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## Information for students of the Master's program *Applied Economics and International Economic Policy*, especially regarding the examination rules and procedures

Non-German speaking students will find below an English translation of selected important sections that were not always correctly understood in the past.

Please note, however, that only the German version of the regulations is official and legally binding ( $\rightarrow Link$ ). The English version is for informative purposes only.

In the following, please find a short summary of selected topics relating to the examination regulations of the Master's program *Applied Economics and International Economic Policy*. These explanations are only for informative purposes. Again, please note that only the German version of the examination regulations ("Prüfungsordnung"  $\rightarrow \text{Link}$ ) and the Information of the Examinations Board ("Informationen des Prüfungsausschusses"  $\rightarrow \text{Link}$ ) are official and legally binding.

#### Examinations

- All **modules** end with a module examination, which is, in most cases a written examination of 90 minutes.
- Passing a **seminar** requires successful completion of a written assignment and a presentation.
- The two seminars necessary for this master's program are only accepted if the matching modules have been passed as well (e.g. Seminar **MWiWi 6.1.1** *Master-Seminar Controlling* **and** Module **MWiWi 1.1** *Controlling*).
- The Master's Thesis can, at the earliest, be registered for after the student has achieved 60 Credit Points. The period for completing the Master's thesis is four months. If the Master's Thesis is not passed, it may be repeated once.
- Modules and seminars that were not passed may be repeated twice. The second repeat attempt must occur on an examination date immediately following that of the first repeat attempt. This means that after having failed an examination twice, students are automatically registered for the next examination date (this mandated registration, colloquially called "Pflichtanmeldung", will be visible in the student's Wusel account but no individual notification will take place.). If, on that date, a student, without valid reason or just cause, does not attend the examination, it will automatically be graded as "insufficient" (5,0).
- If a module is not passed on the third attempt or if the Master's thesis is not passed on the second attempt, the Master's Examination is irrevocably failed, which leads to compulsory exmatriculation.

#### **Registration for examinations**

- In order to take part in an examination, students must register for it within the registration period specified by the examination office ("Prüfungsamt"). The website of the examination office can be found under this <u>link</u>. On the left, you will find important subsites such as "Semestertermine" (semester dates), "Prüfer- /Terminlisten" (list showing the examination dates), "Durchführung Klausuranmeldungen" (showing the period during which registrations are possible) and "Klausurteilnehmerlisten" (showing the examination participants, the time and the room in which they will take the examination).
- Registration for examinations is made online via the student's Wusel account. For this, students require a TAN (transaction number) list. The first TAN list is sent to students by post after completing their registration at BUW; after having used up this first TAN list, the next one can be downloaded on Wusel.
- Important: Please check if your examination registration (or deregistration) was successful by exiting and reopening Wusel.
- Please contact the examination office in case of problems. Should registration via Wusel not be possible, students can register personally in the examination office using the form "Anmeldung zu einer Prüfung". The form can be downloaded <u>here</u>.
- For seminar assignments as well as in the business language modules, the lecturer will explain or should be asked how registration is made. The same may apply to courses offered by other faculties.

#### Deregistration/Withdrawal from examinations

- Up to 7 days prior to the examination, students can deregister from an examination without giving any reasons (e.g. if the exam takes place on Tuesday, 18 February 2014, deregistration is possible until Tuesday, 11 February 2014). However, this is not possible in case of a mandated registration ("Pflichtanmeldung"). A mandated registration is carried out by the examination board either after 2 failed attempts or after withdrawal from an exam for a valid reason later than 7 days prior to the examination (cf. Information of the examinations board no 02/14, which can be found under this link.)
- After the deregistration period (i.e. the examination takes place in less than 7 days), students may only withdraw from an examination on presentation of **valid reasons** (e.g. illness).
- The withdrawal application must be presented to the examinations board without undue delay (at the latest within 3 working days after the examination date) and the reasons must be substantiated. The **originals** (i.e. no copies) of any documentation supporting the valid reason for withdrawal (e.g. medical certificate) must be handed in.
- In order to present the withdrawal application within the deadline, a provisional withdrawal application may be sent by e-mail to <u>wiwiruecktritt@uni-wuppertal.de</u>. In this case, the original withdrawal application and supporting documents must be subsequently provided without undue delay.
- There are specific requirements regarding the medical certificates to be handed in (cf. Information of the examinations board no 02/14). In order to make sure all necessary information is provided, students have the possibility to use the medical certificate form ("Attestvordruck"), which can be downloaded from the site "Formulare des <u>Prüfungsamtes</u>". A medical certificate will only be accepted if the doctor's examination took place prior to the examination or on the day of the examination at the latest. An

examination after the examination date usually does not provide clear evidence of an illness on the day of the examination.

