L.N. 352 of 2021

EDUCATION ACT
(CAP. 327)

Bye-Laws of 2021 to amend the Bye-laws of 2010 in terms of the Doctor of Philosophy - Ph.D. - Degree Regulations, 2008 for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy under the auspices of the Institute of Linguistics and Language Technology

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 Institute of Linguistics and Language Technology in virtue of the powers conferred upon it by article 5 (b) (v) of the Statute for the Institute, which bye-laws have been approved by the Senate of the University of Malta:

Citation

1. These bye-laws may be cited as the Bye-Laws of 2021 to amend the Bye-Laws of 2010 in terms of the Doctor of Philosophy - Ph.D. - Degree Regulations, 2008 for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy, and shall be read and construed as one with the Bye-Laws of 2010 in terms of the Doctor of Philosophy - Ph.D. - Degree Regulations, 2008 for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy under the auspices of the Institute of Linguistics and Language Technology, published as Legal Notice 299 of 2010, hereinafter referred to as "the principal bye-laws".

Applicability

2. These bye-laws shall be applicable from October 2021 or later.

Amendment to bye-laws 3 and 4 of the principal bye-laws

3. For bye-laws 3 and 4 of the principal bye-laws there shall be substituted the following:

"**Requirements for Admission**

3. Applicants for the Degree offered by the Institute shall be in possession of one of the following degrees:

(a) a Master's degree in any area of study related to the proposed area of research;

(b) a Bachelor Honours degree with First Class Honours, in an area of study deemed by the Board as strongly related to the proposed area of research;

(c) qualifications which the Board deems to be appropriate and comparable to the degrees mentioned in paragraphs (a) or (b).

4. When the Board deems it necessary, it may require students to successfully complete a number of study-units during the first part of their studies, as recommended by the Board, after approval from Senate."

Amendment to bye-law 8 of the principal bye-laws

4. For paragraph (1) of bye-law 8 of the principal bye-laws there shall be substituted the following:

"8. (1) After 12 months, and no more than 24 months of full-time study or the equivalent in part-time study have elapsed, and after successful completion of any taught component or tasks assigned to the students under provisions of bye-law 4 of these bye-laws, students are required to submit a report which (a) describes research undertaken up to that point; (b) clearly describes a plan for research for the next 24 months of full-time study or the equivalent in part-time study, identifying the significant contribution envisaged. This report shall be submitted for consideration by an *ad hoc* board appointed by the Board. The *ad hoc* board shall be composed of a chairperson, who shall be the chairperson of the Institute or their delegate, and two examiners, one of whom shall be the Principal Supervisor and the other a member of the Institute or of another faculty with expertise in the area."

Amendment to bye-law 13 of the principal bye-laws

5. For paragraph (1) of bye-law 13 of the principal bye-laws there shall be substituted the following:

"13. (1) Students shall be required to submit an electronic copy of their thesis, which will be distributed to each member of the Board of Examiners. The officer in charge shall issue a dated receipt. A loose-bound, printed copy of the thesis shall be made available to members of the Board of Examiners should they specifically request such a copy."

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