

L.N. 64 of 2018

**EDUCATION ACT
(CAP. 327)**

University Postgraduate Awards (Amendment) Regulations, 2018

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 University Postgraduate Awards (Amendment) Regulations, 2018 and shall be read and construed as one with the General Regulations for University Postgraduate Awards, 2008, published as Legal Notice 120 of 2008, hereinafter referred to as “the principal regulations”.

Applicability

2. These regulations shall be applicable from 1 January 2018 onwards.

Amendment to regulation 54 of the principal regulations

3. For sub-paragraph (c) of paragraph (1) of regulation 54 of the principal regulations there shall be substituted the following:

“(c) in the case of a borderline quality dissertation verging on a fail, advise major corrections to the dissertation in order to qualify for the minimum pass mark and grade (i.e. 50%/Grade D), which shall be submitted within a time established by the Board of Examiners, and subject to a positive confirmation by the chairman in consultation with the supervisor that the changes have been effected properly, failing which the dissertation shall be declared as failed with the possibility of a reassessment if eligible in terms of these regulations; or”

4. For sub-paragraph (b) of paragraph (2) of regulation 54 of the principal regulations there shall be substituted the following:

“(b) in the case of borderline dissertation verging on a fail, advise major corrections to the dissertation which shall be submitted within a time established by the Board of Examiners and to the satisfaction of the chairman of the Board of Examiners in consultation with the supervisor, in order to qualify for the minimum pass mark and grade (ie 50%, grade D). If the changes are not effected properly, the dissertation shall be declared as failed with the possibility of a re-assessment if eligible in terms of these regulations; or”

Amendment to regulation 55 of the principal regulations

5. For paragraph (2) of regulation 55 of the principal regulations there shall be substituted the following:

“(2) (i) For dissertations assigned 30 credits, the Board of Examiners shall be composed of at least three members one of whom may be an external examiner from an overseas institution normally appointed on a non-visiting basis;

(ii) For dissertations assigned more than 30 credits, the Board of Examiners shall be composed of at least three members and shall normally include an external examiner from an overseas institution;

provided that, where *viva voce* examinations shall be held and external examiners are appointed on a non-visiting basis, the Board of Examiners shall be composed of at least four members. External Examiners shall be appointed as stipulated in regulation 21 of the University Assessment Regulations, 2009.”