

PROCEDURE FOR OBTAINING THE “INDUSTRIAL DOCTORATE” MENTION IN THE DEGREE OF DOCTORATE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF LEÓN

The third final provision of *Royal Decree 195/2016 of 13 May 2015 laying down the conditions for the issue of the European Supplement to the University Degree of Doctor* amends certain articles of *Royal Decree 99/2011 of 28 January 2007 regulating official doctoral training* and, specifically, includes Article 15a on the Industrial Mention in the title of doctorate, which provides as follows:

1. *The words “Doctorado Industrial” (Industrial doctorate) shall be granted provided that the following conditions are met:*

a) The existence of an employment or commercial contract with the doctorate. The contract may be concluded by a private or public sector company as well as by a public administration.

b) The doctorate must participate in an industrial research or experimental development project in the company or public administration where the service is provided, which cannot be a university. The industrial research or experimental development project involving the doctorate must be directly related to the thesis it carries out. This direct relationship shall be attested by a memory which must be endorsed by the University.

2. If the industrial research or experimental development project is implemented in collaboration between the university and the company or public administration where the doctorate is served, a framework partnership agreement shall be concluded between the parties. This agreement will set out the obligations of the university and the obligations of the company or public administration, as well as the procedure for selecting doctoral candidates.

The doctorate shall have a thesis tutor appointed by the University and a person appointed by the company or public administration, who may, where appropriate, be the director of the thesis in accordance with the rules governing the doctorate.’

With the main aim of encouraging doctoral candidates and companies to enter the industrial doctorate in order to promote the integration of researchers into companies into the labour market and to promote the incorporation of talent into the productive sectors, the University of León’s Doctorate School proposes the following procedure for obtaining the title ‘doctorate industrial’ in the title of doctorate.

ARTICLE 1. SUBJECT MATTER

The purpose of this legislation is to regulate the conditions and procedure for obtaining the Mention “Industrial doctorate” in the title of doctorate.

ARTICLE 2. REQUIREMENTS

1. Comply with the requirements laid down in *Article 15a of Royal Decree 99/2011 of 28 January 2007 regulating official doctoral training* (access link: <https://www.boe.es/buscar/act.php?id=BOE-A-2016-5339#df-3>).
2. The justification shall be provided by means of a report from the guardian appointed by the University of León and a certificate from the company or public administration in which the doctorate has been providing.

services showing this, in addition to their participation in an industrial research or experimental development project directly related to their Doctoral Thesis.

The application for the designation 'Doctorado Industrial' must be made on the model set out in the section 'Imprisoners' (access link: <https://www.unileon.es/estudiantes/oferta-academica/doctorados/impresos#industrial>).

3. Have been employed by the company under an employment or commercial contract for at least 6 months in the period between the first registration of the doctorate and the admission to legal proceedings of the Doctoral Thesis.

ARTICLE 3. DOCUMENTATION AND PROCEDURE

1. The doctorate will apply for the designation "Doctorado Industrial" when the Doctoral Thesis is admitted.
2. He shall submit, in addition to the documentation required in all cases, the following:
 - a) Request for accreditation of the words 'Doctorado Industrial' on the official form, which will be available on the website of the University of Leon's Doctorate School (ESDULE).
 - b) Copy of the employment or commercial contract with the contracting company or with a public administration, or working life of the doctorate, where it can be verified that it is linked to the company for a period of at least six months, which must be included in the period between the doctorate's first registration and the admission to legal proceedings of the Doctoral Thesis.
 - c) Report or report describing the activities carried out in the research or experimental development project in which the doctorate has participated, attesting to the direct link with the Doctoral Thesis carried out. This document must be signed by the doctorate, the head appointed by the company (or public administration), the tutor of the Doctoral Thesis, the Director (s) of the Doctoral Thesis, and the Coordinator of the Academic Committee of the Doctoral Programme.
 - d) The manager appointed by the undertaking may not be a prior assessor or be a member of the court adjudicating on the Doctoral Thesis, even if he fulfils the requirements for those duties.

If the Doctoral Thesis is carried out as part of a collaborative industrial research or experimental development project between the University and the company or public administration where the doctorate is served, a framework partnership agreement shall be concluded between the parties. The model agreement to be concluded between the parties will be that established by the University of León and will be available on the ESDULE website.