



THESIS ASSESSMENT RECOMMENDATION

(CONFIDENTIAL TO EXAMINATION PANEL)

Name of Candidate:

Name of Examiner:

In the context of my accompanying report, I recommend the following (please tick one box) - Please ensure this recommendation is not included in the body of your written thesis assessment report.

Pass

That the thesis meets the required standard for the award of the Doctoral degree.

(This means that the thesis is of an acceptable standard to pass without amendment or with minor emendations of a presentational nature i.e. typographical or formatting that can be approved by the supervisor)

Emendations Required

That the thesis will meet the required standard for the award of the Doctoral degree on satisfactory completion of the recommended emendations.

(This means that the thesis requires emendations that can be completed full-time 6 months and part-time 9 months. If the emendations are more extensive then the outcome should be a Re-examination).

Re-examination

That the thesis does not meet the required standards for the award of the Doctoral degree, but has sufficient merit that the required standard may be met following further research, re-analysis of data, and/or synthesis of information. The thesis will be required to be resubmitted and examined again by the entire examination panel, and the panel may request another oral examination.

(This means that the emendations are sufficiently extensive that they require up to 12 months full-time and 18 months part-time. If more time than this is required then the thesis should fail).

Fail

That the thesis does not meet the required standards for the award of the Doctoral degree.

Signature of examiner:

Date:

Criteria for evaluation of the thesis to be used as the basis for the written report (To be shared with supervisor and student in advance of the oral exam)

In the cases where examiners consider changes are necessary, as part of the report they should clearly specify the mandatory or recommended changes that should be made to the thesis before it is regarded as of an acceptable standard for the award of the degree. The reports vary in length but we would normally expect a document of 3-5 pages addressing the following:

- the candidate's familiarity with, and understanding of relevant literature
- whether the thesis provides a sufficiently comprehensive study of the topic
- the appropriateness of the methods adopted to the subject matter and whether they are properly applied
- whether the research findings are suitably set out and accompanied by adequate exposition
- the quality of English and general presentation is satisfactory
- whether the thesis as a whole makes an original contribution to the knowledge of the subject with which it deals, and the candidate understands the relationship of the thesis to the wider context of knowledge in which it belongs

Confidential comments you would like to make (Not compulsory and confidential to examination panel)

Both the Thesis Assessment Report and recommendation form should be forwarded electronically to Doctoral.Office@massey.ac.nz in Word format