

Restricted online publication acc. to RerNat-O § 21 (8)

- only in well-founded cases! -

You have to **publish your thesis** within **one year after your thesis defense** in order to obtain your degree certificate. This deadline may be extended upon application (*extension of thesis publication deadline*, see handout on the publication of the dissertation).

Should you need your certificate immediately but cannot publish yet due to well-founded reasons, you may apply for a **restricted online publication**:

Then, only an **abstract**, and not the entire thesis, will be **published online for one year after the date of your thesis defense**. As this counts as a regular publication of your thesis, you can then get your diploma right away (see “Handout: Publication of Dissertation”).

After one year, the SUB will **automatically** publish your complete dissertation online, unless you apply for an extension for an additional year in time.

Potential **well-founded reasons** to apply for the *restricted online publication* are, for example, that the publication of the thesis would harm the protection of intellectual property or breach publication contracts with a publisher (i.e. a paper has been accepted and prior publication of the thesis is legally inadmissible). For further information please see the RerNat-O doctoral regulations § 21 (8).

Important note: If you are considering **pursuing an academic career**, please make sure that you familiarize yourself with the eligibility criteria of various funding agencies concerning the cut-off dates for applying for fellowships. Especially the highly attractive longer term or junior group funding schemes (e.g. Emmy Noether, Sofja Kovalevskaja, Helmholtz, Fritz Thyssen) are varying in this regard. For some the cut-off date is the date of your PhD certificate, for some it is that of your thesis defense, which makes a noteworthy difference when, for example, you can only apply up to four years after your PhD. In this regard, please make yourself familiar with these regulations early on and, if possible for you, consider a restricted online publication to avoid missing the chance to apply for these funding schemes. Please check the cut-off dates of a selection of fellowships [here](#) (please note the list is not exhaustive).

To apply for restricted online publication follow these steps:

- With your doctoral thesis and the relevant documents, also submit the application form for *restricted online publication* to your respective GGNB / IMPRS / MolMed Office.
- At your thesis defense, your examination board members need to sign an approval form, which we will prepare and present to them. Afterwards, we will return the approved application to you.
- You then need to submit this to the [SUB](#), together with your electronic dissertation, the electronic abstract, and all other documents they require for publication.
- Important: Application for a *restricted online publication* is not possible after your defense is not possible; neither is it possible to bring the application to your thesis defense yourself.