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First Amendment
General Examination Regulations
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Section 1 Amendments to the General Examination Regulations

The following new paragraph (1a) is inserted into section 9:

“(1a) ¹In accordance with the University Steering Committee’s resolution to establish an appropriate system for submitting text-based final theses electronically, hard copies are no longer required. ²This does not apply to the affirmation required under paragraph 4 sentence 3 of these General Examination Regulations. ³The resolution referred to in sentence 1 shall be published in the Official Gazette of Osnabrück University of Applied Sciences.”

In section 9 paragraph 2, the existing sentences 2 and 3 are deleted and replaced with the following new sentences 2 and 3:

“²The topic of the thesis is submitted to the Office of the University Registrar by a supervising examiner from the university, following consultation with the student. ³Admission to the thesis is considered granted upon assignment of the topic by the Office of the University Registrar.”

In section 24, paragraph 1 is replaced by the following:

“(1) ¹Examiners shall be qualified to a level equal to or higher than the level of qualification being assessed. ²In justified exceptional cases, persons may also be appointed as examiners at the master’s level if they hold a *Diplom* degree from a university of applied sciences and can provide evidence of their equivalent qualification through the professional skills they have acquired. ³Observers must have the necessary expertise to conduct the exam. ⁴They may not ask questions or participate in the grading process.”

In section 24, the current paragraph 1 becomes paragraph 2. The words “in principle” are inserted before “the examiners and observers” in sentence 1. In sentence 2, the words “under paragraph 1” are inserted before “the faculty member authorized to administer the exam.”

In section 24, paragraph 3 is replaced by the following:

“(3) ¹As a rule, members and employees of Osnabrück University of Applied Sciences or cooperating universities who are engaged in teaching can be appointed as examiners. ²In exceptional cases, suitable

internal non-teaching staff may also be appointed as examiners. ³Suitable persons who are not members or employees of Osnabrück University of Applied Sciences or a cooperating university may also be appointed as examiners for the final written paper. ⁴Paragraph 1 sentences 1 and 2 apply.”

In section 24, the current paragraphs 3 and 4 become paragraphs 4 and 5.

Section 2

Entry into Force

¹This Amendment of the Regulations shall enter into force after its publication in the Official Gazette of Osnabrück University of Applied Sciences with effect from September 1, 2026.