



## Regulations for withdrawal of resources for doctoral students

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## 1. Background

In the Higher Education Ordinance **Chapter 6** states:

**Section 30** If a third-cycle student substantially neglects their obligations under the individual study plan, the vice-chancellor must decide that this student is no longer entitled to supervision and other study resources. Before such a decision is made, the third-cycle student and their supervisors must be given an opportunity to make representations. The case must be considered on the basis of their statements and other available records. The assessment must consider whether the higher education institution has fulfilled its own obligations under the individual study plan. The decision must be in writing and provide reasons.

Resources may not be withdrawn for any period in which the third-cycle student has been appointed to a doctoral studentship or is receiving a doctoral grant.

**Section 31** If educational resources have been withdrawn under Section 30, the third-cycle student may have their right to supervision and other resources restored after application to the vice-chancellor. The third-cycle student must then convincingly demonstrate, by presenting prospective study results of considerable quality and scope or in some other way, that they can fulfil their remaining obligations under the individual study plan.

(...)

**Section 36** The vice-chancellor may not delegate decisions under Sections 30 and 31.

And in **Chapter 12** states:

**Section 2** The following decisions of a higher education institution may be appealed to the Higher Education Appeals Board:

(...)

6. a decision to withdraw study resources from a third-cycle student under Section 30 of Chapter 6 and a decision that a student is not to recover these resources under Section 31 of Chapter 6,

## 2. Local regulations

These regulations apply to doctoral students admitted at SEDU. Other doctoral students working at SEDU are subject to the regulations of the respective admitting university. The practical procedure regarding the local regulations are described in *Routine for withdrawal of resources for doctoral students*.



In accordance with the above-mentioned provisions, significant deviations from the individual study plan may result in the university deciding through the Vice-Chancellor that the doctoral student shall not be entitled to the university's resources.

The management of individual study plans (ISP) is described in *the Regulations for the Establishment of Individual Study Plans* and in the general syllabus (ASP) for each doctoral subject.

The ISP must be followed up annually and the main supervisor has the ongoing responsibility for assessing whether the ISP is being followed.