



## **IMLI Doctor of Philosophy Degree Programme Regulations**

### **Citation and Interpretation**

1. (i) These regulations may be cited as the IMLI Ph.D. Regulations.
- (ii) In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires:
  - “the Degree” or “Ph.D.” means the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy;
  - “the Director” means the Director of the Institute;
  - “IMLI” or “the Institute” means the IMO International Maritime Law Institute.
  - “the Programme” means the Programme leading to the Degree;

### **Applicability**

2. These regulations shall apply to a candidate registered for the Programme.

### **Award of Degrees**

3. The Degree shall be awarded upon the successful defence of a thesis of not more than one hundred thousand (100,000) words containing original and significant contributions to knowledge in a subject within the syllabus of the Institute.

### **Registration for the Programme**

4. (i) The Institute shall consider an application for the Programme from a candidate who possesses a Master’s degree from a recognized University or other academic institution, or qualifications of comparable standard including relevant professional legal experience recognized for this purpose by the Institute.
- (ii) In addition to the qualifications specified in paragraph (i) of this regulation a candidate shall possess such qualifications and satisfy such other conditions as the Director may, from time to time, establish for this purpose in the form of bye-laws.
- (iii) Applications for the Programme shall include the following:
  - (A) the proposed title of the thesis; and
  - (B) a detailed research proposal of approximately one thousand (1,000) words.



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(iv) Admission of a candidate is conditional upon the availability of a suitable academic supervisor.

### **Probationary period**

5. (i) A candidate, who is not a graduate of the Institute, may be required by the Director to undergo a probationary period of one (1) year during which he shall be present at the Institute for not less than eight (8) weeks between June and August.

(ii) Within such probationary period the candidate shall submit a written paper of not more than ten thousand (10,000) words on a subject of his choice within the syllabus of the Institute.

(iii) At the end of the probationary period, and if the submitted paper is deemed by the Institute to demonstrate the candidate's satisfactory research capabilities, the candidate will be allowed to proceed with the Programme.

(iv) The probationary period shall form part of the period of studies prescribed in Regulation 6.

### **Duration of studies**

6. Studies for the Degree shall extend over a period of not less than three and not more than five years.

### **Annual registration**

7. (i) A Candidate is required to register with the Institute each year throughout the Programme.

(ii) Such registration shall be allowed only on the submission of a satisfactory progress report from the candidate's supervisor.

### **Submission of thesis**

8. Not less than six (6) months before the intended date of submission, the candidate shall apply to the Institute for permission to present the thesis. This application shall be accompanied by an abstract of not more than 300 words. Before giving permission the Institute shall ascertain that the period of study conforms with that stipulated in regulation 6 hereof.



9. When submitting his thesis, the candidate shall submit a signed declaration that the thesis is his own personal work and that the greater portion of the work has been done after his registration for the Programme.

### **Examination of thesis**

10. (i) A submitted thesis shall be examined by a Board of Examiners appointed for the purpose by the Director in consultation with the Academic Committee.

(ii) The Board of Examiners shall consist of at least two (2) examiners, one of whom shall be an external examiner.

11. (i) Examiners shall review the thesis in the light of the criteria established in Regulation 3. After examining the thesis the Board of Examiners may decide:

- (A) that the Degree be awarded;
- (B) to require the candidate to comply with specified conditions, including the resubmission of the thesis in accordance with regulation 11(iii);
- (C) to recommend the award of the LL.M. Degree in lieu of the Degree; or
- (D) that no Degree be awarded.

(ii) The Board of Examiners may require a candidate to defend his thesis orally.

(iii) If the Board of Examiners decides to refer back the thesis under regulation 11(i)(B), the candidate may apply to the Institute for permission to submit the revised thesis for examination. The application for permission shall be made not later than 30 days from the day when the Institute informs the candidate of the Board's decision. When considering the candidate's application for permission to resubmit his thesis, the Institute shall be guided by the recommendations of the Board of Examiners. In all cases the revised thesis shall be submitted for examination after six (6) months, but not later than twelve (12) months from the date when the Institute grants permission. Such permission shall be granted once only.

(iv) Examiners shall submit a report to the Institute stating their decision. The report must state the reasons which led the examiners to such decision.

### **Bye-laws**

12. The Director may draw up bye-laws governing the Degree to regulate matters not covered by these regulations.