- If students, for a valid reason, discontinue an examination that has already started, withdrawal from the examination must be declared to and will be recorded by the examination supervisor. Just like in case of withdrawal prior to the examination, the valid reason must, without undue delay, be proven and documented.
- If no withdrawal application has been made or if the withdrawal application is not approved, an examination not attended will be graded as "insufficient" (5,0), a discontinued examination will be graded on the basis of the student's answers given before he/she has left the examination.
- In the event that the examinations board recognizes the validity or justness of the reason or cause, the student will be informed of the decision in writing and the student will automatically be registered for the next examination date ("Pflichtanmeldung"). Deregistration from the examination on the next examination date will not be possible. Withdrawal will only be possible for a valid reason.

If you have any question, please do not hesitate to contact the faculty's student services team. Contact details and office hours can be found under this <u>link</u>.

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Im Auftrag Jan Bergfeld Geschäftsführer des Prüfungsausschusses Please note, however, that only the German version of the regulations is official and legally binding ( $\rightarrow$  Link). The English version is for informative purposes only.

# §5

# **Examinations and Examination Deadlines**

- (1) Examinations take place at the end of the modules alongside the studies as outlined within these rules and regulations (Module Examinations) as well as at the end of the Master's Program in the form of a final thesis (Master Thesis). The module examinations are comprised of a graded Module Exam.
- (3) The examinations can be taken provided that the admission conditions required by these rules and regulations can be proven to have been fulfilled.
- (4) The dates of examinations are to be decided upon in such a way so that the Master's Program, including the final thesis, can be fully completed within the standard period of study.
- (5) The student's academic progress will be determined in the Master's Program through ungraded work and examinations within the framework of a Credit Point System (ECTS).
- (6) Credit Points are reflective of the average required studying time, in order to reach a prescribed level of progress in learning. One Credit Point corresponds with an average required workload of thirty hours. Credit Points represent the weighting given to successful examinations when the final grade of the Master's Program is being arrived at.
- (7) The evidence of an ungraded piece of academic work is the certification of each individually recognized element of coursework (in particular a written exam, oral presentation, written course paper, course assignment, oral examination or report relating to an internship), which, in content, is related to a university course of a maximum of four semester periods per week, or a course of one semester in length, or to the Master thesis colloquium.

- (8) Examinations during the Master's Program refer in each case to one or more scheduled courses which have been delivered in keeping with the mandatory and elective modules as outlined within these rules and regulations. Written examinations or oral examinations in particular are to take place directly after the end of the lecture period.
- (9) The module descriptions form a part of these rules and regulations. They specify, for every module, the contents, the learning objectives, the teaching methods, the conditions for and expectations of participation, the workload (expressed as Credit Points), the type and length of the Module Exam, the number of possible repeat attempts permitted in relation to a Module Exam and the ungraded coursework required within the module.
- (10) The registration for examinations must be completed at least three weeks before the date of the first examination of the relevant examination period.
- (11) Before registering for his/her first examination, the student must submit a written application for admission to the Master's Examination to the examinations board.
- (12) In the event that a student can, by means of a medical certificate, convince the examinations board that due to a persistent or permanent physical disability the student is not capable of attempting the exam, either in its entirety or a part thereof, in the form proposed, the chairperson of the examinations board may allow the student to complete the required examination, at a level of difficulty deemed equivalent, in an alternative form. This also applies in the case of coursework.
- (13) [...]
- (14) In order to promote and support international mobility of students, the examinations board, in agreement with the examiners, can allow equivalent examination

performances at another date or in another form if the determined examination cannot be attended due to a stay abroad, which is demonstrably conducive to the study program, of a duration of three months or longer (evidence in form of a Learning Agreement must be provided).

(15) As a general rule, the examination language shall be German. For modules with a module description in English, the examination language shall be English as a general rule. Upon application, the examinations board, in agreement with the examiners, can allow the use of other languages.

