

REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE PROGRAMME OF STUDY LEADING TO THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF LAW

3RD CYCLE — DOCTORAL PROGRAMME IN LAW

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Summary: Amendment to the Regulations governing the Third Cycle of Studies leading to the Degree of Doctor of Law.

The purpose of this amendment is to review and improve certain aspects of the operation of the doctoral programme in law.

In view of this need, the Regulations for the Third Cycle of Studies leading to the Degree of Doctor of Law — Doctoral Programme in Law, Regulation No. 1021/2023, of 15 September, are hereby amended.

The Doctorate in Law is duly accredited by the Agency for the Evaluation and Accreditation of Higher Education (A3ES) and registered with the Directorate-General for Higher Education, in accordance with the provisions of Decree-Law No. 74/2006 of 24 March, as currently in force, under reference number R/A -Ef 3194/2011/ALO4, dated 18 July 2025. Pursuant to Article 38 of Decree-Law No. 74/2006 (Legal Framework for Higher Education Degrees and Diplomas), of 24 March, and Regulation No. 265/2007 of NOVA University of Lisbon (UNL), as well as the Statutes of the NOVA School of Law (Order No. 13757/2024, dated 15 October), having consulted the Scientific Council (16 April 2025) and the Pedagogical Council (30 April 2025), these Regulations are hereby approved by Rector's Order of 23 June 2025.

CHAPTER I

Characterisation and governance of the study programme

ARTICLE 1

Establishment and purpose

1 — The Faculty of Law of NOVA University of Lisbon ('NOVA School of Law') offers a programme of study leading to the degree of Doctor of Law ('Programme').

2 — The Programme comprises a series of modules designed to provide training in research ('taught component'), with the curriculum structure and study plan published and regularly updated on the website of the Directorate-General for Higher Education, and the writing of an original thesis prepared specifically for the purpose of obtaining a doctoral degree.

3 — These Regulations are without prejudice to other legally established means of admission to the Programme, nor to the possibility of total or partial exemption from attending the taught component, in the event of recognition of prior academic qualifications and professional experience, in accordance with

the provisions of the NOVA School of Law Regulations on the Recognition of Academic Qualifications and Professional Experience.

4 — The Programme does not provide for the possibility of obtaining a doctoral degree, as an alternative to writing a thesis, on the basis of a coherent and relevant body of research work already published in journals with selection committees of recognised international standing, although publication in such journals, during the course of the Programme, is strongly encouraged and viewed favourably during the public thesis defence.

ARTICLE 2

Coordination

The Programme is managed and coordinated by one or more coordinating lecturers (“Programme Coordination”), to be appointed by the Dean of the NOVA School of Law on the recommendation of the Scientific Council.

ARTICLE 3

Panel of Scientific Advisers

1 — The Programme Coordination may select up to ten individuals to serve on the Programme’s Panel of Scientific Advisers, whose role is to advise the Programme Coordination on matters which the latter deems appropriate to submit for consideration by all or some of its members.

2 — Members of the Panel must hold a doctoral degree or its legal equivalent, or possess a particularly relevant academic or professional background, and shall be selected from the national and international academic community.

ARTICLE 4

Code of Good Practice

The NOVA School of Law adheres to the guidelines set out in the documents Good Practice in PhD Education at NOVA University Lisbon, approved by the Doctoral School of NOVA University of Lisbon, and the European Code of Conduct for Research Integrity.

CHAPTER II

Admission

ARTICLE 5

Places

In each academic year, the maximum number of students admitted to the Programme is set by the Dean of the NOVA School of Law, after consultation with the Scientific Council and in accordance with the maximum number of admissions set by the Agency for the Evaluation and Accreditation of Higher Education.

ARTICLE 6

Entry requirements

1 — The following may apply to the Programme:

- a) Holders of a master's degree or its legal equivalent;
- b) Those with an academic, scientific or professional background of particular relevance, which the Scientific Council recognises as demonstrating competence equivalent to that of holders of a master's degree.

