L.N. 305 of 2020

EDUCATION ACT
(CAP. 327)

University Assessment (Amendment) Regulations, 2020

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 Assessment (Amendment) Regulations, 2020 and shall be read and construed as one with the University Assessment Regulations, 2009, published as Legal Notice 274 of 2009, hereinafter referred to as "the principal regulations".

Applicability

2. These regulations shall be applicable from 29 July 2020 onwards.

Amendment to regulation 40 of the principal regulations

3. For regulation 40 of the principal regulations there shall be substituted the following:

"40. (1) When students are alleged to have committed a breach of any of the provisions in regulation 38 (1) (b), (c) and (d) in work submitted for Study-Units to which less than 8 credits are assigned, that is deemed to be minor, and being the student's first offence, this shall be investigated by the Faculty Assessment Disciplinary Board of the Faculty offering the Study-Unit, composed of the Dean of the Faculty or his delegate as chair, the Head of Department or his delegate and a student from among the students' representatives on the Faculty Board. The academic who reports the case shall not form part of the Faculty Assessment Disciplinary Board.

(2) When a breach of any of the provisions in regulation 38 (1) (b), (c) and (d) is established to have occurred and the provisions of paragraph (1) of this regulation apply, the Faculty Assessment Disciplinary Board shall:

(a) issue an oral or written reprimand; and/or

(b) reduce the mark of the Assessment or of the relevant Assessment component if applicable down to, and including, the mark of zero with or without the possibility of reassessment.

(3) Instances of collusion or minor plagiarism which occur in the first year of an undergraduate course may be considered by the Faculty Assessment Disciplinary Board as academic incompetence.

(4) When a breach of the provisions in regulation 38 (1) (b), (c) and (d) is deemed to be major, or if minor, being the student's second or subsequent offence, or is alleged to have occurred in work submitted for Study-Units to which more than 8 credits are assigned, a report shall be made in writing by the lecturer, an administrator or an invigilator or other authorized person, which shall be referred to the Secretary of the University Assessment Disciplinary Board.

(5) The University Assessment Disciplinary Board may give direction and more guidelines to Faculty Assessment Disciplinary Boards on procedures to be used in such cases."

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