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**EDUCATION ACT
(CAP. 327)**

University Fees (Amendment) Regulations, 2013

IN exercise of the powers conferred by article 126(2) of the Education Act, the Minister for Education and Employment, with concurrence of the Minister for Finance, has made the following regulations:-

Citation. **1.** The title of these regulations is the University Fees (Amendment) Regulations, 2013, and these regulations shall be read and construed as one with the University Fees Regulations, hereinafter referred to as "the principal regulations".

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Substitutes regulation 2 of the principal regulations. **2.** For regulation 2 of the principal regulations, there shall be substituted the following:

- " Scope. **2.** These regulations shall apply as follows:
- (a) regulations 4 and 5 apply to Maltese students enrolled in a given programme in academic year 2008/2009 or earlier;
 - (b) regulations 6, 6A, 7 and 7A apply to Maltese students commencing a given programme in academic year 2009/2010 or in any subsequent academic year thereafter;
 - (c) regulation 8 applies to third country students commencing a given programme in academic year 2007/2008 or earlier;
 - (d) regulation 9 generally applies to third country students commencing a given programme in academic year 2008/2009 or in any subsequent academic year thereafter, with variations applicable to Bachelor of Dental Surgery and Master of Dental Surgery students;

(e) regulation 10 applies to students commencing a foundation studies programme in academic year 2013/2014 or in any subsequent academic year thereafter; and

(f) regulations 11, 12 and 13 apply to students commencing a given programme in academic year 2009/2010 or in any subsequent academic year thereafter." .

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

Substitutes regulation 3 of the principal regulations.

"Interpretation.

3. In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires -

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"the Act" means the Education Act;

"an academic year" means two semesters, each incorporating fourteen weeks of teaching, two weeks of recess, and examination periods of two weeks and of four weeks at the end of the first and the second semester respectively. An academic year may be extended by a summer semester;

"arts based programmes" means such programmes classified as "arts based programmes" on the University's website;

"business related programmes" means such programmes classified as "business related programmes" on the University's website;

"day programme" means a programme for the purposes of which more than fifty percent of the teaching is delivered between 08.00 hrs and 17.00 hrs;

"Doctoral programme" means a programme leading to a Ph.D, D.Mus, S.Th.D or to any other Doctorate. For the purposes of these regulations, "Doctoral programme" excludes any reference to programmes leading to a "Doctor of Medicine and Surgery" or "Doctor of Laws" qualification;

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"ECTS credits" shall have the same meaning assigned to it in Schedule 2 of the General Regulations for University Undergraduate Awards;

"evening programme" means a programme for the purposes of which teaching is delivered predominantly after 16.00 hrs;

"an individual study-unit" means a unit of study normally assigned a minimum of four ECTS credits at undergraduate level and five ECTS credits at postgraduate level;

"Malta Qualifications Framework" has the same meaning assigned to it by article 63 of the Act;

"Maltese student" includes any person having equal access to education in Malta in terms of applicable European Union legislation;

"programme" shall have the meaning assigned to it in article 63 of the Act;

"programmes leading to a Certificate, Diploma or Master's Degree" in the context of "taught postgraduate programmes leading to a Certificate, Diploma, or Master's Degree" means as follows:

(a) programmes leading to a Certificate: all programmes leading to a postgraduate certificate;

(b) programmes leading to a Diploma: all programmes leading to a postgraduate diploma;

(c) programmes leading to a Master's Degree: all programmes leading to a master's degree and comprising between 90 and 120 ECTS credits whereby the minimum number of ECTS credits assigned to taught study-units amounts to 60;

"research postgraduate programmes leading to a Master's Degree" comprise between 90 and 120 ECTS credits whereby the minimum number of ECTS credits assigned to research amounts to 60;

"science based programmes" means such programmes classified as "science based programmes" on the University's website;

"third country student" means a student not entitled equal access to education in terms of applicable European Union legislation;

"the University" means the University of Malta established under the Act."

4. For regulation 4 of the principal regulations, there shall be substituted the following::

Substitutes regulation 4 of the principal regulations.

"Fees payable by Maltese students commencing a programme in academic year 2008/2009 or earlier.

4. Maltese students commencing a part-time evening programme at the University in academic year 2008/2009 or earlier and who are continuing their studies at the University as listed in Column 1 hereunder shall pay the respective annual fees per academic year as provided in Column 2 hereunder:

COLUMN 1	COLUMN 2
Programmes	Annual Fee €
1. Programmes leading to a Bachelor's Degree in Information Technology	1,164.69
2. Programmes leading to a First Degree	232.94
3. Master's degree by research other than Master of Philosophy	174.70
4. Master of Philosophy	232.94
5. Doctor of Philosophy	349.41
6. Doctor of Sacred Theology	349.41

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5. In regulation 5 of the principal regulations, for the words "Maltese students registered for programmes" there shall be substituted the words "Maltese students commencing a programme".

Amends regulation 5 of the principal regulations.