2 — A specific requirement for admission to the Programme is proficiency in English equivalent to level B1 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages.

ARTICLE 7

Ranking of applications

1 — The ranking of applications is the responsibility of the Scientific Committee, which shall be appointed by the Scientific Council and may include members of the Panel of Advisers and/or members from outside NOVA School of Law.

2 — Candidates are ranked solely on the basis of merit, taking into account the following criteria and their respective weightings:

- a) academic curriculum vitae (40 per cent);
- b) scientific curriculum vitae (publications, other indicators of scientific output and proven research experience) (15 per cent);
- c) relevant professional curriculum vitae (5 per cent);
- d) provisional research plan, which must present a research topic or question within its theoretical, methodological and bibliographical contexts (25 per cent);
- e) up to two letters of academic recommendation (10 per cent);
- f) proficiency in languages relevant to the intended research areas, in addition to the requirements set out in Article 6(2) of these Regulations (5 per cent).

3 — The Scientific Committee may decide to invite candidates to an interview, which may be conducted online, in order to clarify any aspects of their applications.

4 — The Scientific Committee's decisions shall be reasoned and subject to prior consultation with the interested parties.

CHAPTER III

Duration, credits, curriculum structure and study plan

ARTICLE 8

Duration

The Programme lasts for eight semesters.

ARTICLE 9

Number of credits and academic areas

1 — The programme comprises 240 ECTS credits, distributed across the modules that make up the taught component, the preparatory semester for the thesis project, and the research leading to the completion of the doctoral thesis.

2 — The taught component is divided into three academic areas: Legal Sciences; Economic, Social and Human Sciences; and Development of Complementary Skills.

3 — The taught component is organised into nine areas of specialisation: International Law; European Law; Public Law; Private Law; Procedural Law; Criminal Law; Legal Analysis; Law, Politics & Society; and Law and Society.

ARTICLE 10

Stages

1 — The programme comprises two phases, with the curriculum structure and study plan published and periodically updated on the DGES website via SIMGES — the Integrated and Modular Higher Education Management System — in accordance with Ministerial Order No. 105/2024/1 of 14 March.

2 — The first phase, lasting three semesters, consists of a two-semester teaching component and a semester dedicated to the preparation, presentation and discussion of a thesis proposal, as well as attendance at courses offered by the NOVA Doctoral School.

CHAPTER IV

First phase of the Programme

ARTICLE 11

First phase

1 — The first phase of the Programme is designed to provide advanced training in Legal Sciences and in Economic, Social and Human Sciences, as well as the development of complementary skills.

2 — Students must attend at least 75 per cent of the seminars for each of the course modules for which they are enrolled, and eighteen of the SPEED (Permanent Seminar on the State and the Study of Law) sessions that take place during the first phase of the Programme.

3 — The provisions of the preceding paragraphs are without prejudice to the application, to students enrolled on a part-time basis, with worker-student status, or with special needs, of the provisions set out in the applicable laws and regulations.

ARTICLE 12

Curricular Units for the first semester of the taught phase

1 — In the first semester of the taught phase, each student must enrol in modules totalling at least 30 ECTS.

2 — Attendance at the following semester-long modules (10 + 10 ECTS) is compulsory:

- a) Law and Society; and
- b) Methodologies of Legal Analysis.

3 — Students are also required to take one of the following optional semester-

long modules (10 ECTS):

- a) Public Law;
- b) Private Law;
- c) Procedural Law;
- d) Criminal Law;
- e) European Law;
- f) International Law; or
- g) Law, Politics and Security.

4 — The Dean of the NOVA School of Law may, after consulting the Academic Council, make the running of optional modules subject to a minimum number of enrolled students not exceeding 5, reduce the list of optional modules, or add further modules that meet the general objectives of the programme.

ARTICLE 13

Curricular Units for the second semester of the academic phase

1 — In the second semester of the academic phase, each student must enrol in modules totalling at least 30 ECTS.

