

## Information sheet

### This form is to be completed by

Students in RMIT research programs who have received notification from the Academic Registrar of termination of a higher degree by research candidature due to established unacceptable academic progress.

### Eligibility and time lines

1. You **must** have received termination of a higher degree by research candidature notification from the Academic Registrar via your student email account **before** lodging an appeal against the termination.
2. Your appeal submission cannot be accepted without a completed *Appeal against termination of a higher degree by research candidature – University Appeals Committee* form with the relevant ground/s of appeal selected.
3. In order to protect University IT systems and the integrity of your appeal submission, the completed appeals form and documentary evidence will only be accepted if submitted by email in PDF or JPG format. If you believe the circumstances of your appeal require submission via an alternative format, please immediately contact the UAC secretariat for advice.
4. If you wish to support your appeal with evidence that is in a language other than English, you must provide an English translation of the document by a NAATI-accredited translator.
5. The completed form (with supporting documentation) must be submitted to ensure delivery within 20 working days from the date of the termination of a higher degree by research candidature notification from the Academic Registrar (see page 3 of the appeal form for submission details).
6. Late appeal applications cannot be accepted.

### What will happen next? Will I be granted a hearing of the University Appeals Committee?

In lodging an appeal you are requesting a hearing of the University Appeals Committee to consider your appeal against the decision to terminate your higher degree by research candidature.

Following receipt of a complete appeal submission, the Academic Registrar (or nominee) will, within 20 working days, decide whether your application satisfies the ground/s of appeal you have selected on page 2 of this form.

Where the eligibility criteria have been deemed:

- (a) to have been met, a hearing of the University Appeals Committee will be arranged and you will be notified of the date and time accordingly
- (b) not to have been met, your request for a hearing will be denied and we will advise you accordingly. This communication will explain the reasons for the determination and also advise you of your right to seek an external review of the decision.

### Communication

Your RMIT student email account will be used for correspondence related to your appeal.

### Further assistance

For advice on the appeal process or how to complete the form contact:

University Appeals Committee Secretariat

Tel. +61 3 9925 8846/8862/8964

Email: [universityappeals@rmit.edu.au](mailto:universityappeals@rmit.edu.au)

Assessment, Academic Progress and Appeals regulations, Part 4,  
University Appeals Committee at [www.rmit.edu.au/policies](http://www.rmit.edu.au/policies).

RMIT Student Union [www.su.rmit.edu.au](http://www.su.rmit.edu.au)

To make an appointment with a student rights officer, tel. +61 3 9925 5004 or email [student.rights@rmit.edu.au](mailto:student.rights@rmit.edu.au).

We strongly recommend that you read the University regulations, policy and procedures governing higher degrees by research and student appeals. Refer to [www.rmit.edu.au/policies/academic](http://www.rmit.edu.au/policies/academic) and Higher Degree by Research Candidature policy.

Information supplied as part of your appeal submission will be treated in a confidential manner in accordance with the RMIT Privacy policy and the provisions of other relevant state and federal government information handling acts, regulations and statutes. Refer to [www.rmit.edu.au/privacy](http://www.rmit.edu.au/privacy).



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## Section E – Supporting documentation/evidence

You are required to establish a case against the decision and to provide documentary evidence to support the grounds of appeal you have selected. All timely appeals will be considered fully complete upon submission. If you need to support a timely appeal with further evidence which **cannot** be provided with this appeal submission, you must obtain prior approval from the UAC secretariat.

If you wish to support your appeal with evidence that is in a language other than English, you must provide an English translation by a NAATI-accredited translator.

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## Section F – Student declaration

I declare that the information provided in this application is accurate. I have read and I understand the information about the appeals process on this form and confirm the following:

1. I have received notification of termination of a higher degree by research candidature from the Academic Registrar and my appeal submission is lodged to ensure delivery within 20 working days from the date of the termination advice.
2. I have selected the grounds of appeal (see Section C) and addressed these, providing evidence where applicable.
3. This appeal is lodged fully complete. If I need to submit additional evidence which cannot be provided with this appeal submission I will obtain prior approval from the UAC secretariat.
4. I understand that if I do not meet the eligibility criteria my appeal submission will not proceed to a hearing of the University Appeals Committee.

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Student signature

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Date (dd/mm/yy)

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## Submission

You are required to complete Sections A to F and submit pages 2 and 3 of this form, together with any supporting documentation.

**You must ensure that your appeal is submitted to ensure delivery within 20 working days of the date the notice of termination was sent by the Academic Registrar.**

Late appeal applications cannot be accepted.

**Address your appeal to:** The Secretary – University Appeals Committee  
Academic Registrar’s Group, RMIT University

### Submit your appeal:

- by email to [universityappeals@rmit.edu.au](mailto:universityappeals@rmit.edu.au) in PDF or JPG format
- by hand delivery to Building 88, Level 8, 440 Elizabeth Street, Melbourne 3000.