

# REPORT ON THE RESULTS OF EVALUATING THE VERIFICATION AND MODIFICATION PROCESS OF THE DOCTORAL PROGRAMMES AT ANDALUSIAN UNIVERSITIES

Years 2014 & 2015



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Degrees evaluated: These pertain to evaluation requests for verification and modification for which the final report was issued in 2014 and 2015.

Dates used for 2014: 01/01/2014 - 30/12/2014.

Dates used for 2015: 01/01/2015 - 30/12/2015.



### ***Summary and Future Improvement Actions***

This report includes a statistical analysis of the results of evaluating the verification and modification process of doctoral programmes carried out by the Andalusian Knowledge Agency's Directorate of Evaluation and Accreditation in 2014 and 2015.

The commission carried out seven evaluations in 2014 and three evaluations of verification in 2015. As far as the evaluation of modification requests are concerned, no requests were submitted in 2014, while two requests were submitted in 2015.

As a result of these evaluations of verification, six favourable reports and one unfavourable report were issued in 2014, while three favourable reports were issued in 2015. In the case of the modification reports, two favourable reports were issued in 2015.



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## **1. Evaluation process for the verification/modification of doctoral programmes at Andalusian universities. Report and Results.**

Evaluation for verification and evaluation of modification requests for doctoral programmes in Andalusia is carried out in accordance with the provisions of Royal Decree 99/2011, dated 8 January, which regulates official doctoral courses.

These evaluations, both of verification and of modifications, are carried out by an evaluation commission appointed for that purpose.

The members of the commission are independent evaluators drawn from both Spain and abroad, who conduct their professional activities outside Andalusia, and with an academic and/or professional track record appropriate to the functions to be discharged.

The commission intervenes in the two phases that make up the process:

- Evaluation: Evaluation of applications made on behalf of qualifications and the issuing of a provisional evaluation report that is sent to the universities.
- Observations: Evaluation of the observations sent by the universities in response to the provisional report and composition of a final evaluation report for the Council of Universities.

Once the final evaluation reports have been issued, and the verification or modification decision received from the Ministry, the universities have the chance to appeal against the decision in the event of receiving a negative evaluation report. It is worth pointing out that DEVA did not receive any appeals in 2014 or 2015.

### **1.1. Results of the evaluation for the verification of doctoral programmes**

The data set out in this report pertain to the evaluation for the verification of doctoral programmes in 2014 and 2015.

Seven final verification reports were issued in 2014, while three were issued in 2015.

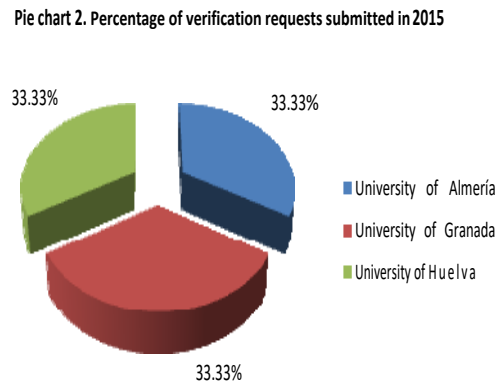
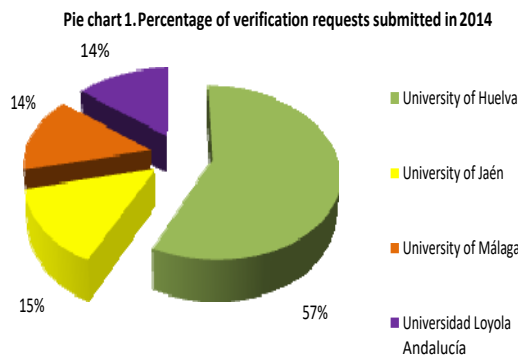
The university that requested the greatest number of degrees to be verified in 2014 was the University of Huelva, with four qualifications, followed by the Universities of Jaén,

Málaga and Loyola Andalucía with one request each. In 2015 the Universities of Almería, Granada and Huelva submitted one application each.