2 — Attendance at the following semester-long modules (10 + 10 + 10 ECTS) is compulsory:

- a) Methodology of Legal Research;
- b) Scientific Publication; and
- c) SPEED Presentation.

3 — In the 'Methodology of Legal Research' module, PhD students develop, amongst other activities, their thesis project.

ARTICLE 14

Organisation of the teaching component

1 — All modules are taught in a seminar format and are research-oriented.

2 — Supervision by more than one lecturer is permitted.

3 — Modules are offered in Portuguese or English, with English being the language of instruction and communication whenever the lecturer or any of the enrolled students are not proficient in Portuguese.

4 — For first-semester modules, the submission of a written assignment is compulsory. The assignment to be submitted for each of the optional modules must correspond, in terms of its objective, format and citation styles, to a scientific article suitable for publication, which can subsequently be developed and refined in the Scientific Publication module.

5 — The submission of the assignments referred to in the previous paragraph must take place by 15 February; the Programme Coordination may, for each course module and in a coordinated manner, set different submission deadlines prior to that date.

6 — Assignments to be completed as part of second-semester modules must be submitted by 30 June.

7 — Throughout the semester, lecturers must provide PhD students with regular

feedback on their performance, and specific feedback on the preparation of the written work to be submitted.

8 — In each module of the first semester, as well as in the modules on Legal Research Methodology and Academic Publishing, a mark is awarded on a scale of zero to twenty.

9 — In the SPEED Communication module, the mark distinguishes only between 'pass' and 'fail'.

10 — The deadline for publishing marks and submitting the marked, duly graded and justified assignments to the Academic Division is thirty calendar days from the end of the submission deadline for the assignments, or, where there are no assignments to be submitted following the seminars, from the last teaching day of each course module.

ARTICLE 15

Second assessment period

1 — There is a second assessment period for the taught component of the Programme.

2 — PhD students may sit the second assessment period for any of the course modules for which they have not submitted their written assignment by the deadline set for that purpose, or, having submitted it, have received a fail mark.

3 — Students wishing to improve the passing mark obtained in one, and only one, of the modules in the Programme's academic phase may also sit the second assessment period.

4 — PhD students must register for the second assessment period corresponding to the semester of the course module in question and within the period set for this purpose by the Programme Coordination.

5 — Taking the second assessment period involves submitting a revised version of the work previously completed, or, for those who did not submit any work, the work that should have been submitted during the first assessment period.

6 — Without prejudice to the possibility for PhD students to choose to re-enrol on the relevant modules in the following academic year, taking them a second time with a view to improving their mark, the second assessment period may not be used to submit a completely new written assignment that is unrelated to the work carried out under the supervision of the course tutor during the academic semester in question.

7 — The second assessment period for first-semester modules will run until 15 July, and that for second-semester modules until 30 September.

ARTICLE 16

Anti-plagiarism declaration

In all written work submitted for assessment, including the dissertation, students must declare that the work submitted is entirely their own and that all contributions and texts by others are duly referenced.

ARTICLE 17

Individual supervision and programme

1 — At the start of the third semester of the academic programme, the Scientific Council, following a proposal from the PhD candidate in the form of a request addressed to the Chair of the Scientific Council and with the Programme Coordination in the loop, shall decide on:

- a) The topic of the doctoral thesis and its respective specialism;
- b) The appointment of a supervisor or co-supervisor to guide the doctoral student in their research and the preparation of the thesis; and
- c) The individual research programme, including the selection of the universities or institutes where the research is to be carried out.

2 — The thesis must not focus on a topic related to modules in the taught programme in which the PhD student has achieved a mark of less than 16.

3 — From the end of the second semester of the coursework phase, and notwithstanding any pass in the 'Methodology of Legal Research' module, PhD candidates must, whenever summoned to do so and until the submission of the thesis proposal, continue to attend with their respective lecturers and/or the Programme Coordination, with a view to receiving guidance on the application for approval of the research topic, the choice of supervisor, the individual research programme, and the thesis proposal.