#### §8

# Recognition of and Credit for Periods of Study, Academic Performance and Examinations

- (1) Academic achievements, which have been carried out at another institute of higher education within the area of application of the German Basic Law in the same study program will be recognized at University ex officio. Academic the achievements in other study programs or at another institute of higher education as well as at state or officially recognized vocational academies and/or universities of cooperative education within the area of application of the German Basic Law shall be recognized if no substantial or significant differences exist between them and the academic activities they would replace. The recognized academic achievements will be credited to the student as study performances or examination achievements in the modules described in these rules and regulations. Upon application, this may also apply for academic achievements from institutes of higher education outside the area of application of the German Basic Law. Upon application, the University may also recognize other academic attainments, proficiencies and/or qualifications on the basis of submitted documents and credit them against a course of study at the University if these proficiencies and/or qualifications are deemed to equivalent in terms of content and standard.
- For the recognition and crediting of peri-(2) ods of study, academic achievements or examinations at foreign universities, the equivalency agreements approved by the Ministers for Education and Cultural Affairs of the German "Länder" (Kultusministerkonferenz der Länder) and the German Rector's Conference (Hochschulrektorenkonferenz), as well as arrangements within the framework of university partnerships shall be observed. Furthermore, in cases of doubt, the International Office of Bergische Universität Wuppertal or the Central Office for Foreign Education can be consulted.
- (3) Paragraphs 1 and 2 shall apply accordingly in relation to the recognition and crediting of periods of study, academic achievements or examinations attained via officially recognized correspondence courses or in distance learning units which have been developed by the state of North Rhine-Westphalia in cooperation with other states and federally.
- (4) Results in equivalent modules in other study programs at Bergische Universität Wuppertal shall officially be transferred on the student's Credit Points record in accordance with §14.
- (5) Recognition of and credit for the final thesis is excluded. A maximum of 80 Credit Points, attained as a result of studies at another institute of higher education, can be credited to the student by Bergische Universität Wuppertal.
- (6) The examinations board shall decide on applications regarding recognition and credit as described in Paragraphs 1 to 3. Before a decision is made the board may consult an expert representative from the relevant department. The students must submit the documents required for the recognition and crediting process in a form prescribed by the examinations board. With regard to applications, a decision shall be made within three months of the submission of all information and documentation required in relation to the application. The examinations board can delegate and entrust the chairperson of the board with a decision regarding the

recognition and crediting of academic achievements.

- (7) In the event that academic and/or examination achievements should be credited at Bergische Universität Wuppertal, the grades shall – insofar as the grading systems are comparable – be transferred and included in the calculation of the overall grade. In cases where the grading systems are not comparable, only a note of "passed" shall be included (i.e. not the actual grade itself). This will be clearly marked on the student's certificate.
- (8) In the event that the prerequisites of Paragraphs 1 to 5 are met, students have a right to have their achievements credited to their records at Bergische Universität Wuppertal.
- (9) Should the recognition and crediting of educational achievements be refused or otherwise fail, the applicant should, without any undue delay, be informed in writing of the justification for the decision reached or other reason for the failure of the application, and be given information regarding any remedies, including appeal procedures, available to him/her.

## §9

# Absence, Withdrawal, Cheating, Breach of Examination Regulations

- (1) A written examination, and/or any other expected coursework which is to be graded, will automatically be graded as "insufficient" (5,0) in the event that a student, without valid reason or just cause, does not attend the examination, or when he or she, without a sound and valid reason, withdraws from the examination after it has commenced. This also applies in the event that a thesis or final paper is not submitted within the prescribed period of time. Students may, up to one week before the relevant examination date, cancel their registration for the exam procedure without giving any reason.
- (2) The reason or cause for the absence or withdrawal, according to Paragraph 1 Sentences 1 and 2, must be supplied to the examination board in writing without undue delay and accompanied with sup-

porting evidence. In cases of illness, a doctor's certificate may be required. In certain cases, the head of the examination board can demand the submission of a certificate of illness from another doctor as an independent medical professional. In the event that the examination board recognizes the validity or justness of the reason or cause (according to Sentence 1), the student will be informed of the decision in writing and a new examination date will be determined. In this case, existing examination results will be taken into account. Paragraph 1 Sentence 3 does not apply in these circumstances.

