

According to Articles 31 and 44 of the Postgraduate Education and Training Regulation, the process of setting up of a thesis defense committee involves the following:

(1) The thesis advisor delivers the following to the Secretariat:

- A- Committee Proposal Form,
- B- The opinion of the thesis advisor that the thesis is defensible,
- C- An electronic copy of the thesis,
- D- Report of plagiarism,
- E- Documents satisfying the relevant publication criteria (see below)

(2) BME executive board establishes the committee.

Publication criteria:

**For PhD** At least one SCI, SCIE or SSCI journal article accepted for publication

**For MSc** At least one of the following thesis products listed in the table below

<b>Thesis Product</b>	<b>Required (R) / Encouraged (E)</b>
(1) Conference abstract accepted	R
(2) Conference proceeding accepted	R
(3) Journal article (SCI, SCIE, SSCI) submission completed & referees assigned or accepted*	E (award)
(4) Patent submission + BÜ-TTO appropriateness letter	E - if fulfilled (1) & (2) not R

Either (1) or (2) is required.

\* The thesis can be composed as an extended version of the content already available in the format of a full journal article (e.g., journal article + 10 pages Introduction + 5 pages Discussion + Appendix for supplementary results outside the article).