APPENDIX B

Requirements for the Award of Masters by Research

Candidates will be required to demonstrate they have received adequate training in research and research methods. While the candidate is expected to contribute to knowledge in his/her field, he/she will be more closely supervised than would a doctoral candidate; the Masters degree is seen primarily as a degree providing advanced training in research design and technique.

The examiner is therefore requested to consider the thesis from the perspective of its approach to a problem and its grasp of procedure and technique. It should not be assumed that the candidate will have chosen the topic. Candidates who have completed an Honours degree at first class standard, or undertaken equivalent research work prior to their admission, are normally required to complete one full-time year of research. Candidates without these qualifications on admission are required to complete 6 months of equivalent full-time study by coursework followed by one year of research. An examiner may assume that a candidate has successfully completed the coursework prior to submission of the thesis.

The thesis may include material previously published, provided the research was undertaken during candidature for this Masters by Research degree.

The research thesis should demonstrate the candidate’s ability to present the research in a written format; it should be free of typographical and grammatical errors and communicate the purpose and result of the research in a concise and effective manner.

The candidate should be able to assess critically the present state of knowledge in the subject and understand the place of their research in relation to the field.