

**AGA KHAN UNIVERSITY**  
**Guidelines, Policies and Procedures**

<b>Policy Name</b>	Graduate Degree Completion Time Limits
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- 1.0 Unless otherwise noted, all students pursuing doctorate-level (PhD) degrees must complete degree requirements in no more than eight years.
- 2.0 Unless otherwise noted, full-time master's students will be allowed a maximum of four years to complete degree requirements; a maximum of five years for part-time students.
  - 2.1 For Pakistan master's degree programmes, as per HEC regulations, full-time master's students will be allowed a maximum of three years to complete degree requirements; a maximum of six years for part-time students.
- 3.0 Master of Medicine students must attempt the Part II MMed examination not later than six years from the start of their programme of study.
- 4.0 Requests for extensions to the maximum duration for master's and doctoral degrees:
  - Student must make a request to her/his supervisor or head of programme.
  - In support of the extension, the supervisor / head of programme writes to the Dean.
  - In support of the extension, the Dean submits the request to the Chair of the Registrar's Working Group.
- 5.0 If members of Registrar's Working Group support the extension, then a one-time one-year extension is approved.