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L.N. 176 of 2021

EDUCATION ACT
(CAP. 327)

Bye-Laws of 2021 to amend the Bye-Laws of 2016 in terms of the General Regulations for University Postgraduate Awards, 2008 for the Degree of Master in Teaching and Learning - MTL - under the auspices of the Faculty of Education

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 bye-laws made by the Board of the Faculty of Education in virtue of the powers conferred upon it by article 81 (1) (c) of the said Act and which have been approved by the Senate of the University of Malta as required by article 81 (2) of the said Act:

Citation

1. These bye-laws may be cited as the Bye-Laws of 2021 to amend the Bye-Laws of 2016 in terms of the General Regulations for University Postgraduate Awards, 2008 for the degree of Master in Teaching and Learning - MTL - and shall be read and construed as one with the Bye-Laws of 2016 in terms of the General Regulations for University Postgraduate Awards, 2008 for the degree of Master in Teaching and Learning - MTL - under the auspices of the Faculty of Education, published as Legal Notice 161 of 2016, hereinafter referred to as "the principal bye-laws".

Applicability

2. These bye-laws shall be applicable for courses commencing in October 2021 or later.

Amendment to bye-law 1 of the principal bye-laws

3. For paragraph (2) of bye-law 1 of the principal bye-laws there shall be substituted the following:

"(2) In these bye-laws, unless the context otherwise requires -

"the Board" means the Board of the Faculty of Education;

"the Board of Studies" means the Board of Studies appointed by Senate for the Course, on the recommendation of the Board;

"the Course" means the programme of study leading to the degree of Master in Teaching and Learning - MTL;

"the Degree" means the degree of Master in Teaching and Learning - MTL - in the relevant area;

"the Faculty" means the Faculty of Education;

"the Postgraduate Certificate" means the Postgraduate Certificate in Education Sciences (P.G. Cert.);

"the Postgraduate Diploma" means the Postgraduate Diploma in Education Sciences (P.G. Dip.); and

"the Principal Regulations" means the General Regulations for University Postgraduate Awards, 2008."

Amendment to bye-law 10 of the principal bye-laws

4. For paragraphs (2) and (3) of bye-law 10 of the principal bye-laws there shall be substituted the following:

"(2) Students following the area of study of Early Childhood and Primary Education shall be required to:

(a) sit for a Maltese Aptitude Test - 'Test ta' Ħiliet fil-Malti' aptitude test at the beginning of the Course:

provided that applicants in possession of a pass in Maltese at Intermediate or Advanced Matriculation Level at Grade C or higher, or qualifications deemed to be equivalent by the Board, shall be exempt from this requirement. Students who fail the Maltese aptitude test shall be required to follow and successfully pass a proficiency course in Maltese approved by the Board before the end of the third semester of the Course. Students who do not satisfy the Maltese proficiency requirement by this period shall be required to interrupt their studies for up to a maximum of twelve months during which time they are expected to obtain this requirement. Students shall only be eligible to proceed with their studies if they comply with this requirement; and

(b) follow and successfully pass a proficiency course in English approved by the Board before the end of the third semester of the Course. Students who do not satisfy the English proficiency requirement by this period shall be required to interrupt their studies for up to a maximum of twelve months during which time they are expected to obtain this requirement. Students shall only be eligible to proceed with their studies if they comply with this requirement. Students who on admission into the Course are in possession of a pass in English at Intermediate or Advanced Matriculation Level at Grade C or higher, or qualifications deemed to be equivalent by the Board, shall be exempt from the English proficiency requirement.

(3) Students following the area of study of Secondary Education, or Primary and Secondary Education, shall be required to:

(a) sit for a Maltese Aptitude Test - 'Test ta' Ħiliet fil-Malti' at the beginning of the Course:

provided that applicants in possession of a pass in Maltese at Secondary Education Certificate level at Grade 3 or higher, or at Intermediate or Advanced Matriculation Level at Grade C or higher, or qualifications deemed to be equivalent by the Board, shall be exempt from this requirement. Students who fail the Maltese aptitude test shall be required to follow and successfully pass a proficiency course in Maltese approved by the Board before the end of the third semester of the Course. Students who do not satisfy the Maltese proficiency requirement by this period shall be required to interrupt their studies for up to a maximum of twelve months during which time they are expected to obtain this requirement. Students shall only be eligible to proceed with their studies if they comply with this requirement; and

(b) follow and successfully pass a proficiency course in English approved by the Board before the end of the third semester of the Course. Students who do not satisfy the English proficiency requirement by this period shall be required to interrupt their studies for up to a maximum of twelve months during which time they are expected to obtain this requirement. Students shall only be eligible to proceed with their studies if they comply with this requirement. Students who on admission into the Course are in possession of a pass in English at Secondary Education Certificate level at Grade 3 or higher, or at Intermediate or Advanced Matriculation Level at Grade C or higher, or qualifications deemed to be equivalent by the Board, shall be exempt from the English proficiency requirement."

Amendment to bye-law 11 of the principal bye-laws

5. For bye-law 11 of the principal bye-laws there shall be substituted the following:

"11. (1) Students who obtain 60 ECTS credits with an average mark of at least 50% and who do not successfully complete the Course, shall be eligible for the award of the Postgraduate Diploma.

(2) Students who obtain 30 ECTS credits with an average mark of at least 50% and who do not successfully complete the Course, shall be eligible for the award of the Postgraduate Certificate."

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