6. Regulation 6 of the principal regulations shall be amended as follows:

Amends regulation 6 of the principal regulations.

(a) in the marginal note thereof, for the words "commencing a programme", there shall be substituted the words "commencing a part-time evening programme";

(b) paragraph (a) thereof shall be amended as follows:

(i) for the words "students commencing a part-time programme of studies held predominantly outside office hours at the University of Malta", there shall be

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substituted the words "students commencing a part-time evening programme at the University";

(ii) the Table of paragraph (a) shall be amended as follows:

(I) for row "5. All business related taught postgraduate programmes leading to a Certificate, Diploma or Master's Degree", there shall be substituted the following:

" 5. All business related taught postgraduate programmes leading to a Certificate, Diploma or Master's Degree	350 - 1,100	450 - 1,100	575 - 1,100	700 - 1,400	800 - 1,400	900 - 1,400	1,000 - 1,500	"
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(II) for the row "Doctoral Degrees", there shall be substituted the following::

" Doctoral Programmes								"
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(III) for row "9. Arts and business related Doctoral Degrees leading to a Ph.D., D.Mus. and S.Th.D", there shall be substituted the following:

" 9. Arts and business related Doctoral programmes	300	350	400	450	500	600	675	"
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and

(IV) for row "10. Science based Doctoral Degrees leading to a Ph.D", there shall be substituted the following:

" 10. Science based Doctoral programmes	350	400	450	500	675	850	1,000	"
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and

(ii) for the words "the semester fee will be established on a pro-rata basis", there shall be substituted the words "the fee per semester shall be established on a pro-rata basis"; and

(c) paragraphs (b) and (c) thereof shall be deleted and paragraph (a) thereof as amended shall be renumbered as regulation 6.

7. Immediately after regulation 6 of the principal regulations, there shall be added the following new regulation 6A:

Adds new regulation 6A to the principal regulations.

"Fees payable by Maltese students commencing a full-time programme held predominantly after 16.00hrs. 6A. With the exclusion of day programmes, Maltese students commencing a full-time postgraduate programme at the University held predominantly after 16.00 hrs in academic year 2009/10 or any subsequent academic year thereafter, shall pay twice the amounts established in regulation 6."

8. For regulation 7 of the principal regulations, there shall be substituted the following:

Substitutes regulation 7 of the principal regulations.

"Fees payable by Maltese students commencing a day programme in academic year 2009/2010 or later. 7. Maltese students commencing a full-time or part-time day programme at the University leading to a Postgraduate Certificate, Postgraduate Diploma, Master's or Doctoral Degree in academic year 2009/10 or any subsequent academic year thereafter, shall pay an annual fee per academic year as indicated hereunder:

Programmes	Annual Fee
	€
(a) Postgraduate Certificate, Postgraduate Diploma and Master's Degree programmes	400
(b) Doctoral programmes	600

Provided that the above fees are subject to the exclusions provided for in article 126(2)(b) of the Act, and do not apply to the Postgraduate Certificate in Education and the Licentiate in Sacred Theology."

9. Immediately after regulation 7 of the principal regulations, there shall be added the following new regulation 7A:

Adds new regulation 7A to the principal regulations.

"Fees for extension of studies. 7A. Maltese students commencing either a part-time or a full-time programme at the University in academic year 2009/2010 or in any subsequent academic year thereafter and who are granted an extension of studies shall pay an annual fee for each academic year as indicated hereunder:

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Programmes	Annual Fee
	€
1. All postgraduate programmes leading to a Master's Degree	400
2. Doctoral programmes	600

Provided that the above fees are subject to the exclusions provided for in article 126(2)(b) of the Act, and do not apply to the Postgraduate Certificate in Education and the Licentiate in Sacred Theology."

Amends regulation 8 of the principal regulations.

10. Regulation 8 of the principal regulations shall be amended as follows:

(a) in the marginal note thereof, for the words "non-European Union students", there shall be substituted the words "Third country students";

(b) paragraph (a) thereof shall be amended as follows:

(i) for the words "Non-European Union students enrolled in a full-time programme", there shall be substituted the words "Third country students commencing a full-time programme" and for the words "respective fees per academic year (two semesters) as indicated hereunder in Columns 2 to 5", there shall be substituted the words "respective annual fees payable for each academic year as provided in Columns 2 to 5 hereunder"; and

(ii) for the Table in paragraph (a), there shall be substituted the following new Table;

COLUMN 1	COLUMN 2	COLUMN 3	COLUMN 4	COLUMN 5	
Programmes	2012/2013 €	2013/2014 €	2014/2015 €	2015/2016 €	
Doctoral programmes	6,500	6,500	6,500	6,500	";
plus an examination fee of	1,860	1,860	1,860	1,860	

and

(c) in paragraph (b) thereof, for the words "non-European Union students", there shall be substituted the words "Third country students".

Substitutes regulation 9 of the principal regulations.