**Table 1. Evaluation requests for verification.**

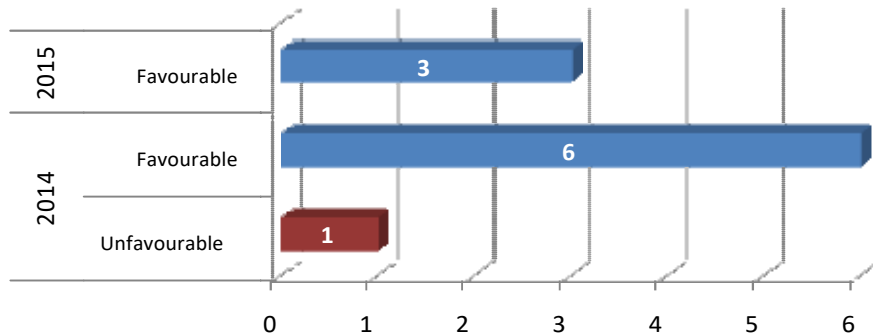
	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>
University of Almería	-	1
University of Granada	-	1
University of Huelva	4	1
University of Jaén	1	-
University of Málaga	1	-
Loyola Andalucía University	1	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>

The percentage of applications submitted per university during the two years in question is shown in the following pie charts.



The following graph shows the results of the reports issued for verification in 2014 and 2015 for doctoral programmes. The negative report in 2014 accounted for 14.29% of the total, while in 2015 there were no negative reports.

**Graph 1. Results of the evaluations of verification, 2014 and 2015**



The following table shows the results of the evaluations by university. In 2014 the universities did not obtain any unfavourable reports in response to the applications submitted, while in 2015 the University of Jaén received an unfavourable report to one verification application submitted.

**Table 2. Results of the evaluation reports for verification by applicant universities**

	2014		2015	
	Favourable	Unfavourable	Favourable	Unfavourable
University of Almería	-	-	1	0
University of Granada	-	-	1	0
University of Huelva	4	0	1	0
University of Jaén	0	1	-	-
University of Málaga	1	0	-	-
Loyola Andalucía University	1	0	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>

In general terms, graph 1 and table 2, which set out the results for each year, show that the majority of qualifications have been evaluated favourably. This analysis corresponds to the final verification reports in which the universities made observations pertaining to the provisional reports, which have neither a favourable nor unfavourable verdict.

## 1.2 Results of the evaluation of modification proposals for doctoral programmes

Article 28 of the Royal Decree<sup>1</sup> stipulates that among the areas subject to evaluation are the modifications approved by the universities in their programmes of study leading to official qualifications that affect the content of the registered bases in terms of official qualifications listed in the University Register of Centres and Qualifications (RUCT).

In the case of modifications affecting the registered bases of the qualification, universities must submit a modification request to the Council of Universities via its website. In this case it will be DEVA that carries out the evaluation of the proposed modifications and issues the evaluation report in question.

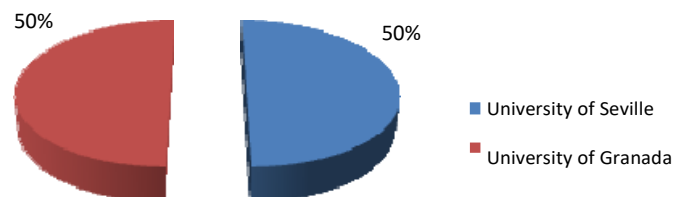
No modification requests for doctoral programmes were submitted in 2014, whereas in 2015 requests for modification of doctoral programmes were submitted.

**Table 2. Evaluation of modification requests.**

	2014	2015
University of Granada	-	1
University of Seville	-	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>

The pie chart below shows the percentage of modification requests submitted in 2015.

**Pie chart 3. Modification requests submitted in 2015**



It is worth noting that both modification reports obtained a favourable evaluation.

<sup>1</sup> Royal Decree 1393/2007, dated 29 October, establishing the regulation of official university courses.