4 — Each PhD student's individual research programme must include links with one or more foreign research centres of recognised standing, appropriate to their area of specialisation and approved by their supervisor.

5 — Supervision may be carried out by one or more supervisors, up to a maximum of three.

6 — Proposals for multiple supervision must be justified; the following are acceptable grounds:

- a) the desirability of ensuring supervision by a resident academic when the primary supervision is provided by an external academic;
- b) the complementarity of specialisms, in the case of theses or dissertations that cover several scientific fields;
- c) the complementarity of legal systems, in the case of doctoral candidates trained in distinct legal families;
- d) the need to fulfil the requirements for the award of the European Doctorate.

7 — One of NOVA School of Law's priorities is to foster a culture of effective supervision. For this reason, it is recommended that each academic staff member should not supervise more than four PhD students at any one time; the maximum number of students a staff member may supervise is set at six, and any exceeding of this limit is subject, in each case, to prior authorisation by the Scientific Council.

8 — Supervision, whilst enabling and promoting the individual development of the doctoral candidate, is a collective endeavour with clearly defined responsibilities for the doctoral candidate, the principal supervisor, the supervisory team and the NOVA School of Law.

9 — To ensure that supervision is carried out, in all cases, in a responsible manner and in line with the pedagogical approach of the NOVA School of Law,

the supervisor (or supervisors), the doctoral candidate and the institution shall enter into a written contract, which shall include, amongst other elements, an adaptation of the rights and duties set out in the Code of Good Practice of NOVA University of Lisbon.

ARTICLE 18

Third semester of the first phase

During the third semester of the first phase, the PhD student must:

- a) Present and publicly discuss the thesis proposal (25 ECTS); and
- b) Provide evidence of attendance at courses run by the NOVA Doctoral School (5 ECTS).

ARTICLE 19

Public defence of the thesis proposal

1 — The public defence of the thesis proposal shall take place within a maximum of 90 days from the date of its submission.

2 — The thesis proposal is discussed by a panel, appointed by the Scientific Council, comprising at least three members, one of whom is the supervisor and another the examiner.

3 — The public session begins with the doctoral candidate being given approximately 7 minutes to present the main points of their thesis proposal, followed by the examination, which shall last no longer than 30 minutes; the doctoral candidate is then given a period of equal duration to respond to the examiner's comments.

4 — Once the discussion has concluded, the examination board meets and decides, by a majority and through reasoned roll-call votes, whether to approve or reject the thesis proposal; the thesis proposal may be approved with or without reservations or recommendations.

5 — Minutes shall be drawn up of the jury's meeting, setting out the votes of each of its members and the respective reasons for those votes, which may be shared.

ARTICLE 20

Thesis Supervision Committee

1 — Once the thesis proposal has been approved, each doctoral candidate shall also be supervised by a Thesis Supervision Committee.

2 — The Thesis Monitoring Committee is composed of the panel that discussed the thesis proposal, unless otherwise decided by the Dean of the NOVA School of Law.

3 — Once the thesis proposal has been approved, the PhD candidate must submit a detailed annual report on the progress of their research, for approval, to the Thesis Supervision Committee, which will forward its opinion to the Programme Coordination.

4 — Irrespective of assessments carried out at earlier stages, the thesis to be submitted for public examination must be assessed by the Thesis Monitoring Committee before the relevant application is brought before the Scientific Council, should any of the supervisors issue a negative opinion regarding its defence at the public examination.

5 — Where possible, members of the Thesis Supervision Committee shall sit on the doctoral examination board.

ARTICLE 21

Transition to the second stage

1 — To progress to the second stage of the programme, doctoral students must have successfully completed all the modules of the programme's academic stage, having been awarded a total of 90 ECTS credits.

2 — Progression to the second phase of the programme requires students to pass all curricular units in the academic phase, which are marked on a scale of zero to twenty, with a minimum average mark of 16.

