

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF TANZANIA
DIRECTORATE OF POSTGRADUATE STUDIES

NOTICE TO ALL PROSPECTIVE POSTGRADUATE GRADUANDS

Dear prospective postgraduate graduands,

Kindly be informed that the Tanzania Commission for Universities (TCU) has published a Handbook for Standards and Guidelines for University Education in Tanzania, 3rd edition of 2019. The guideline requires all Postgraduate students who want to graduate to have had complied with section 4.13.7 (for Masters by coursework), section 4.14.7 (for Masters by thesis) and section 4.16.7 (for PhD).

Section 4.13.7 of the guidelines guides that, for a candidate to qualify for an award of Master degree by Coursework and Dissertation he/she shall produce at least one draft paper manuscript based on his/her research results intended for submission in peer-reviewed journal that is acceptable or recognisable by the respective University. Therefore, a candidate for **Masters Degree by coursework must provide evidence of submission of a draft manuscript intended for submission (not necessarily accepted or published).**

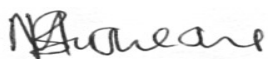
Section 4.14.5 of the guidelines directs that for a candidate to qualify for an award of a Master by research and thesis degree he/she shall have at least two paper manuscripts based on his/her research submitted to a peer reviewed journal that is acceptable or recognisable by the respective University. Therefore, a candidate for **Masters Degree by Research and Thesis, must have submitted at least 2 papers (not necessarily published). A prospective OUT graduand for Masters Degree by Research and Thesis must provide evidence of submission of such manuscripts.**

Section 4.16.7 of the guidelines guides that for a candidate to qualify for a PhD award he/she shall have published at least one paper in a peer reviewed journal and at least two accepted manuscripts (articles/papers) based on his/her research in a peer reviewed journal that is recognisable by the respective University. Therefore, **PhD prospective graduands must have published one paper and at least two (2) manuscripts accepted for publication and must provide evidence of publications and accepted manuscripts.**

All prospective postgraduate graduands are advised to abide to the guidelines and directives as stated above.

Yours,

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