## Instructions on the public defense of doctoral thesis and habilitation thesis by the end of the 2021-2022 academic year

Based on the following normative acts:

## **Government Decision no 681/2011 Doctoral Studies Code**

Art. 67. - (1) The doctoral studies are completed by the defense in public session of the doctoral thesis, in front of the thesis defense committee, hereinafter referred to as the doctoral committee.

(6) The defense of the doctoral thesis can only take place after the thesis has been evaluated by all the members of the doctoral committee and in the presence of at least 4 of the members of whom two shall be the committee chairperson and the PhD supervisor.

**Order no. 5299/2020 of Ministry of Education and Research** for the approval of methodologies concerning the granting of the habilitation degree, the PhD Title as well as the resolution of notifications regarding non-compliance with quality standards or professional ethics, including the existence of plagiarism, within a doctoral thesis.

ART. 16 (1) All members of the Habilitation Committee participate at the public meeting for the defense of the habilitation thesis.

(2) In well justified situations, stated in the IOSUD/IOD Methodology, one member, maximum, can participate on-line at the meeting.

**Emergency Ordinance no. 99/2021** on the change of certain normative acts within the domain of education, as well as for the change and completion of Law no. 55/2020 on certain measures to prevent and combat the effects of COVID-19 pandemic.

ART. I Government Emergency Ordinance no. 141/2020 on the implementation of measures enabling the good functioning of the education system and the change and completion of the Education Law no. 1/2011, published in the Official Gazette of Romania, Part I, no. 767 in 21 August 2020, approved with changes through Law no. 87/2021, modifies as follows::

3. Article 40, Lines (1) and (2) will contain: "ART. 40 (1) Throughout the state of alert as well as during the entire 2021-2022 academic year, higher education institutions in the national education system, based on the University autonomy and with focus on the quality of the teaching act may use alternative teaching methods- online teaching-assessment, corresponding to their own methodologies. Also, the final exams of bachelor's, master's or postgraduate study programs, the defense of doctoral theses, the defense of habilitation theses can also be held online, considering the possible situations in which some of the members of the defense commissions cannot be present due to medical reasons, in the context of the increase in the number of COVID cases as well as the delays/cancelling of flights that can affect the presence of referees in the country.

The instructions regarding the defense of valid doctoral theses and habilitation theses are approved from the moment the Senate gives the consent until the end of the 2021-2022academic year:

. In order to ensure the participation at the meeting of all members of the committee, as well as the presence of PhD student, the public meetings for the defense of the doctoral thesis are registered on zoom, the link being posted on the Doctoral School's website, as component of the announcement of public defense of thesis.

2. External referees access the link at the date and hour communicated in the announcement for public defense, the interventions being recorded.

3. The participants from the University for Medicine and Pharmacy "Carol Davila" in Bucharest (members of the committee, the PhD student) are present in the meeting

room and must access the zoom link, at the date and hour communicated in the announcement for the public defense, in view of recording the meeting.

4. In the case where one or more members of the committee from the University for Medicine and Pharmacy "Carol Davila" in Bucharest cannot be present in the meeting room due to medical reasons or other good reasons they can participate at the meeting via zoom, at the date and hour communicated in the announcement for public defense.

5. In the case of habilitation thesis, the public meeting for the defense of thesis is recorded on zoom, the link of the meeting being posted on the Doctoral School's website, as part of the public defense methodology.

6. External referees access the link at the date and hour communicated in the announcement for public defense, the interventions being recorded.

7. The participants from the University for Medicine and Pharmacy "Carol Davila" in Bucharest (members of the committee, the PhD student) are present in the meeting room and must access the zoom link, at the date and hour communicated in the announcement for the public defense, in view of recording the meeting.

8. In the case where one or more members of the committee from the University for Medicine and Pharmacy "Carol Davila" in Bucharest cannot be present in the meeting room due to medical reasons or other good reasons they can participate at the meeting via zoom, their interventions being recorded.

9. The Council Room of the University/The Library Reading Room- Faculty of Medicine, No. 8. Eroilor Sanitari Boulevard. The

Council Room- Clinical Hospital for Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery "Prof. Dr. DanTheodorescu",- No.17, Calea Plevnei Road

Lazarescu Room- Faculty of Pharmacy, No.6, Traian Viua Street