3 — Doctoral students may retake one, and only one, curricular unit in the academic year following that of their initial enrolment, with a view to improving their grade, provided they have not exercised the option provided for in Article 15(3) of these Regulations.

4 — Doctoral students who do not progress to the second phase of the doctoral programme but have passed all the modules of the taught component shall be awarded a diploma of advanced studies certifying that they have passed those modules.

CHAPTER V

Second phase of the Programme

ARTICLE 22

Second phase

1 — The second phase of the Programme, which shall not exceed five semesters in duration, is specifically intended for the continuation of the research involved in the preparation and writing of the doctoral thesis.

2 — The thesis must be presented in a font and with line spacing that make it easy to read; the main body of the thesis must not exceed 800,000 characters, including notes and spaces, and the total number of characters must be clearly stated.

3 — NOVA School of Law issues Style Guidelines which must be followed when preparing the thesis and other written work to be submitted to the Programme.

4 — The thesis must be written in Portuguese or English; writing in any other language requires prior authorisation from the Scientific Council.

ARTICLE 23

Registration of the doctoral thesis topic

- 1 — The topic of the doctoral thesis is subject to registration, in accordance with the law.
- 2 — Registration is ex officio and the responsibility of the Academic Services.
- 3 — Failure to comply with the maximum time limits referred to in Article 25 shall result in this fact being automatically reported to the Observatory for Science and Higher Education, for the purposes of the registration lapsing.

ARTICLE 24

Regulations for the second phase

- 1 — NOVA School of Law shall provide doctoral candidates, to the extent that its human and financial resources permit, with the necessary resources to enable them to complete the Programme to a high standard and within the timeframe set for that purpose.
- 2 — Supervisors must endeavour to monitor the doctoral student's work by organising regular supervision meetings with each student, either individually or in groups, at least once every six months.
- 3 — From the time of admission to the thesis preparation stage, it is the responsibility of each doctoral student to keep a written record of their progress, including the date and a brief summary of all meetings or interactions with their supervisors, including recommendations regarding what is expected of their work; these details must be included in the annual report referred to in Article 20(3).
- 4 — Supervisors must submit an opinion annually to the Thesis Monitoring Committee on the annual report referred to in Article 20(3).
- 5 — During the Programme, and particularly in the second phase, PhD students may be invited by the NOVA School of Law to contribute to its academic and teaching activities.
- 6 — During the Programme, and in particular during the second phase, the supervisor, whenever they consider that the doctoral student's work strongly suggests that the Programme will not be completed within the deadline or that there will be a significant delay, must propose to the Scientific Council:
 - a) the transition of the doctoral student to part-time student status; or
 - b) the doctoral student's exclusion from the Programme.
- 7 — In the event of a decision to exclude the doctoral student from the Programme, the Scientific Council may offer the doctoral student the opportunity to continue their research on an independent basis, whilst benefiting from the support of their supervisor or supervisory team and the Faculty's other resources, under terms to be determined by the Programme Coordination.

ARTICLE 25

Maximum deadlines for the submission of the thesis and the public defence

- 1 — The doctoral candidate has five semesters from the date of their transition to the second phase of the Programme to submit their thesis.
- 2 — The thesis must be submitted to the Academic Services, and the doctoral

candidate must, at the same time, apply for admission to the public examination.

3 — Acceptance of the thesis by the Academic Services is subject to the cumulative fulfilment of the following conditions:

a) Enrolment in the relevant degree programme on the date of submission of the thesis;

b) the thesis topic must be registered and valid on the date of submission of the thesis; and

c) full compliance with attendance requirements, including the minimum and maximum number of enrolments and passing the modules that form part of the programme;

4 — The maximum deadline for the public defence coincides with the maximum legally permissible deadline, and the public defence must, as a rule, take place in the same calendar year in which the thesis is submitted.

5 — For the purposes of the provisions of the preceding paragraph, whenever a thesis is submitted after 15 September, it shall be deemed to have been submitted during the academic year beginning in that month and ending in the subsequent calendar year; the PhD student must renew their enrolment for the subsequent academic year and pay the relevant tuition fees.

