**Deadline for submitting the doctoral dissertation on the basis of the regulations valid under the state of danger declared due to the epidemic**

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| **Comprehensive exam date** | **Law/Regulation** | **Deadline** | **Examples** |
| **AUTUMN SEMESTER of the 2017/2018 academic year**  **Prior to 31 January 2018**  **The calculation rule applying to the spring semester of the 2019/2020 academic year**  (Definition of *semester* according to Nftv. until 31 December 2020: Article 108 5. *Semester*: a period comprising five months, defined for the purposes of organising education) | Under Article 79 (4) of Act LVIII of 2020, the spring semester of the 2019/2020 academic year shall not be taken into consideration when applying Article 45 (1) of Act CCIV of 2011 on the prolonged suspension of the student status and Article 53 (4) of Act CCIV of 2011.  ELTE Senate Resolution CXXX/2020 (IX. 11.) on the Regulations of Training and Examination (TVSZ) applying to the hybrid education model  Rector’s Order 4/2020 (V.27.) on the extension of the spring semester of the 2019/2020 academic year for doctoral programmes | The deadline for submitting the doctoral dissertation is extended by the number of days between 3 February and 31 August 2020, i.e. the deadline for submitting the dissertation is 3 calendar years + 211 days counted from the date of the comprehensive examination (27 Feb + March, April, May, June, July, Aug)  *(The earliest possible deadline taking into account the days on which comprehensive exams were passed in the examination period of the 2017/2018 academic year, i.e. 18 December 2017- 31 January 2018 is 27 July 2021, with the latest possible deadline being 31 August 2021.)* | *Students who passed the comprehensive examination on 18 December 2017 must submit the dissertation by 18 December 2020 + 211 days = 27 July 2021.*  *Students who passed the comprehensive examination on 31 January 2018 must submit the dissertation by 31 January 2021 + 211 days = 31 August 2021.* |
| **Between 1 February 2018 and 10 May 2021** | Article 1 of Government Decree 217/2021 (IV.30.) and Article 117/G (2) of Nftv. after the expiry of the state of danger declared due to the epidemic: “(1) By way of derogation from Article 53 (4), a person who passed the comprehensive examination between 1 February 2018 and 10 May 2021 must submit a doctoral dissertation as specified in the doctoral regulations within four academic years following the comprehensive examination. This deadline may be extended in cases warranting special consideration by a maximum of one year in line with the provisions of the doctoral regulations. (2) The doctoral candidate specified in paragraph (1) may suspend their student status in their doctoral procedure for a maximum of four semesters.” | **Article 108 of Nftv.** 5. Semester: a period comprising five months, defined for the purposes of organising education. In the case of doctoral programmes, a period defined for the purposes of organising education extending from 1 September to 31 January and from 1 February to 31 August.” | Students who passed the comprehensive examination between **1-15 February 2018** in the 2017/2018 academic year **or the spring examination period** must submit their dissertation **by the end of the 2021/2022 academic year** (31 August 2022).  Students who passed the comprehensive examination either in the autumn or spring examination period of the **2018/2019 academic year** must submit their dissertation by the end of the 2022/2023 academic year (31 August 2023).  Students who passed the comprehensive examination either in the autumn or spring examination period of the **2019/2020 academic year** must submit their dissertation by the end of the 2023/2024 academic year (31 August 2024).  Students who passed the comprehensive examination in the **autumn examination period of the** **2020/2021 academic year** (or by 10 May 2021) must submit their dissertation by the end of the 2024/2025 academic year (31 August 2025). |
| **11 May 2021 or later** | Amended Article 53 (4) of Nftv.:  “The doctoral candidate is to submit a doctoral dissertation as specified in the doctoral regulations within three academic years after passing the comprehensive examination. This deadline may be extended in cases warranting special consideration by a maximum of one academic year in line with the provisions of the doctoral regulations. The student status may be suspended in the doctoral procedure for a maximum of two semesters.” | **Article 108 of Nftv.:**  5. Semester: a period comprising five months, defined for the purposes of organising education. In the case of doctoral programmes, a period defined for the purposes of organising education extending from 1 September to 31 January and from 1 February to 31 August.”  40. academic year: a period comprising ten months, defined for the purposes of organising education. In the case of doctoral programmes, a period comprising twelve months, defined for the purposes of organising education. | Students who passed the comprehensive examination after 10 May 2021 in the spring examination period of the 2020/2021 academic year must submit their dissertation by the end of the 2023/2024 academic year (31 August 2024). |

**Remarks:**

1. Article 53 (4) of Nftv. allows for a maximum of two passive semesters during the research and dissertation phase following the comprehensive examination. Under the epidemiological regulations, the number of passive semesters
2. can be increased with the spring semester of the 2019/2020 academic year in the case of students who passed the comprehensive examination by 31 January 2018 in the autumn examination period of the 2017/2018 academic year,
3. and, under Article 1 of Government Decree 217/2021 (IV.30.) and Article 117/G (2) of Nftv. after the expiry of the state of danger declared due to the epidemic, **as an exception, by a maximum of four semesters** in the case of students who passed the comprehensive examination between 1 February 2018 and 10 May 2021.

**However, these passive semesters CANNOT EXTEND the deadlines for submitting the doctoral dissertation specified above.**

1. The deadlines and examples provided in the table above DO NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT the additional 1-year period – or period of **1 academic year** following the amendment which entered into force on 28 May 2021 – with which the deadline for submitting the dissertation can be extended out of equity granted by the Doctoral Council specified in Article 53 (4) of Nftv. If, however, the (former) student was given permission before **1 February 2018** to submit the dissertation 1 year later, this deadline is extended by the duration of the spring semester of the 2019/2020 academic year.
2. THE FINAL DEADLINE FOR THE DEFENCE OF THE DOCTORAL DISSERTATION AND THE DEADLINE FOR THE APPLICATION OF PENALTIES IN THE EVENT OF A FAILURE TO MEET IT **HAVE NOT CHANGED AS PER Article 84/A of Nftv.:**

**Nftv. Article 84/A (5) If a student of the higher education institution fails to obtain a doctoral degree within five years after passing the comprehensive examination, the financial support disbursed for a student who has participated in the given doctoral programme pursuant to point *b)* of Article 84 (2) for the duration of the doctoral procedure may be reduced by half.**

1. The deadline for submitting the doctoral dissertation in the case of those participating in the doctoral procedure resulting in a doctoral candidate status following a 180-credit doctoral programme is 2 calendar years counted from the day of the establishment of the doctoral candidate status in accordance with Article 53 (4) of Nftv. valid until 31 August 2016.

**Nftv. Article 53 (4) valid until 31 August 2016: The doctoral candidate status is terminated upon the conclusion of the degree acquisition procedure, as well as if the doctoral candidate has not submitted his or her doctoral dissertation within two years from the date of the establishment of the doctoral candidate status.**