



Application and admission to public defense leading to the degree of Doctor

1. The student, after completing the work inherent to the Thesis, must submit the application for public defense in the Academic Portal, accompanied by the elements set out in Article 195 of the RAUM.
2. The application for public defense must be prepared in advance, so as to ensure that, at the time of submission, the student's status is regularized at UMinho and they have all the necessary documents, some of which depend on third parties (e.g., opinion of the supervisor(s)) or may take some time to obtain.
3. The submission of this application is made through the Electronic Secretariat of the Academic Portal, under the option "Application for Public Defense" ("Requerimento de Provas Públicas").
4. The application for the public defense cannot be submitted before three years have elapsed from the date of the student's admission to the Doctorate in Architecture (180 ECTS). In the case of part-time attendance in the study cycle, for the purposes of admission to the Thesis defense, each year of attendance under that regime corresponds to one semester.

(Article 195 of the [RAUM](#) and Article 17 of the [Regulatory Norms of the Doctorate in Architecture](#))

5. Before submitting the Application for Public Defense, the student must:
 - a) ensure that the document to be discussed in the public defense (thesis) is formatted and organized in accordance with the [Rectoral Order](#) currently in force;
 - b) be enrolled in the current academic year;
 - c) comply with the deadlines established in the regulations in force for requesting a defense;
 - d) have a regularized financial situation with the University of Minho, namely regarding fees, charges, and tuition;
 - e) have been, in due time, admitted to the dissertation by the Scientific Council; if there is a change in the title/theme/specialization of the defense compared to what was initially approved by the Scientific Council, the student must contact the 3rd cycle secretariat (pda@eaad.uminho.pt);
 - f) prepare the following documents for upload (note: each document must correspond to a PDF file. The total size of all uploaded files cannot exceed the maximum size of 500 MBytes):
 - a. Thesis, formatted and accompanied by the declarations required by rectoral order;
 - b. Detailed curriculum vitae;
 - c. Supervisor's/supervisors' opinion(s), except when, under legal terms, the candidate presents themselves for the defense under their sole responsibility;
 - d. Proof of approval in the curricular units of the study cycle, where applicable;
 - e. Where applicable, document proving that the required requirements, namely upon admission to the doctorate, have been satisfied;
 - f. Declaration regarding the deposit of the thesis in RepositóriUM.