L.N. 56 of 2000

EDUCATION ACT
(CAP. 327)

Bye-Laws of 2000 for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy - Ph.D. - in the Institute for Masonry and Construction Research

IN exercise of the powers conferred upon him by sections 30 (5) and 31 (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 Masonry and Construction Research in virtue of the powers conferred upon it by section 37 (1) of the said Act and which have been approved by the Senate of the University of Malta as required by section 37 (2) of the said Act:

Citation and interpretation

1. (1) These bye-laws may be cited as the Bye-Laws of 2000 for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy - Ph.D. - in the Institute for Masonry and Construction Research.

(2) In these bye-laws, unless the context otherwise requires -

"the Board" means the Board of the Institute for Masonry and Construction Research;

"the Degree" means the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy - Ph.D.; and

"the Institute" means the Institute for Masonry and Construction Research.

Applicability

2. These bye-laws shall be applicable from October 1994 onwards.

Admission Requirements

3. To register for the Degree, candidates must satisfy the admission requirements as specified in the Regulations for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy.

4. Candidates' research proposals should indicate clearly the research questions in the field to be addressed, the hypotheses to be tested and the methodology to be adopted in dealing with the research issues. If the Board deems it necessary, candidates may be required to demonstrate competence in those skills required by the related nature of the investigation.

5. Before registering for the Degree, candidates shall normally be required to register in the first instance for the degree of Master of Philosophy. Only in exceptional circumstances shall candidates be considered for direct registration to the Degree.

Progress and Supervision

6. Students shall be required to register every twelve months on the written recommendation of their supervisor.

7. The Board shall nominate one or more supervisors from amongst the academic staff of the University of Malta. The Board shall not normally nominate as supervisor a person whose academic qualifications are of a level lower than that of the degree of Doctor of Philosophy.

8. Students registered for the Degree shall be required to participate fully in the research seminars of the Institute.

9. The thesis should report the discovery of new facts and/or demonstrate that the student has exercised independent critical power in reaching the reported conclusions. In both respects, the student must indicate clearly the extent to which the thesis embodies the results of his own research and

observations, and to what extent the investigation advances the study of the subject.

10. Any changes to the title of the thesis must first be approved by the Board, on the written recommendation of the supervisor, and shall then be submitted for the approval of Senate.

Thesis Format and Presentation

11. The thesis shall not normally be less than 35,000 words and shall not exceed 60,000 words, exclusive of appendices, bibliographies, glossaries and footnotes.

12. Students shall be required to submit three copies of the thesis, either typewritten or printed, and adequately bound for the purpose of the oral examination. They shall be required to bring to the oral examination a fourth copy of the thesis, similarly bound and paginated.

13. (a) After the oral examination, and after incorporating any amendments the Board of Examiners may require, students shall submit two further copies hard bound in art vellum or cloth, dark maroon in colour, overcut with edges uncut, and lettered boldly in gold up back indicating the degree, the date and the name of the student, and on the front the title of the work. The letters shall be between 12mm and 30mm high.

(b) The text must be typed or printed on A4 sheets, on one side only, in double spacing, and with a margin of 40mm to the left, and at least 20mm top, bottom and right.

(c) Drawings, maps and other illustrations, which are unavoidably larger than A4 shall be properly folded to A4 size, so that they can be neatly bound within the thesis.

(d) Students shall also be required to present a short abstract of their thesis of not more than 500 words which shall be bound with each copy of the

thesis submitted to the University. One of these copies shall be deposited in the Library of the University of Malta, and the other in the library of the Institute.

14. Students may, with the permission of the Board, publish part of the work prior to its submission as a thesis, provided that in the published work it is nowhere stated that it is in consideration for a higher degree. Such published work may later be incorporated in the thesis submitted to the University.