

L.N. 200 of 2019

**EDUCATION ACT
(CAP. 327)**

**Bye-Laws of 2019 to amend the Bye-Laws of 2010 in terms of the
General Regulations for University Postgraduate Awards, 2008 for the
Degree of Master of Arts in Islands and Small States Studies – M.A. -
under the auspices of the Institute for Islands and Small States**

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred upon him by articles 74 (5) and 75 (6) of the Education Act (Cap. 327), the Chancellor of the University of Malta has promulgated the following bye-laws made by the Board of the Institute for Islands and Small States Studies in virtue of the powers conferred upon it by article 5 (b) (v) of the Statute for the Institute and which have been approved by the Senate of the University of Malta:

Citation

1. These bye-laws may be cited as the Bye-Laws of 2019 to amend the Bye-Laws of 2010 in terms of the General Regulations for University Postgraduate Awards, 2008 for the Degree of Master of Arts in Islands and Small States Studies – M.A. - and shall be read and construed as one with the Bye-Laws of 2010 in terms of the General Regulations for University Postgraduate Awards, 2008 for the Degree of Master of Arts in Islands and Small States Studies – M.A. - under the auspices of the Institute for Islands and Small States, published as Legal Notice 201 of 2010, hereinafter referred to as “the principal bye-laws”.

Applicability

2. These bye-laws shall be applicable for courses commencing in October 2019 or later.

Amendment to bye-law 3 of the principal bye-laws

3. For bye-law 3 of the principal bye-laws there shall be substituted the following:

“3. (1) The Course shall be open to applicants in possession of a Bachelor’s degree with at least Second Class (Honours) or Category II in an area of study deemed relevant by the Board.

(2) In exceptional cases the Admissions Board, on the recommendation of the Board, may admit into the Course applicants not in possession of a Bachelor’s degree, provided that it is satisfied that such applicants are in possession of other academic or professional qualifications and experience that together are deemed to be comparable to the level of a first degree.

(3) The admission of applicants under paragraph (2) of this bye-law shall be made after an interview during which their ability to successfully complete the Course with profit shall be assessed.

(4) The interviewing board appointed by the Board shall be composed of at least three members.

(5) Eligible applicants may register as visiting students for individual study-units and obtain credit for them. Should they be accepted to join the Course within seven years from following the first study-unit, the Board may allow the transfer of these credits to the student's academic record for the Course.

(6) In line with the provisions of paragraphs (2) and (3) of regulation 9 of the Admissions Regulations, applicants who do not satisfy the requirements indicated in paragraphs (1) and (2) of this bye-law may be allowed to follow individual study-units but shall not be allowed to sit for the assessment of the study-units, provided the lecturer concerned poses no objection thereto and is satisfied that the individual has the necessary academic background to follow the study-unit with profit."

Amendment to bye-law 5 of the principal bye-laws

4. Paragraphs (4), (5) and (6) of bye-law 5 of the principal bye-laws shall be deleted.

Amendment to bye-law 7 of the principal bye-laws

5. For Paragraph (1) of bye-law 7 of the principal bye-laws there shall be substituted the following:

"7. (1) Students shall be required to submit an individual dissertation of approximately 20,000 words in accordance with the guidelines issued by the Board."