

Notice to Doctoral candidates

Kobe University

The Ministry of Education previously stipulated that a traditional printed version was the preferred method of publication of a doctoral thesis (9th Directive, 1953), however, due to an amendment of the regulations for dissertation publication in April, 2013, all Doctoral conferees must now make the entire text of their dissertations publically available online within one year from the date of conferment.

The new rule has designated the Kobe University Repository Kernel as its preferred online publication medium.

It is, however, possible to apply for a deferment due to the reasons outlined below. If the reason(s) for deferment is officially approved, then the online publication will be postponed for two years (in principle) from the date of the degree conferment.

Applicants for this procedure must submit the “Application to Defer Online Publication of Dissertation (Form 1)” to their faculty office.

To extend a period of deferment upon the expiration of the deferment period, it is necessary to submit a request form within the original period of deferment.

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(Reasons for deferment)

- (1) When the dissertation contains non-printed items including three-dimensional shapes.
- (2) To respect copyright agreement or to protect personal information contained within the dissertation.
- (3) Where online publication may jeopardize the possible future appearance of the dissertation in some other printed publications, academic journal or patent application.

(Additional information)

- (1) The above conditions apply only to online publication. The dissertation must still be made available in printed form to the National Diet Library and the Kobe University Library.
- (2) After the expiration of the initial period of deferment or an extension to the initial period of deferment, the dissertation will be put into Kobe University Online Repository Kernel.