

## **Regulation to Defense of the Doctoral Thesis Plan**

1. After accomplish all the conditions required by the Regulation of Graduate Program in Nuclear Science and Technology (PCTN), the student will provide to the secretariat of this Program, 1 (one) printed copy of the Thesis Plan and a letter of the Advisor requesting the appointment of the examining committee. The Advisor may suggest names for the committee composition.
2. The Didactic Coordination Commission of PCTN (DCC-PCTN) will nominate and invite the examining committee's members, which will compose by the Advisor, the Co-advisor (if there is) and at least two external members to PCTN. After indicating the examining committee, the student must provide the hard copies (and/or electronic copy) to be sent to committee's members.
3. After receiving the copy of the Thesis Plan, no later than 15 (fifteen) days, each committee's member must submit a letter to the DCC-PCTN describing your opinion about the Thesis Plan, recommending:
  - the approval of the defense presentation; or
  - the disapproval of the defense presentation reporting the justifications for it.
4. Two situations may occur:
  - 4.1. All Committee's Members approve the defense of the Thesis Plan.

The Examining Committee will meet with the candidate on the date defined by the DCC-PCTN for the public defense of the Thesis Plan, where the doctoral student will present a summary of his/her research work, in a maximum period of 50 (fifty) minutes. Then, each Examining Committee's member will have 20 (twenty) minutes to clarify doubts, suggest additions and/or modifications in the Thesis Plan. The candidate will have equal time to answer.
  - 4.2. At least one of the examiners recommends and justifies the disapproval.

The candidate will be informed of the fact, and he/she may withdraw his/her Thesis Plan to the public defense, as referred to in Article 71 of the PCTN Regulation. The doctoral student must write a letter to the DCC-PCTN communicating his/her decision within fifteen (15) days. Upon a justified proposal by the Examining Committee, the DCC-PCTN may authorize the candidate to present a new work, within a pre-set period, subject to the maximum limit established by the Regulation;
5. In the period established by the Examining Committee, the doctoral student must submit to the DCC-PCTN the final version of the Thesis Plan with the additions and/or modifications suggested by the members of this Committee. The modified (final) version must be endorsed by the Advisor.