**DDB07a – Examiner’s Declaration Form**

**Notes:**

* A minimum of three examiners are appointed, all external to the University of Cape Town. ‘External’ means there can be **no significant or formal association between an examiner and UCT**, including current or recent employment at the University in teaching and/or research in a full time, part time or honorary capacity, or through direct involvement with the thesis, the research for the thesis, or the student.
* The DDB07a (Examiner’s Declaration Form) is required for each of the three preferred examiners.
* The supervisor should approach the three preferred examiners, who have agreed to examine, to complete and sign the DDB07a.
* The supervisor must submit the three completed and signed DDB07a forms with the [DDB07](https://forms.uct.ac.za/ddb07.docx) (Appointment of COA and Examiners) form.
* The timeline for examination is **6 weeks** from the receipt of the thesis. In extraordinary circumstances where an examiner requires additional time, this should be noted on the DDB07 and DDB07a for consideration by the Committee of Assessors (COA).
* It should be noted that a student completes their research under supervision, however the supervisor(s) does not need to approve the submission of the thesis for examination.

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