

This Memo is formulated by the Graduate Committee, in agreement with Mathematics Head and Associate Head, in order to clarify the rules for graduate students regarding the qualifying exam system begun in academic year 2014-15. In particular, it applies to the qualifying exams administered in 2015-16. It is intended to clarify rather than replace any rules specified in Graduate Handbook 2015-16, or Graduate Pamphlets.

1. In Section I, the statement involving "supported" means academic year support excluding summer. In particular, a student assigned summer teaching or summer research support is subject to the same rules as a student without such support.

2. In Section I, the statement involving "supported" means support as GTA, GRA, or University Fellowships, but does not include support outside University. Exceptions in special circumstances can be formulated when a student enters the program or is granted a new form of support, and are handled by petitions.

3. Most students enter the program in Fall term, and Section R reinforces that these students should not expect support beyond seventh quarter which is Fall of the third year. (Students should still file a petition to be granted this seventh quarter of support).

4. Students who have been supported for at least seven academic year quarters but have not yet passed the qualifying exam should not expect further GTA or GRA support even if eligible for additional attempts at completing their qualifying exams.

5. Students who enter the program other than in Fall term, are subject to the rule in Section I rather than Section R which explicitly refers to the Fall term of third year.