

## Supplementary Provisions

**for the currently valid version of the Examination Regulations Governing the Model Course of Study in Medicine at RWTH Aachen University Leading to a Medical Degree (Staatsexamen) dated November 5, 2008,**

**for the currently valid version of the Examination Regulations Governing the Course of Study in Dentistry at RWTH Aachen University Leading to a Dental Degree (Staatsexamen) dated March 27, 2013,**

**and for the currently valid version of the regulations governing doctoral studies at the individual faculties (with the exception of the Regulations Governing Doctoral Studies of the School of Business and Economics)**

**dated October 11, 2022,**

**Please note: This publication is an English translation. Only the German original of these regulations as published in the Official Announcements of RWTH Aachen University (“Amtliche Bekanntmachungen”) is legally binding.**

Based on § 82a of the Higher Education Act of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia (Hochschulgesetz; HG) in the version of the announcement dated September 16, 2014 (Law and Official Gazette of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia p. 547), most recently amended by Article 1 of the Act on the Membership of University Hospitals in the Employers' Association of North Rhine-Westphalia dated June 30, 2022 (GV. NRW p. 780b), in conjunction with §§ 6 f. of the Ordinance on Coping With the Challenges Posed to University Operations by the Coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 Epidemic (University Ordinance on the Coronavirus Epidemic) dated December 1, 2021 (GV. NRW p. 1246), last amended by the third revised version of the University Ordinance on the Coronavirus Epidemic dated September 1, 2022 (GV. NRW p. 948), Rheinisch-Westfälische Technische Hochschule Aachen (RWTH) has issued the following regulations:

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## **§ 1 Authorization Basis**

- (1) The Ordinance on Coping With the Challenges Posed to University Operations by the Coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 Epidemic (University Ordinance on the Coronavirus Epidemic) authorizes the Rectorate to issue regulations governing exams that supplement and replace the valid examination regulations in order to address the challenges posed by the coronavirus crisis and to ensure University operations continue to function.
- (2) In issuing the following provisions, the Rectorate has given due consideration to academic freedom and the other fundamental rights of the university members concerned.

## **§ 2 Scope of Application**

- (1) These supplementary provisions apply to the model course of study in medicine and the course of study in dentistry at RWTH.
- (2) Provision § 6 applies to doctoral examination processes at the individual faculties of RWTH Aachen University.

## **§ 3 Obligatory Attendance in Classes**

- (1) If examination regulations stipulate that attendance is obligatory for classes, this continues to apply if classes are held virtually in justified cases.
- (2) When such courses are conducted using a video conferencing system, students must turn on their webcam at the beginning of the course so their attendance can be verified. Students who do not turn on their webcam will not be able to participate in the course. The instructor may order the students to turn on their webcam or that the participating students use a photo of themselves as their display picture. This can apply for the initial attendance check, a random check, or throughout the class. Students who fail to comply will not be allowed to participate in the class.

## **§ 4 Remote Exams**

Insofar as the exam form permits, exams in the 2022/23 winter semester may be conducted as remote exams in justified cases. The regulations of § 7a GER shall apply accordingly.

## **§ 5 Viewing of Examination Records**

It is possible to view examination records remotely. It must be ensured that the examinees' access to their written exam is password-protected.

## **§ 6 Supervision of Doctoral Candidates**

Oral exams in doctoral examination processes may be held by video conferencing system in the winter semester 2022/23 in justified cases, provided that the responsible doctoral committee agrees to this. The regulations of § 7a (4, 5, 6) and § 9 GER shall apply accordingly.

## **§ 7 Provisions of Competing Regulations**

- (1) Regulations issued by the Rectorate in these supplementary provisions may deviate from the regulations of the University and the faculties and shall be binding for the Senate as well as the faculties.
- (2) Regulations in the University or faculty that contradict the regulations issued by the Rectorate in these supplementary provisions are not effective in this respect. Regulations issued by the Rectorate take precedence over any competing regulations issued by the University and faculties.
- (3) To the extent that the Senate or the faculties, within the scope of their authority under the Higher Education Act, adopt regulations that contradict those issued or adopted by the Rectorate in the exercise of its authority granted by the University Ordinance on the Coronavirus Epidemic, the regulations in these supplementary provisions shall take precedence over the prior regulations issued by the Rectorate. Paragraph 1 remains unaffected.

## **§ 8 Entry Into Force and Publication**

- (1) These provisions shall be published in the official announcements of RWTH Aachen University and enter into force on the day after publication.
- (2) They apply to all students enrolled in a degree program leading to a medical or dental degree (Staatsexamen) at RWTH Aachen University as well as to doctoral candidates at all faculties with the exception of the School of Business and Economics.
- (3) These supplementary provisions cease to apply as of April 1, 2023. Insofar as exams for the 2022/2023 winter semester take place after March 31, 2023, the provisions of §§ 3 and 4 shall apply to these exam dates accordingly in order to uphold the principle of equal opportunities.

Issued based on the resolutions of the Rectorate of RWTH Aachen University from September 30, 2022.

It is pointed out that, in accordance with § 12 (5) NRW HG, any claims regarding a violation of procedural or formal requirements of the regulatory or other autonomous rights of the University may no longer be asserted after one year has elapsed since the official publication of this announcement unless:

- 1) the announcement has not been properly published,
- 2) the Rectorate has objected, prior to publication, to the decision of the committee adopting the regulations,
- 3) the University has been previously notified about the defect of form or of procedure in a complaint, specifying the infringed legal provision and the fact which gives rise to the defect, or
- 4) the legal consequence of the exclusion of complaints was not pointed out in the public announcement.

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