

TPM Thesis Duration Regulation

In short, the rule is: *The **maximum** duration of an MSc Thesis Project is 25 weeks.*

The **nominal duration** of the MSc Thesis Project is **21** full-time weeks = 840 hours = 30 EC. The Kick-off Meeting is taken to be in **week 4** of the project.

Two dates must be planned during the Kick-off Meeting:

- the Green Light Meeting, preferably in **week 17** (= 13 weeks after the Kick-off Meeting);
- the Thesis Defence Meeting, preferably in **week 21**.

(See www.cosem.nl/ThesisProjectDates for a date calculator.)

Questions & Answers

What if the period before the Kick-off Meeting is actually **longer than 4 weeks**?

The week in which the Kick-off Meeting takes place still counts as week 4.

What if we know beforehand that **the project will take longer**, for instance because of exams the student still needs to take, or a planned holiday?

These circumstances can be taken into account during the Kick-off Meeting and the planning can be adjusted accordingly.

What if **no green light** can be given during the Green Light Meeting?

The graduation committee is allowed to offer a new Green Light Meeting *once*, within three months of the first Green Light Meeting, provided there are valid reasons for the delay. An argumentation must be added to the Green Light form. (The argumentation should not mention personal details about the student: mentioning 'personal circumstances' suffices.) The student should visit the Academic Counsellor, preferably *before* the first Green Light Meeting.

What if a green light should be given, but the student or the committee would like to **extend the project** anyway to improve the mark?

No second Green Light Meeting is allowed in case the thesis merits a mark of 5,75 or higher.

What if **no green light** can be given during a second Green Light Meeting?

In this case the student has to start a new MSc Thesis Project, with an new topic and a new committee. The Director of Studies decides on the formation of the new committee. In exceptional circumstances an exemption may be obtained from the Board of Examiners.

What if the student **does not provide the correct documents** (thesis and paper) for the Green Light Meeting?

The Green Light Meeting is still valid. No green light can be given and the Green Light form must be submitted.

Where can I find the **official regulation**?

This can be found in the TER (OER):

www.tudelft.nl/studenten/faculteiten/tbm-studentenportal/onderwijs/regels-en-richtlijnen