- Should a student attempt to influence the (3) result of the examination or coursework by means of cheating, or by employing any tools, aids or resources the use of which had not been permitted, the examination or coursework in question will be graded as "insufficient" (5,0); a determination of cheating and/or the use of nonpermissible material(s) will be made by the respective examiner or exam supervisor and put on record. In serious cases of cheating and/or the use of nonpermissible material(s), or in the event of a repeat offence, the examinations board can, after consultation with the faculty council, bar the student from sitting further exams and accumulating further credit points and declare the Master's Examination to be failed. Prior to a decision being reached, the student in question shall be given the opportunity to make a representation on their own behalf.
- (4) Students who disrupt the proper functioning or due process of an examination can, usually following a verbal warning, be excluded from continuing the examination by the relevant examiner or exam supervisor; in such a case, the examination in question will be graded as "insufficient" (5,0). The grounds for the exclusion will be recorded. In the event of a repeat offence, the examinations board can, after consultation with the faculty council, exclude the student from sitting further exams and achieving further credit points and declare the Master's Examination to be failed. Pri-

or to a decision being reached, the student in question shall be given the opportunity to make a representation on their own behalf.

- (5) The student can, within 14 days, request that a decision made in accordance with Paragraph 3 Sentence 1 and Paragraph 4 Sentence 1 be reviewed by the examinations board.
- (6) The student should, without any undue delay, be informed in writing of any incriminating decision of the examinations board, the justification for the decision reached and information regarding any remedies, including appeal procedures, available to him/her.

# §13 Master Thesis

- (1) The Master Thesis completes the scientific education of the Master's Program. The thesis should indicate that the student is capable of working independently and within a prescribed time frame, in the task of analyzing an economic or business related problem, with the option of integrating other scientific disciplines which are offered within the framework of this Master's Program.
- (2) The Master Thesis can, at the earliest, be registered after the student has achieved 60 Credit Points. The Master Thesis shall be developed in relation to an economic or business related theme according to §13 Paragraph 3 Module MWiWi 1.1 to Module MWiWi 4.5 or Module MWiWi 5.1.
- (3) The theme or subject matter of the thesis will be determined by an examiner appointed by the examinations board in accordance with §7 Paragraph 1 and will be communicated to the chairperson of the examinations board. The thesis will be supervised by this examiner. The student shall be given the opportunity to propose a theme for the work. As far as is reasonable possible, due consideration shall be given to the student's suggested topic. The student's proposed theme shall, however, not be binding.
- (4) Upon application by the student candidate, the chairperson of the examinations

board should take reasonable care to ensure than the student receive a topic for his/her thesis without undue delay.

- (5) It may also be possible for the thesis to take the form of a piece of group work, although it is specified, that the contribution of every single student (due to the submission of sections, page numbers or any other objective criteria which allow the unambiguous demarcation of the whole body of work into that of each student) is clearly discernable and assessable and the requirements of Paragraph 1 are met.
- (6) The issuance of the theme for the thesis occurs via the chairperson of the examinations board. The date of issue of the theme shall be added to the student's record.
- (7) The period during which the thesis is to be completed shall be four months from the date the theme is issued. The theme and assignment shall be such that the prescribed timeframe for the completion of the thesis can be met. The student may, within the first two weeks of the aforementioned four month period, seek to change the topic of their thesis. This may be done only once per student. In individual cases, following a substantiated application by the student, the examinations board may make an exception and prolong the four month period by up to four additional weeks. The application for consideration for such an extension must be made two weeks before the original submission date deadline at the latest.
- When submitting the Master Thesis, the (8) student must also submit written confirmation that he/she authored the work independently - or, in the case of a collaborative group work, his/her part marked accordingly - and that no other sources, references or other material aids were used with the exception of those declared as such, that all citations have been properly recorded and that he/she has read and acknowledged the regulations contained in §9 regarding Absence, Withdrawal, Cheating, Breach of Examination Regulations, with particular reference to the possibility of an irrevocable loss of the right to

examination and an irrevocable failure in the case of serious or repeated cheating.

