



# Oral Examination Interim Examiner Report

## Expectations for theses at the Australian National University

1. The candidate is expected to have:
  - a. carried out independent research and made a substantive, original contribution to knowledge.
  - b. demonstrated a capacity to relate the research to the broader context of the discipline or disciplines within which it falls.
2. The thesis must:
  - a. be an original work by the candidate undertaken during their candidature;
  - b. incorporate an account of the research done during the program and its result;
  - c. demonstrate the relationship between the topics if the research is on more than one topic;
  - d. indicate the nature and extent of the candidate's contribution to the research if based on research conducted jointly with more than one person;
  - e. be a substantive original contribution to the area/s of knowledge in which it sits;
  - f. contain a written component;
  - g. be written in English in a standard acceptable to the discipline/s
  - h. demonstrate that the candidate has attained the [AQF level 10](#) criteria for a PhD or [AQF level 9](#) for a MPhil.

The first section of this report will be made available to the Candidate prior to the Oral Examination.

Please note that the outcome will be decided at the oral examination meeting, where the Oral Examination Chair will facilitate discussion between the examiners and the Candidate.

Following the Oral Examination the candidate will be provided with one consolidated report that outlines corrections or changes required.

**Please provide a preliminary report on the written thesis.** This section will be made available to the candidate.

**This page is for for Oral Examination Chair and/or Delegated Authority only**

**Recommendation to proceed to Oral Examination**

This section will not be made available to the candidate. Please provide a recommendation on whether the Oral Examination should proceed. An Oral Examination should proceed unless the thesis is so flawed that it would fail without significant revision.

☐ Proceed with Oral Examination

☐ Thesis should be failed or substantially revised before proceeding to Oral Examination.

If you have selected this option please indicate whether you are willing to be an examiner after substantial revisions:

☐ Yes, I am willing to be an examiner in a second examination.

☐ No, I am not willing to be an examiner in a second examination.

**Please specify the questions you would like to pose (or areas for discussion) at the Oral Examination.** This section will not be made available to the candidate.