6 — The deadline for submitting the thesis may be extended by decision of the Scientific Council, upon application by the doctoral candidate, accompanied by a statement from the supervisor; in all cases, the deadline stipulated in the NOVA School of Law Regulations on Time Limits must be observed.

7 — The time limits for the appointment of an examination board and the submission of the thesis or equivalent work, or for its revision, may be suspended in accordance with the UNL's doctoral regulations.

ARTICLE 26

Appointment and constitution of the examination board

1 — The thesis is subject to public assessment and discussion by an examination board appointed by the Rector of NOVA University Lisbon, upon the recommendation of the Scientific Council.

2 — The doctoral examination board shall be constituted:

a) The Rector, who chairs the panel and may delegate the chairmanship to a Vice-Rector or the Chair of the Scientific Council; in the absence or incapacity of these, the chairmanship of the panel may be assumed by a professor or researcher holding a doctorate who is a member of the Faculty's academic staff;

b) A panel comprising at least four members with a PhD, one of whom must be the supervisor.

3 — Where there is more than one supervisor, only the non-principal supervisors may sit on the examination board if the degree is awarded in partnership with one or more foreign higher education institutions.

4 — At least two of the members of the examination board referred to in paragraph 2(b) shall be appointed from among professors and researchers holding a PhD from other higher education or research institutions, whether national or foreign.

5 — The examination board may also include individuals of recognised expertise

in the scientific field to which the thesis relates.

6 — The examination board must comprise at least three lecturers or researchers from the scientific field to which the thesis relates.

7 — The examination board's decisions are taken by a majority of its members, through a rollcall vote with reasons given; abstentions are not permitted.

8 — The decision appointing the examination board must be communicated to the candidate in writing within five days and subsequently published on the Faculty's website.

9 — Minutes are drawn up of the jury's meetings, setting out the votes cast by each of its members and the reasons for those votes, which may be shared.

ARTICLE 27

Acceptance of the thesis

1 — Within thirty days of the date of its appointment, the examination board shall issue a decision declaring that it accepts the thesis and appointing the examiners for the oral examination, at least one of whom must be from another institution; or, alternatively, it shall recommend, giving reasons, that the candidate revise the thesis.

2 — Once the situation referred to in the final part of the previous paragraph has been verified, the candidate shall have a period, set by the examination board, in which to revise the thesis or to declare that they wish to retain it as originally submitted.

3 — If the deadline referred to in the previous paragraph expires without the candidate having submitted the revised thesis or a statement waiving this option, this shall be deemed a withdrawal.

4 — If the candidate has opted to revise their thesis, the examination board shall meet a second time to examine the revised thesis, which shall be deemed to have been submitted during the current academic year at the time of revision.

ARTICLE 28

Public defence of the thesis

1 — The public defence of the doctoral thesis shall last no longer than 150 minutes and shall include:

- a) An optional presentation by the doctoral candidate, lasting no more than 10 minutes;
- b) Two questions, each lasting a maximum of 30 minutes, and two responses, each lasting the same maximum time as that allowed for the questioners;
- c) The possibility for the remaining members of the examination board to ask any additional questions, with the doctoral candidate being given the same amount of time to respond; this final part must not exceed 20 minutes.

2 — Once the discussion has concluded, the examination board meets and deliberates, by majority and through reasoned roll-call votes, on whether to pass or fail the doctoral candidate.

3 — The final grades awarded by the doctoral examination board, in the event of a pass, are as follows:

- a) Pass;
 - b) Pass with Distinction;
 - c) Pass with Distinction and Honours.
- 4 — In determining the final grade, the examination board takes into account the merit of the thesis and the candidate's performance during the public defence.
- 5 — The minutes must include information on whether the doctoral candidate passed or failed, and whether the decision was taken unanimously or by a majority.
- 6 — If the PhD candidate is successful, the minutes must also state the mark they achieved and whether the decision was taken unanimously or by a majority; and, if by a majority, the mark proposed by those whose votes were outvoted must be added.
- 7 — The chair of the examination board has a casting vote and shall only exercise this right:
- a) When they are a lecturer or researcher in the scientific field or fields to which the thesis relates; or
 - b) In the event of a tie.