#### §14

# Acceptance and Evaluation of the Master Thesis

- (1) The Master Thesis, or final thesis, is to be submitted to the examinations board in duplicate in the prescribed form and by the prescribed deadline; the date of submission is to be recorded. Should the thesis be submitted in a form not prescribed or submitted later than the relevant deadline, the thesis will, in accordance with §9 Paragraph 1 Sentence 2, be graded as "insufficient" (5,0). An electronic copy of the thesis, as well as the data used in the case of an empirical work, in a data format agreeable to the examinations board should also be submitted in the form of a CD- or DVD-ROM for the purposes of checking for plagiarism. Further specifications with regard to the form of the work to be submitted will be published by the examinations board via notice boards, announcements or via internet on the relevant websites.
- (2) The final thesis is to be reviewed and graded by two examiners. One of the examiners is to be that person who determined the theme of the thesis. The second examiner will be determined by the chairperson of the examinations board. The individual assessments and grading shall be carried out in accordance with §19 Paragraph 1 and should be supported in writing. The overall grade for the thesis will reflect the arithmetic mean of the two grades awarded by the two examiners as long as the difference between them is not greater than 2,0. In the event that the grades awarded by both examiners differ by greater than 2,0, a third examiner will be tasked by the examinations board with grading the thesis. In such a case the overall grade will be determined by the average (arithmetic mean) of all three grades in accordance with §19 Paragraph 5. However, the thesis will only be deemed "sufficient" or better, when a min-

imum of two examiners have deemed the work to be "sufficient" or better.

- (3) The result of the grading process should be communicated to the Master's candidate no later than six weeks after submission of the thesis.
- (4) For theses deemed to be "sufficient" (4,0) or better, the respective candidate shall receive 20 Credit Points.
- (5) In the event that a final thesis is deemed to be "insufficient", a student can repeat the thesis with a different topic. However, this can only be done once.

## §19

## Grading of Examination Performances, Calculating of Grades and the Passing of the Master's Examination

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- (3) The overall grade of the Master's Examination is calculated using the arithmetic mean of the grades awarded for each module and the grade of the final thesis, weighted according to Credit Points; in this manner, the grades for the modules receive a weighting in accordance with that stipulated in §12 Paragraph 3 (100 Credit Points in total) and the final thesis a weighting of 20 Credit Points. In calculating the overall grade, only the first figure after the comma will be taken into account; all further figures will be struck out without rounding. The overall grade of a successfully completed Master's Examination reads as follows:

With an average of up to 1,5

= Very Good

- With an average greater than 1,5 up to 2,5 = Good
- With an average greater than 2,5 up to 3,5 = Satisfactory

With an average greater than 3,5 up to 4,0 = Sufficient

(4) In the event of an overall grade of "Very Good", as referred to in Paragraph 3, the overall judgement of the candidate's performance will be issued as "Passed with Distinction" if the final thesis has been awarded a grade of 1,0 and the weighted average of all other grades awarded in the Master's Examination is no lower than 1,2.

- (5) With the overall grade, candidates shall in addition receive the following ECTS grades:
  The best 10% a Grade A
  The next 25% a Grade B
  The next 30% a Grade C
  The next 25% a Grade D
  The next 10% a Grade E
  As a reference parameter, the performances of graduates of the Master's Program in the preceding four semesters shall be used as a basis.
- (6) The overall grades of successful students from the respective business and economic Master's Program in accordance with §1 Paragraph 1 for the preceding four semesters will be displayed in tabular form which shall include the overall grades awarded in the relevant Program (1 to 4), the number of students who achieved these grades and the percentage proportion of the overall total (ECTS Grading Table).

# § 21 The Repeating of Examinations

- (1) Every Module Examination, i.e. examination relating to a module carried out in keeping with §12 Paragraph 3 (1) to (6), which took the form of a written examination, an oral examination or an examination by means of a written final paper for the module, which at a first attempt was not passed, or was deemed not to have been passed, may be repeated twice. However, the second repeat attempt must occur on an examination date immediately following that of the first attempt to repeat the examination.
- (2) The final thesis may be repeated once.
- (3) The repeat of an examination or of a thesis which has already been successfully completed is not permissible; an exception may however be made in the case of an attempt to improve a grade already awarded in accordance with Paragraph 4.
- (4) Students may avail of attempts to improve their grades up to a maximum of 20 Credit Points. An attempt to improve one's grade is only permissible in relation to examinations taken during the course of studies. Such attempts must be availed of within two semesters of the previously successful examination. Should a better grade be

achieved by the student, the better grade will be reflected on the student's certificate and taken as a basis for the calculation of the overall grade. In the event of a recognized withdrawal from an attempt to improve a grade due to a valid reason in accordance with §9 Paragraphs 1 and 2, no new examination date will be determined in deviation from §9 Paragraph 2 Sentence 4.

