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| **Research & Enterprise Training Institute (RETI) Research Degrees Administration**  **Form RDA9 – Recommendation of the examiners following an oral or alternative examination for the degree of MPhil** | | | | | | **Item No:**  ***For RETI use only*** | | | | |
| **(This form should be word-processed)** | | | | | | | | | | |
| **The examiners should, where possible, complete this form as a joint report on the oral or alternative examination and their recommendation. If an agreed recommendation cannot be established, each examiner should report separately. In such cases, when completing separate reports, each examiner should clearly state in Section 4.4 the substance of the disagreement and, where appropriate, relate this back to comments made in their preliminary report (RDA7)** | | | | | | | | | | |
| Indicate if this form represents a first submission or a resubmission for MPhil | | First | |  | Resubmission | | | | |  |
| Indicate if this form represents a resubmission for MPhil following an oral examination for PhD | | Yes | |  | No | | | | |  |
| **1. Examination Details** | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Date of oral examination | | |  | | | | | | | | |
| Method of examination | | | Face-to-face | | | | | |  | | |
| Online (MS Teams) | | | | | |  | | |
| Blended | | | | | |  | | |
| Is this the method approved on the RDA6a form? | | | Yes | | | |  | No |  | | |
| If no, please provide reason(s) below | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **2. Student Details** | | | | | | | | | | |
| First Name |  | | | | | | | | | |
| Family Name |  | | | | | | | | | |
| Banner number |  | | | | | | | | | |
| Faculty |  | | | | | | | | | |
| School |  | | | | | | | | | |
| Collaborating organisation(s) *(if any)* |  | | | | | | | | | |
| Title of thesis |  | | | | | | | | | |

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| **3. Examination Panel Details** | | | | | |
| External Examiner |  | | | | |
| Internal Examiner |  | | | | |
| Second External Examiner *(if applicable)* |  | | | | |
| Independent Chair |  | | | | |
| Others present during the oral examination, e.g. non-examining supervisors, advisers, etc. |  | | | | |
| **4. Report of the examiners** | | | | | |
| Are you satisfied that the thesis presented is the student’s own work, except where identified by references? | | YES |  | NO |  |
| In the case of the student whose research programme was part of a collaborative group project, did the oral examination demonstrate that the student’s own contribution is worthy of the award being sought? | | YES |  | NO |  |
| Has the student demonstrated:  *(Note: The following questions are based on the QAA, Level 7 higher education qualification descriptors for a ‘Masters Degree’)* | | | | | |
| A systematic understanding of knowledge, and a critical awareness of current problems and/or new insights, much of which is at, or informed by, the forefront of their academic discipline, field of study or area of professional practice? | | YES |  | NO |  |
| A comprehensive understanding of techniques applicable to their own research or advanced scholarship? | | YES |  | NO |  |
| Originality in the application of knowledge, together with a practical understanding of how established techniques of research and enquiry are used to create and interpret knowledge in the discipline? | | YES |  | NO |  |
| Conceptual understanding that enables the student:  - to evaluate critically current research and advanced scholarship in the discipline; and | | YES |  | NO |  |
| - to evaluate methodologies and develop critiques of them and, where appropriate, to propose new hypotheses? | | YES |  | NO |  |

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| Other comments on the examined thesis and/or the oral examination (or on any approved alternative examination) | | | | |
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| If the oral examination was conducted by video conference, comments on the conduct of the viva/examination process | | | | |
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| **5. Conclusions** | | | | |
| 5.1 The Chair of the examination is satisfied that the examination has been conducted in accordance with university regulations and procedures | YES |  | NO |  |
| 5.2 The student has satisfied the examiners as a candidate for the degree of MPhil; **OR** | | | |  |
| 5.3 The student has not satisfied the examiners as a candidate for the degree of MPhil, for the reasons given below: | | | | |
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| 5.4 In cases where examiners are not in agreement concerning their conclusions and resulting recommendations, and separate reports are being submitted, please detail below the substance of the disagreement and, where appropriate, relate this back to comments made in their preliminary report (RDA7) | |
| *Name of examiner:* | |
| 6**. Recommendation of the examiners**  Notes:   1. For a first submission all options set out below are available to examiners. 2. In the case of a resubmission options 6.1, 6.2 and 6.5 are available. 3. Following an examination for PhD, where the recommendation of the examiners is to submit for MPhil, options 6.1, 6.2 and 6.5 are available. | |
| 6.1 The degree being sought is awarded |  |
| 6.2 The degree is conditionally awarded subject to minor amendments and corrections being made to the thesis to the satisfaction of the internal and/or external examiner (indicate below) | |
| The internal examiner only |  |
| The internal and external examiner |  |
| The external examiner only |  |
| 6.3 The degree is conditionally awarded subject to major amendments and corrections being made to the thesis to the satisfaction of the examiners |  |
| 6.4 The student is permitted to resubmit for the degree being sought and be re-examined in accordance with one of the following:  **(Note: only one resubmission is permissible)** | |
| (i) The thesis is considered satisfactory, but the student is required to undergo a further oral or other approved form of examination *(Give details in Section 5.3 above)* |  |
| (ii) The thesis must be revised and, if considered satisfactory by the examiners, the student will be exempt from further examination, oral or otherwise *(Give details in Section 5.3 above)* |  |
| (iii) The thesis must be revised and the student must undergo a further oral or other approved form of examination *(Give details in Section 5.3 above)* |  |
| 6.5 The thesis does not satisfy the criteria for a postgraduate research award, the degree is not awarded with no opportunity for re-examination *(Give details in Section 5.3 above)* |  |

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| **7. Signatures** | | | | | | | |
| External Examiner | Name: | | | Date | |  | |
| Signature: | | |
| Internal Examiner | Name: | | | Date | |  | |
| Signature: | | |
| Second External Examiner *(if applicable)* | Name: | | | Date | |  | |
| Signature: | | |
| Independent Chair | Name: | | | Date | |  | |
| Signature: | | |
| **Section 8: Recommendation of the Faculty Research Degrees Committee** | | | | | | | |
| Award | | MPhil |  | | No Award | |  |
| **Note:**  **This form should be sent to the Research & Enterprise Training Institute by no later than ten working days after the date of the oral examination.** | | | | | | | |

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If you have any queries in relation to this form, please contact the Training and Research Programmes Officer for your Faculty using the appropriate email address below:

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