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L.N. 249 of 2015**EDUCATION ACT
(CAP. 327)****Certificate in Foundation Studies Course
(Amendment) Regulations, 2015**

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 Certificate in Foundation Studies Course (Amendment) Regulations, 2015 and shall be read and construed as one with the Certificate in Foundation Studies Course Regulations, 2014, published as Legal Notice 352 of 2014, hereinafter referred to as “the principal regulations”.

Applicability

2. These regulations shall be applicable for courses commencing in October 2015 or later.

Amendment to regulation 3 of the principal regulations

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

“Registration for the Course

3. (1) The Course shall be open to all applicants who:

(a) present a secondary and/or high school certificate issued abroad and who studied within an educational system that is not comparable to the Maltese educational system (in terms of curriculum, years of study, etc.); and

(b) are in possession of one of the following qualifications in English at the required level:

(i) Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) Internet-Based Test (iBT) with an overall score of 61, and a minimum score of 17 in the reading and writing components; or

(ii) International English Language Testing System (IELTS) with an overall band score of 5.5, with a reading and writing score of at least 5.0; or

(iii) Cambridge First Certificate at grade C or better; or

(iv) any other equivalent qualification approved by the Admissions Board; and

(c) are in possession of qualifications allowing access to an undergraduate course in the selected discipline in the country where such qualifications originate; but

(d) are deemed to require further study to be admitted to undergraduate degree courses at the University of Malta, provided that:

(i) the Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy, and Allied Health Sciences programme referred to in paragraph (1) of regulation 6 shall be open only to qualified applicants from non-EU/EEA countries in terms of agreements signed by the University with the State of Kuwait, the Sultanate of Oman, and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia; and

(ii) applicants from other non-EU/EEA countries may be admitted to the Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy, and Allied Health Sciences programme referred to in paragraph (1) of regulation 6 but shall not be eligible for admission to the Doctor of Medicine and Surgery course.

(2) The number of applicants from non-EU/EEA countries that may be admitted to the Course with the intention of following the Master of Dental Surgery course shall be announced at the time of the call for applications.”

Amendment to regulation 4 of the principal regulations

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

“Duration of Course

4. (1) The Course extends over a period of one academic year of full-time study.

(2) The Board of Studies may allow students who do not qualify for the Certificate to repeat the Course once, provided that students who successfully complete the Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy, and Allied Health Sciences programme but are not selected for the Master of Dental Surgery course may be allowed to repeat the Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy, and Allied Health Sciences programme in its entirety on one occasion only in order to improve their overall average mark.”

Amendment to regulation 11 of the principal regulations

5. For regulation 11 of the principal regulations there shall be substituted the following:

“Access and Admission to University Undergraduate Courses

11. (1) Students who obtain the Certificate in a particular programme are required to complete the University admissions procedure as it pertains to the undergraduate degree course being applied for. Students may only apply for undergraduate degree courses relevant to the subject area they followed in the Course.

(2) As only three places are available within the Master of Dental Surgery programme for non-EU/EEA applicants, students who complete the Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy, and Allied Health Sciences programme successfully but are not selected for the Master programme shall be allowed to register for programmes as follows:

(a) students coming from the State of Kuwait, the Sultanate of Oman, and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia may register for the Medicine or Allied Health Sciences courses or for the Dental Hygiene or Dental Technology courses or for other courses if they are eligible to do so, unless they opt to repeat the Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy, and Allied Health Sciences programme as provided for in paragraph (2) of regulation 4; and

(b) other non-EU/EEA students may register for the Dental Hygiene or Dental Technology or other courses (except Medicine and Surgery and Allied Health Sciences) for which they are qualified, unless they opt to repeat the Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy, and Allied Health Sciences programme as provided for in paragraph (2) of regulation 4.”

