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L.N. 388 of 2012

EDUCATION ACT
(CAP. 327)

Bye-Laws of 2012 to amend the Bye-Laws of 2006 in terms of the General Regulations for University Undergrduate Awards, 2004 for the Degree of Bachelor of Education (Honours) – B.Ed. (Hons) – under the auspices of the Faculty of Education

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 Faculty of Education in virtue of the powers conferred upon it by article 81 (1) (c) of the said Act and which have been approved by the Senate of the University of Malta as required by article 81 (2) of the said Act:

Citation

1. These bye-laws may be cited as the Bye-Laws of 2012 to amend the Bye-Laws of 2006 in terms of the General Regulations for University Undergraduate Awards, 2004 for the Degree of Bachelor of Education (Honours) – B.Ed. (Hons), and shall be read and construed as one with the Bye-Laws of 2006 in terms of the General Regulations for University Undergraduate Awards, 2004 for the Degree of Bachelor of Education (Honours) – B.Ed. (Hons) – under the auspices of the Faculty of Education, published as Legal Notice 24 of 2006, hereinafter referred to as "the principal bye-laws".

Applicability

2. (1) Bye-laws 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 10 of these bye-laws shall be applicable for courses commencing in October 2012 or later.

(2) Bye-laws 8 and 9 of these bye-laws shall be applicable for courses commencing in October 2014 or later.

Amendment to bye-law 8 of the principal bye-laws

3. For paragraphs (2) and (3) of bye-law 8 of the principal bye-laws there shall be substituted the following:

"(2) In teaching areas where the number of school placements is limited, the Board shall recommend to Senate the number of applicants that may be allowed to register in these teaching areas, depending on the number of school placements available. The number of available places shall be announced when this information is made available to the University by the relevant authorities.

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(3) If there are more eligible applicants than the number of places available, applicants shall be rank ordered in accordance with criteria approved by Senate. The University Admissions Board, after seeking the advice of the Faculty Admissions Committee, shall first consider eligible applicants whose qualifications were obtained in the Matriculation Certificate Examination or from another examining board, if the Faculty Admissions Committee is satisfied that the qualifications presented are comparable in content and equivalent in standard to the Matriculation Certificate Examination in the same subject/s. For the purpose of selection, applicants whose qualifications and the special course requirements as stipulated in bye-law 9, were obtained by 31 August preceding the commencement of the Course shall be considered first. If vacant places are still available, applicants who obtain all necessary qualifications and fulfil all special course requirements as stipulated in bye-law 9 after the 31 August and before the 30 September shall be considered to take up the remaining places."

Amendment to bye-law 9 of the principal bye-laws

4. For paragraph (2) of bye-law 9 of the principal bye-laws there shall be substituted the following:

"**For courses commencing in October 2012 and October 2013**:

(2) If Early Childhood Education and Care or Primary Education is chosen as the area of specialisation, applicants shall have:

(a) one pass at Advanced Matriculation Level at Grade C or better in one of the following subjects: Art, Biology, Chemistry, Computing, English, Geography, History, Home Economics and Human Ecology, Information Technology, Maltese, Mathematics (Applied or Pure), Music, Philosophy, Physics, Religious Knowledge, and Sociology; and

(b) passes at Intermediate Matriculation Level at Grade C or better in two of the following subjects (excluding the subject presented at Advanced Level): Art, Biology, Chemistry, Computing, English, Environmental Science, Geography, History, Home Economics and Human Ecology, Information Technology, Maltese, Mathematics (Applied or Pure), Music, Philosophy, Physics, Religious Knowledge, and Sociology; and

(c) passes in proficiency tests in English and Maltese, approved by the Faculty. Applicants shall be exempted from sitting for the proficiency test in English if they are in possession of a pass at SEC level at Grade 3 or higher, or an Intermediate Matriculation Level pass at Grade C or higher, or an Advanced Matriculation Level pass at Grade C or higher in English. Applicants shall be exempted from sitting for the proficiency test in Maltese if they are in possession of a pass at SEC level at Grade 3 or higher, or an Intermediate Matriculation Level pass at Grade C or higher, or an Advanced Matriculation Level pass at Grade C or higher in Maltese; and

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(d) a certificate showing a pass in all seven European Computer Driving Licence (ECDL) modules.