11. For regulation 9 of the principal regulations, there shall be

substituted the following::

"Fees payable
by Third
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students.

9. (a) Third Country students commencing a full-time programme, as listed in Column 1 hereunder, at the University in academic year 2008/2009 or in any subsequent academic year thereafter shall pay the respective annual fees for each academic year as provided in Columns 2 to 6 hereunder:

COLUMN 1	COLUMN 2	COLUMN 3	COLUMN 4	COLUMN 5	COLUMN 6
Programmes	2011/2012 €	2012/2013 €	2013/2014 €	2014/2015 €	2015/2016 €
1. Sixth Form programmes at the Junior College of the University	5,000	5,500	5,500	5,900	5,900
2. Medical Foundation studies	15,000	15,500	15,500	16,000	16,000
3. (i) Arts based and business related undergraduate programmes leading to a Certificate, Diploma or Degree	7,500	8,000	8,000	8,500	8,500
(ii) Arts based and business related preparatory programme for Master's Degree	7,500	8,000	8,000	8,500	8,500
4. (i) Science based undergraduate programmes leading to a Certificate, Diploma or Degree (except the Degree of Doctor of Medicine and Surgery, and the Degree of Bachelor of Dental Surgery)	9,600	10,200	10,200	10,800	10,800
(ii) Science based preparatory programme for Master's Degree	9,600	10,200	10,200	10,800	10,800
5. Programmes leading to the Degree of Doctor of Medicine and Surgery	24,000	25,000	25,000	26,000	26,000

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COLUMN 1	COLUMN 2	COLUMN 3	COLUMN 4	COLUMN 5	COLUMN 6
Programmes	2011/2012 €	2012/2013 €	2013/2014 €	2014/2015 €	2015/2016 €
6. Arts based and Business related postgraduate programmes leading to a Certificate, Diploma, the Degree of Doctor of Laws, or Master's Degree (with the exception of programmes leading to the Executive Master in Business Administration (MBA))	9,600	10,200	10,200	10,800	10,800
7. (i) Programme leading to the Executive Master in Business Administration (MBA)	12,800	13,600	13,600	14,400	14,400
(ii) Preparatory programme for the MBA	7,500	8,000	8,000	8,500	8,500
8. Science based postgraduate programmes leading to a Certificate, Diploma or Degree (except the Degree of Master of Dental Surgery)	11,800	12,600	12,600	13,400	13,400
9. Doctoral programmes	9,900	10,500	10,500	11,000	11,000
12. M.Mus. programme	6,600	7,000	7,000	7,400	7,400

Provided that Third country students attending their studies on a part-time basis at the University shall pay half the amounts established in this sub-regulation.

(b) Third country students commencing a full-time programme leading to the Degree of Bachelor of Dental Surgery at the University between academic year 2008/2009 and academic year 2011/2012 shall pay the respective annual fees for each academic year as provided in Columns 2 to 6 hereunder:

COLUMN 1	COLUMN 2	COLUMN 3	COLUMN 4	COLUMN 5	COLUMN 6
	2011/2012 €	2012/2013 €	2013/2014 €	2014/2015 €	2015/2016 €
Programme leading to the Degree of Bachelor of Dental Surgery	22,000	23,000	23,000	24,000	24,000

(c) Third country students commencing a full-time programme leading to the Degree of Bachelor of Dental Surgery or Master of Dental Surgery at the University in academic year 2012/2013 or in any subsequent academic year thereafter shall pay the respective annual fees for each academic year as provided in Columns 2 to 5 hereunder:

COLUMN 1	COLUMN 2	COLUMN 3	COLUMN 4	COLUMN 5
	2012/2013 €	2013/2014 €	2014/2015 €	2015/2016 €
Programme leading to the Degree of Bachelor of Dental Surgery or Master of Dental Surgery	25,000	25,000	26,000	26,000

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12. For regulation 10 of the principal regulations, there shall be substituted the following:

Substitutes regulation 10 of the principal regulations.

"Fees payable for Foundation Studies Programme.

10. Students commencing a full-time programme at the University as listed in Column 1 hereunder in academic year 2013/2014 or in any subsequent academic year thereafter shall pay the respective fees per academic year (two semesters) as provided in Columns 2 to 5 hereunder:

COLUMN 1	COLUMN 2	COLUMN 3	COLUMN 4
Programmes	2013/2014 €	2014/2015 €	2015/2016 €
Foundation Studies programme	5,600	6,000	6,000
Additional study-units shall be offered at a fee of:	500	600	600

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13. In regulation 12 of the principal regulations, for the words "number of ECTS for the particular study-unit", there shall be substituted the words "number of ECTS credits for the particular study-unit".

Amends regulation 12 of the principal regulations.

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14. In regulation 13 of the principal regulations, for the words "or with a partner of international repute as well as fees", there shall be substituted the words "or with a partner of international repute, or where a significant portion of the programme is delivered by foreign academics, as well as fees".

