



Instructions for revocation clauses in decisions to admit doctoral students

Sections 4.1 and 4.2 of the Admission Regulations for Doctoral Education at Umeå University (reg. no. FS 1.1-452.25) state that an offer of admission to a third-cycle programme may be withdrawn under certain circumstances. As a general rule, pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act (2017:900) a decision to admit a doctoral student to a third-cycle programme cannot be revoked, as the decision is by its nature favourable to the individual in question.

An admission decision may however be revoked if:

- the doctoral student's application for a residence permit is rejected before they begin their third-cycle programme; or
- if a specific start date for the programme is stated in the announcement, they are not granted a residence permit before that date.

For these exceptions to the rule to be applied, the following revocation clause **must be included in the admission decision**:

"You have been admitted to third-cycle studies in [third-cycle subject area] at [name of department]. If you require a residence permit to study in Sweden, Umeå University reserves the right to withdraw this offer if you are not granted a residence permit or – if the date on which you are to begin your studies has been determined – you are unable to present a valid residence permit before that date. The latest date to begin your studies is [DD Month YYYY]."

It is also recommended that the relevant parts of this text be included in the *announcement* of the doctoral studentship.

If a decision is made to bring forward the start of the programme, any such subsequent decision must also expressly include this revocation clause.

It is **not** possible to revoke an admission decision once a third-cycle programme has begun, even if a previously granted residence permit is revoked and no new permit is granted.

Decision to revoke an admission decision

In the event that it proves necessary to invoke a withdrawal clause – i.e., because the admitted doctoral student is denied a residence permit or has yet to be granted a permit on the date their programme is due to begin – a formal decision must be made. The following formulation should be used in the decision:

Situation I



[Name of doctoral student] has been denied a residence permit and the decision has taken legal effect. The decision to admit [name of doctoral student] to third-cycle studies dated [DD Month YYYY] is hereby revoked pursuant to the revocation clause therein.

Situation II

As of the date on which their programme was due to begin, [Name of doctoral student] has not been granted a residence permit. The decision to admit [name of doctoral student] to third-cycle studies dated [DD Month YYYY] is hereby revoked pursuant to the revocation clause therein.