal.
- (4) RWTH Aachen University informs all German universities of doctoral programme credits which have been voided and doctor's degrees which are revoked.
- (5) The provisions of (2) and (4) also apply to the revocation of honorary doctorates.
- (6) The doctoral degree certificate must be confiscated or invalidated by other means after any decision pursuant to (1) or (2).

§ 24

Inspection of the examination file

At the end of the doctoral examination procedure, the candidate is permitted to inspect the examination file. The application must be made within one month of the announcement of the examination result. The Chairperson of the Post-Graduate Study Board determines the time and place of inspection.

§ 25

Entry into force and transitional provisions

- (1) These Post-Graduate Study Regulations are published in the RWTH Aachen's Official Announcements and enter into force on the date of publication. At the same time, the Post-Graduate Study Regulations of 15 March 2006 (RWTH Official Announcement no. 1087) in the version of the First Ordinance Amending the Post-Graduate Study Regulations of 8 May 2007 (Official Announcement no. 2007/021) cease to be valid.
- (2) Applicants who submitted their application for assessment of eligibility for admission to the doctoral programme before these Post-Graduate Study Regulations entered into force may decide whether they wish the previous or new regulations to apply. Three years after the entry into force of these Post-Graduate Study Regulations they will be valid for all applicants.

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Doctor of Engineering Science/ Doctor of Natural Science**

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