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L.N. 296 of 2013

EDUCATION ACT
(CAP. 327)

Doctor of Philosophy – Ph.D. - Degree (Amendment) Regulations, 2013

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 regulations made by the Senate of the University of Malta by virtue of the powers conferred upon it by articles 75 (3) and 79 (b) of the said Act:

Citation

1. These regulations may be cited as the Doctor of Philosophy – Ph.D. – Degree (Amendment) Regulations, 2013 and shall be read and construed as one with the Doctor of Philosophy – Ph.D. – Degree Regulations, 2008, published as Legal Notice 293 of 2008, hereinafter referred to as "the principal regulations".

Applicability

2. These regulations shall be applicable from 1st March 2013 onwards.

Amendment to regulation 35 of the principal regulations

3. For regulation 35 of the principal regulations there shall be substituted the following:

"Transfer of Registration from M.Phil. Degree to Ph.D. Degree

35. (1) Senate may allow a transfer of registration from the M.Phil. Degree to the Ph.D. Degree with the same research proposal if the following conditions have been satisfied:

(a) after 12 months and not later than 24 months of full-time study or the equivalent in part-time study have elapsed, an *ad hoc* board appointed by the Board for the purpose, composed of a chairman, the Principal Supervisor and another member, shall assess the student's work;

(b) the *ad hoc* board shall either (i) declare the work presented to have the potential to reach the standard appropriate to that required of a doctoral degree and recommends transfer; or (ii) determine that the student's work has not reached a sufficient standard to warrant recommendation of the transfer; or (iii) advise that the student be given up to 12 months in order to complete his/her studies for the award of an M.Phil. Degree; and in all cases shall inform the Sub-Committee, through the Board; and

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(c) a satisfactory progress report from the student's Faculty Doctoral Committee has been received.

(2) If the transfer is allowed by Senate, the work already done for the M.Phil. Degree shall count towards the requirements for the Ph.D. Degree.

(3) If a student fails to present a request to transfer his studies to Ph.D. within the period stipulated in sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph (1) of this regulation, the student would be required to submit a justifiable reason, which Senate would consider following recommendations of the Faculty Doctoral Committee, the Board and the Sub-Committee."

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