ARTICLE 29

Award of the doctoral degree

The doctoral degree is conferred upon those who have successfully passed the public defence of their thesis.

CHAPTER VI

Suspension of the running of time limits

ARTICLE 30

Scope of application

This chapter applies to all procedures for the assessment of knowledge and competences in third-cycle studies currently in place at NOVA School of Law, subject to the time limits set out in the Doctoral Regulations of NOVA University of Lisbon.

ARTICLE 31

Suspension of the running of time limits

1 — Students may request a suspension, for up to a maximum of 30 days, of the counting of deadlines for the submission of work subject to assessment in the modules of the taught part of the programme:

- a) PhD students whose spouse, cohabiting partner, or first-degree relative by direct line, as well as any relative by direct line or second-degree relative by collateral line, has died, provided that the death occurred within 30 days prior to the end of the normal academic term;
- b) PhD students who are hospitalised or suffering from a medically certified illness or injury.
- c) Doctoral students who are currently performing one of the duties referred to in

Article 73 of Decree-Law No. 448/79 of 13 November, ratified, with amendments, by Law No. 19/80 of 16 July.

2 — Any exceptional circumstances will be assessed by the Dean of the NOVA School of Law.

3 — The application for suspension, addressed to the Dean of NOVA School of Law, must be substantiated, submitted within 10 working days of the event or events giving rise to the request, and accompanied by evidence supporting those facts.

4 — The application will be assessed taking into account its merits, as well as whether the requested suspension conflicts with the normal course of each academic term.

5 — Neither the approval nor the rejection of the request for suspension prevents the PhD student from sitting the second assessment session, in accordance with the provisions of Article 15 of these Regulations.

ARTICLE 32

Pregnant students

1 — Female PhD students who are pregnant, postpartum or are breastfeeding are entitled to a suspension from the Programme for one semester without incurring any additional tuition fees.

2 — The suspension provided for in the preceding paragraph shall apply to the payment of tuition fees for the same period.

CHAPTER VII

Final provisions

ARTICLE 33

PhD Regulations of NOVA University of Lisbon

The provisions of the NOVA University of Lisbon Doctoral Regulations shall apply to this cycle of studies.

ARTICLE 34

Submission of work

All work submitted during the Programme must be submitted via the NOVA School of Law's academic information system, through which it will be run through plagiarism detection software.

ARTICLE 35

Tuition fees

Tuition fees are set annually, within the legal parameters, by the competent bodies of NOVA University of Lisbon, and published in a public notice.

ARTICLE 36

Queries and omissions

Any queries or omissions shall be resolved by the Dean of the NOVA School of Law.

ARTICLE 37

Repeal

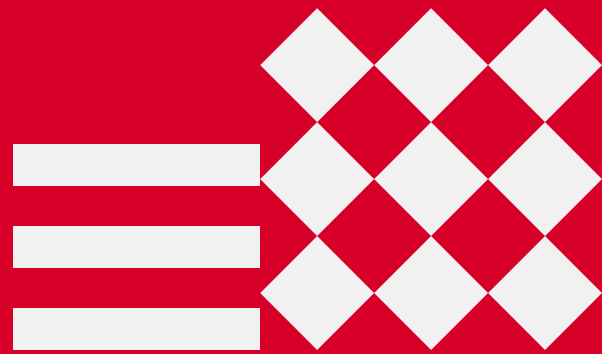
Regulation No. 1021/2023 is hereby repealed.

ARTICLE 38

Entry into force

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following its publication in the Official Gazette.

23 July 2025. — The Dean, Prof. Dr Margarida Lima Rego.



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