

## **A new Comp Completion Certification Petition (CCCP)**

### **What is it?**

A new procedure for officially certifying that you have completed all requirements of the Comprehensive Exam phase of the Ph.D. program

### **What are the requirements?**

To satisfy the Comprehensive Exam requirement of the Ph.D. program you need demonstrate competence in six core courses. Two of these are required to be Math 500 (basic algebra) and Math 540 (basic analysis). Four core areas must be represented by the six courses. The requirements can be satisfied either by passing the special Comprehensive Exams or by obtaining a grade of B+ or better in an approved course. For at least four of the courses, the requirement must be satisfied by exam. See <http://www.math.uiuc.edu/GraduateProgram/phd/phdmath.html> for further information.

### **Why do we need a new CCCP?**

Despite our best efforts to avoid it, there is just enough flexibility in the comp system to allow for the occasional misunderstanding or inaccuracy in our records. The new CCCP will remove any uncertainty about the eligibility for comp-by-grade credit of courses you've passed, and will ensure that all your comp-by-grade credits are properly recorded.

### **How does it work?**

These are the rules:

1. You have not completed all comp requirements until your CCCP has been signed by the Director of Graduate Studies.
2. You may submit the CCCP anytime after you have passed your fourth comp exam (at which point you are in a position to fulfill the comp requirements by claiming comp-by-grade credits).
3. The CCCP can be downloaded from the Graduate Program website at [http://www.math.uiuc.edu/GraduateProgram/petitions\\_forms.html](http://www.math.uiuc.edu/GraduateProgram/petitions_forms.html) . Completed forms should be returned to the Graduate Office.

### **What about students who have already satisfied the comp requirements?**

Anyone who is already on record as having satisfied all comp requirements does NOT need to submit the new form. A reliable indicator is provided by your desk status: if you've been assigned a desk then the records indicate that you've passed all comp requirements. If you're unsure of your status, or if you've satisfied all comp requirements but do not have a desk, please submit a CCCP.

### **How do we feel about the new CCCP?**

We apologize for the (mild) extra burden this new requirement imposes. We hope you agree that the benefit in clarity is worth the cost in red tape.

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