

## Postgraduate Studies Instructions No. 62 for 1990

### Postgraduate Studies

For the purpose of raising the level of postgraduate studies in Iraqi universities in the preparation of research and teaching staff to keep pace with the scientific, technological and cultural transformations in the country and the world and based on the article (2) of the paragraph (47) of the ministry of higher education and scientific research act No. (40) of 1988, it was decided to issue the following instructions:

### Chapter 1

#### Conditions for the inauguration of postgraduate studies

**First:** The inauguration of postgraduate studies is conditioned upon:

First: There is a deliberate scientific need based on the current and future needs of the ministry of higher education and scientific research and State and community institutions.

**Second:**

- 1- Availability of the assistant framework of technicians needed by postgraduate studies.
- 2- Availability of requirements for postgraduate studies and means of scientific research i.e, modern sources, periodicals, devices, materials and laboratories.
3. Monitoring the financial allocations for the postgraduate studies to be developed.

#### Article 2

It is stipulated that the study of Diploma & Master degrees in the scientific department may be:

**First:** The availability of faculty members specialized to teach in the postgraduate studies in the rank of professor or assistant professor and in number not less than (five).

**Second:** It is stipulated to start teaching in postgraduate studies for Diploma & Master degrees and master's in any discipline when the scientific requirements are available and after the graduation of at least one preliminary studies' session s (Bachelor) and when there is not less than (two) Mater or (three) Diploma students are admitted in postgraduate studies.

### Article 3

The inauguration of doctoral studies is conditioned upon:

**First:** The availability of faculty members specialized to teach in the postgraduate studies or supervision on dissertations who have a PhD degree or equivalent on condition that (2) of them in the title of Professor and (5) in the title of Assistant Professor.

**Second:** It is stipulated to start teaching in postgraduate studies for the doctoral degree in any discipline when the scientific requirements are available and after the graduation of at least (two) MA sessions in that discipline.

### Article 4

The inauguration of postgraduate studies is to be presented to the Advisory Board to be decided when the conditions are met.

## Chapter 2

### The conditions for applying for postgraduate studies

#### Article 5

Applicant for Diploma & Master studies is required to have:

**First:** The Bachelor degree or equivalent in his discipline.

**Second:** To pass the foreign language exam organized by the ministry.

**Third:** To pass a comprehensive written exam organized by the college in selected subjects and this exam is required to:

- 1- The duration is not less than three hours and not more than five hours in maximum.
- 2- The correction of the books is carried out by a committee of three instructors who have the degree of Assistant Professor at least.
- 3- The general rate is (70%) of the approved quantity for competition and the written competitive test conducted by the department is (30%) of the approved quantity for competition and the competition for nomination for postgraduate studies is to be on the basis of the total graduation rate and the exam in the minimum of (65%).

**Fourth:** To have a full-time study.

**Fifth:** The applicant should meet the special conditions set by the department or branch ratified by the college council and the university presidency.

**Sixth:** The applicant should not be admitted previously in postgraduate studies inside or outside the country or the admission was canceled due to his shortening or leaving study for illegal reasons, dismissal or failure.

**Seventh:** To have a sound position on military service.

**Eighth:** The deans of the colleges and heads of the corresponding divisions in Iraqi universities determine the approved minimum for nomination and before the announcement of the admission results in not less than the competitive rate for nomination as stated in the Item (3).

## Article 6

The applicant for getting a degree from the Iraqi Board for Medical Specializations is required to have:

**First:** The Bachelor or MA degree or equivalent in his discipline.

**Second:** To have a full-time study (not practicing the profession) and the old residence is considered full-time for the purpose of studying.

**Third:** The applicant should not be admitted previously in postgraduate studies inside or outside the country or the admission was canceled due to his shortening or leaving study for illegal reasons, dismissal or failure.

**Fourth:** To have a sound position on military service.

## Article 7

The applicant for getting the doctoral degree is required to have:

**First:** The Master degree or equivalent in his discipline.

**Second:** To have a full-time study.

**Third:** The applicant should not be admitted previously in postgraduate studies inside or outside the country or the admission was canceled due to his shortening or leaving study for illegal reasons, dismissal or failure.

**Fourth:** To have a sound position on military service.

## Article 8

It is permissible for some scientific departments to grant the doctoral degree for the writing of his thesis successfully without passing courses for a period of three years with a one-year extension.

## **Chapter 3**

### **Teaching and supervision**

#### **Article 9**

The master's student presents his thesis plan to be discussed by a committee of three specialists, two of them are chosen by the department in addition to the supervisor where the plan to be approved by the college council.

#### **Article 10**

The title of those to teach or supervise should not be less than Assistant Professor for Diploma or Master studies or a Lecturer with a doctoral degree who has two years' service and has published at least two research papers.

#### **Article 11**

When necessary, those who have the doctoral degree acclaimed for their scientific competence, not teaching in universities, can teach in Diploma & Master studies or supervise on MA theses.

#### **Article 12**

The doctoral student presents a plan for his thesis to be discussed by a committee of five specialists, four of them are chosen by the department in addition to the supervisor where the plan to be approved by the college council.

#### **Article 13**

The rank of that who teaches or supervise on the doctoral theses is that of the Professor or when necessary of Assistant Professor who has a PhD degree and specialist in the thesis subject and has been promoted for at least two years.

## Chapter 4

### Discussion

#### Article 14

**First:** The discussion committee of the master's thesis is composed upon the proposal of the head of department and the approval of the college council including three specialist members, that rank of two of them should be not less than Assistant Professor and the third is a Lecturer with a PhD degree and have a teaching expertise not less than two years and have published at least two research papers, also the universities can choose the members of the discussion committees from other universities with equivalent disciplines.

**Second:** It is permissible that among the members of the discussion committee for the master degree would be a member from outside the universities on condition that he has a PhD degree and acclaimed for scientific competence.

**Third:** The discussion committee of a PhD degree is composed of five specialist members, the rank of one of them is not less than Professor and the rest could be of the rank of Assistant Professor who have a PhD degree and been promoted for at least two years with the proposal of the head of department and approval of the college council on condition that one member is from other universities that have equivalent disciplines with PhD degree.

#### Article 15

**First:** The supervisor participates in the discussion of MA and PhD theses.

**Second:** The supervisor is not allowed to talk with the members of the discussion committee nor assigning the grade given by the members.

#### Article 16

**First:** The colleges that have branches are considered equivalent to one department to apply these instructions.

**Second:** the corresponding departments in the colleges of science, education and arts at the university are considered as one department to apply these instructions.

#### Article 17

The instructions of the postgraduate studies issued on 10 June 1982 remain in force and any paragraph that contradicts with these instructions is canceled.

## **Article 18**

These instructions are implemented at the date of the issuance of 27 March 1990 and applied on the postgraduate studies in scientific departments at the Iraqi universities and published in the official gazette.

**Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research**