For courses commencing in October 2014 or later:

(2) If Early Childhood Education and Care or Primary Education is chosen as the area of specialisation, applicants shall have:

(a) Advanced Matriculation Level passes at Grade C or better in any TWO of the following subjects: Art, Biology, Chemistry, Computing, English, French, Geography, German, History, Home Economics and Human Ecology, Information Technology, Italian, Maltese, Mathematics (Applied or Pure), Music, Philosophy, Physics, Religious Knowledge, Sociology and Spanish; and

(b) Intermediate Matriculation Level passes at Grade C or better in English and Maltese, if applicants have not already offered these subjects at Advanced Matriculation Level; and

(c) a certificate showing a pass in all seven European Computer Driving Licence (ECDL) modules."

5. For paragraph (3) of bye-law 9 of the principal bye-laws there shall be substituted the following:

"**For courses commencing in October 2012 and October 2013:**

(3) Applications for the Early Childhood Education and Care area of specialisation shall also be accepted from persons who are not in possession of the general requirements for admission as specified in the Admission Regulations but have obtained the following:

(a) passes at SEC level at Grade 5 or better in English Language, Mathematics and Maltese; and

(b) the MCAST-BTEC National Diploma in Children's Care, Learning and Development or the Certificate in Pre-School Education (Education Division – Further Studies and Adult Education Department) or the Certificate in Childcare (Education Division – Further Studies and Adult Education Department); and

(c) one pass at Advanced Level at Grade C or better in one of the following subjects: Art, Biology, Chemistry, Computing, English, Geography, History, Home Economics and Human Ecology, Information Technology, Maltese, Mathematics (Applied or Pure), Music, Philosophy, Physics, Religious Knowledge, and Sociology; and

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(d) passes in proficiency tests in English and Maltese approved by the Faculty (unless exempted from them in terms of bye-law 9 (2)(c)); and

(e) a certificate showing a pass in all seven European Computer Driving Licence (ECDL) modules.

For courses commencing in October 2014 or later:

(3) Applications for the Early Childhood Education and Care area of specialisation shall also be accepted from persons who are not in possession of the general requirements for admission as specified in the Admission Regulations but have obtained the following:

(a) a pass at SEC level at Grade 5 or better in Mathematics; and

(b) the MCAST-BTEC National Diploma in Children's Care, Learning and Development or the Certificate in Pre-School Education (Education Division ¬ Further Studies and Adult Education Department) or the Certificate in Childcare (Education Division ¬ Further Studies and Adult Education Department); and

(c) Advanced Matriculation Level passes at Grade C or better in any two of the following subjects: Art, Biology, Chemistry, Computing, English, French, Geography, German, History, Home Economics and Human Ecology, Information Technology, Italian, Maltese, Mathematics (Applied or Pure), Music, Philosophy, Physics, Religious Knowledge, Sociology and Spanish; and

(d) Intermediate Matriculation Level passes at Grade C or better in English and Maltese, if applicants have not already offered these subjects at Advanced Matriculation Level; and

(e) a certificate showing a pass in all seven European Computer Driving Licence (ECDL) modules."

6. For sub-paragraph (d) of paragraph (4) of bye-law 9 of the principal bye-laws there shall be substituted the following:

"(d) a pass in the proficiency test in English approved by the Faculty. Applicants may be exempted from sitting for the proficiency test in English in terms of bye-law 9 (2) (c); and"

7. The following sub-paragraph (e) shall be added after sub-paragraph (d) of paragraph (4) of bye-law 9 of the principal bye-laws:

"(e) the certificate showing a pass in all seven European Computer Driving Licence (ECDL) modules."

8. The following paragraph (5) shall be added after paragraph (4) of bye-law 9 of the principal bye-laws:

"(5) Applicants admitted under sub-paragraph (a) (iii) of paragraph (2) of regulation 2 of the Admission Regulations must be in possession of those qualifications and/or experience that would satisfy the Faculty Admissions Committee that they have reached the academic standard required to follow the Course with profit. The eligibility of such applicants shall be decided by the Faculty Admissions Committee, following an interview conducted by an interviewing board appointed for the purpose. The interviewing board appointed by the Board shall be composed of at least three persons."

9. Paragraphs (5) and (6) of bye-law 9 of the principal bye-laws shall be renumbered as paragraphs (6) and (7).

10. For paragraph (6) of bye-law 9 of the principal bye-laws there shall be substituted the following:

"(6) Applicants who do not pass the English and Maltese proficiency tests (as applicable) and are not exempted from them in terms of bye-law 9(2)(c), and/or are not in possession of the ECDL by the 30 September shall not be admitted to the Course."

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