#### §22 Completion of the Master's Program

- (1) The Master's Examination is successfully passed as soon as the candidate has accumulated 120 Credit Points in accordance with §12 Paragraph 3. Until the application for the issuing of certificate of completion in accordance with §23 Paragraph 1, the candidate may make use of an attempt or attempts to improve grades in accordance with §21 Paragraph 4.
- (2) The Master's Examination is irrevocably failed, as soon as the candidate:
  - 1. has twice failed the final thesis or
  - 2. has irrevocably failed a Module Examination in a module in keeping with §12 Paragraph 3, taking the possibilities to repeat such an examination into account.

## §23 Certification of the Master's Degree

(1) After the accumulation of all necessary Credit Points, a certificate confirming the successfully completed Master's Examination will be issued upon request. On the certificate the individual grades of each Module Examination relating to both mandatory and elective modules, the overall grade, the ECTS Grade, the ECTS Grading Table, the title of the final thesis and the grade awarded for same will be disclosed. Upon request of the candidate, the grades achieved by the candidate in any additional modules taken and the number of semesters required to complete the Master's Program will be included on the certificate. The certificate is to be signed by the chairperson of the examinations board.

- (2) The certificate shall include the date the certificate was issued and the date upon which the last examination performance was completed (the completion date).
- (3) Bergische Universität Wuppertal issues a Diploma Supplement (DS), in both the English and German language, which corresponds to the "Diploma Supplement Model" of the European Union/Council of Europe/UNESCO. To represent the national educational system (DS Paragraph 8), the valid version of the text agreed upon by the Conference of the Ministers for Education and Cultural Affairs of the German "Länder" (*Kultusministerkonferenz der Länder*) and the German Rector's Conference (*Hochschulrektorenkonferenz*) shall be used.
- (4) In the event that the Master's Examination has been irrevocably failed, or has been deemed to be have been irrevocably failed, the candidate shall receive a written confirmation of same from the chairperson of the examination board which shall contain information relating to successful examination performances and the grades awarded, as well as the performances which have not been achieved for the successful completion of the Master's Examination, and shall indicate that the Master's Examination is irrevocably failed.
- (5) The confirmation of the irrevocably failed Master's Examination shall be accompanied by information regarding appeal and/or other legal remedies.

#### §25

# Invalidity of the Master's Examination, Revocation of Graduation

(1) Should the candidates have cheated in an examination or in the preparation of the final thesis, and the examinations board only becomes aware of this fact following the issuing of the diploma, the examinations board can belatedly and retrospectively correct that grade for that examination performance, in which the candidate has cheated, declare the examination to be a failure and remove the Credit Points from the candidate's record of Credit Points accumulated.

- (2) If a candidate did not meet admission requirements to the Master's Examination, and it is not proven than the student has deliberately or intentionally attempted to mislead or deceive in this regard, and the examinations board only becomes aware of this fact following the issuing of the diploma, this deficiency will be considered remedied through the passing of the Master's Examination. If a candidate has intentionally or deliberately obtained admission by unjust means, the examinations board shall decide the legal consequences.
- (3) Prior to a decision being reached, the student in question shall be given the opportunity to make a representation on their own behalf.
- (4) The incorrect examination certificate and the Diploma Supplement with attachments shall be retracted and, where appropriate, a new documents shall be prepared. A decision under Paragraph 1 and Paragraph 2 Sentence 2 is excluded once a period of five years has passed since the examination certificate was issued.
- (5) In the event that the Master's Examination in its entirety is declared as having been failed, the graduation shall be declared to be invalid, the Master's Degree shall be forfeited and the Master's Diploma retracted.

# §26 Inspection of Examination Records

- (1) The candidate may, within one year of the issuing of the diploma, upon request be granted access to their written examination papers, the associated opinions of the examiner and the examination records.
- (2) A request for such access shall be made to the chairperson of the examinations board. The chairperson of the examinations board shall be solely responsible for determining the place and time of the inspection.