

**Punjab Engineering College**  
**(Deemed to be University), Chandigarh**

**Thesis Reading Board and Evaluation**

To evaluate the Ph.D. thesis submitted by a Ph.D. candidate, a panel of 6 examiners as far as possible from the authors/experts who have been cited in the thesis of the candidate, will be proposed by the supervisor(s) of the candidate out of which at least 3 will be from IISc/ IITs/ NITs/ universities and organizations within or outside the country.

The panel should be duly recommended by the SRC and sent to Dean Academic Affairs through Chairman, DRC for approval/ addition/ deletion and listing in a preferential order by Chairman Senate. This panel is to be kept confidential. Synopsis of the thesis prepared by the candidate will be sent by the DAA to the top 3 examiners from the approved list for obtaining their willingness to evaluate the thesis. On receiving the acceptance from all the top 3 examiners, the copies of the thesis will be sent to the top 2 examiners from the list for evaluation. In case the acceptance is received from only 2 examiners the thesis will be sent to these examiners. In case of a refusal of two or more than 2 examiners from this list, the next examiners in the approved list mentioned above will be approached for the willingness to evaluate the thesis. Further, in case the list of approved examiners is exhausted, more names could be invited for the purpose by DAA from the supervisor(s) through SRC.

The thesis will be sent to the examiners by the office of the Dean Academic Affairs with the request for a detailed assessment report and their recommendations on the prescribed proforma within four weeks of the date of receiving the thesis.

The evaluators of the thesis will be required to submit detailed reports and make summary recommendations as to whether the:

- 1. Thesis is acceptable as it is**
- 2. Thesis is acceptable with minor modifications**  
In case any examiner gives comments to be incorporated in the thesis and also states that the revised thesis need not be sent again to him / her, the revised thesis will not be sent to the examiner. The supervisor(s) shall certify that the comments have been incorporated, before the viva-voce examination.
- 3. Thesis is acceptable with major modifications (which must be carried out by the candidate and approved by the same examiner who has sent these recommendations)**  
This may be done within a period of maximum one year of receiving the reports. Only the theses that are rated acceptable by both the examiners (after incorporation of modifications, when required) will be processed further.  
In case the report from one of the examiners is rated not acceptable even after the modifications are incorporated, the reports of both the examiners will be sent to an independent examiner to be appointed by the Chairman Senate from the list of 6 examiners for final verdict about the acceptability of the thesis.  
If the candidate does not agree for revision, he may ask for appointment of the fourth examiner. A new examiner, if appointed, shall be Indian or Foreign depending on whether the thesis was rejected/asked to be revised on the recommendation of an Indian or a Foreign examiner in the first instance. The reports of all the examiners will be sent to the new examiner without revealing the identity of the previous examiners, along with the response

of the candidate, if any, to the grounds for such recommendation as given in the detailed comments. The thesis shall be deemed to be acceptable if majority of the examiners including the new examiner recommend acceptance. If the newly appointed examiner recommends revision, the thesis would be suitably revised and resubmitted at least after 3 months and sent for examination to all the examiners except the one in whose place the new examiner was appointed. In case the newly appointed examiner recommends rejection or his/ her recommendation for revision is not accepted by the candidate, the thesis would be rejected. The candidate may then avail the benefit of sub-clause 3b(ii) above.

If the majority of examiners recommend revision of the thesis, the candidate may revise the thesis accordingly and resubmit it within a period of one year for the evaluation by the same set of examiners.

If there is no clear majority opinion and there are recommendations for rejection by some and also, revision of the thesis by some others, the candidate may revise the thesis and resubmit it within a period of one year, for evaluation by the same set of examiners.

**4. Thesis is rejected outright**

Any doubt arising out of following the procedure laid down in these rules and regulations shall be referred to the Chairman Senate for a decision.

In case of ambiguous recommendations by an examiner, Dean academic Affairs will approach the examiner for a clear recommendation. In case clear recommendation is not forthcoming, the matter may be referred to the Chairman Senate for a decision.