

Procedures for Awarding Academic Degrees and Issuing Degree Certificates (section 11 of Regulation for Awarding Academic degrees at National Research University Higher School of Economics)

11.1. The final decision on the conferment of a Candidate of Sciences/Doctor of Sciences degree shall be made by the dissertation council in the relevant academic field based on the positive decision of the relevant dissertation committee within 3 (three) months from the date of defense. This timeframe does not include the summer vacation period.

11.2. The dissertation council shall confirm whether or not a dissertation was processed in line with the established procedure by approving the minutes on the dissertation defense.

11.3. If the dissertation council uncovers violations in the dissertation processing procedure, it may decide that an academic degree shall not be awarded to the given candidate. The dissertation will be returned to its author and may be re-submitted at a later date. Some or all members of the dissertation committee may be replaced for subsequent defense.

11.4. Upon the recommendation of the dissertation committee, the dissertation council may award a degree with honours (cum laude).

11.5. If a negative decision with respect to a given dissertation is made, it may be re-submitted once at a later date, but no earlier than 1 (one) year following the date when a respective decision was made. This rule does not apply to cases when a dissertation has been withdrawn due to the use of borrowed materials and presentation of results without proper references (plagiarism), forged data and/or research results, and/or provision of inaccurate or false information with respect to a candidate's publications containing key dissertation-related research results. In such cases, the given candidate shall not be entitled to re-submit the dissertation.

11.6. A degree certificate (diploma) shall bear the signatures of the HSE Rector and the chairperson of the relevant dissertation council.

11.7. Certificate templates for Candidate of Sciences and Doctor of Sciences degrees, specifications and relevant procedures for their preparation and issuance shall be approved by the HSE Academic Council.

11.8. A degree certificate must include the following information: the dissertation topic, full names of all dissertation committee members who approved the conferment of the academic degree and other information, which must be

included in line with Directive No. 1078 of the Ministry of Science and Education of the Russian Federation, dated August 19, 2016, “On Information, which Must Appear in Degree Certificates Awarded As Per P. 3.1 Article 4 of the Federal Law No. 127-FZ, dated August 23, 1996, ‘On Science and State Scientific and Technical Policy’”.