L.N. 222 of 2024

EDUCATION ACT
(CAP. 327)

Bye-Laws of 2024 in terms of the Doctor of Philosophy – Ph.D. – Degree Regulations, 2023 for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy – Ph.D. – under the auspices of the Islands and Small States Institute

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 Islands and Small States Institute in virtue of the powers conferred upon it by article 5(b)(v) of the Statute for the Institute and which have been approved by the Senate of the University of Malta:

Citation and Interpretation

1. (1) These bye-laws may be cited as the Bye-Laws of 2024 in terms of the Doctor of Philosophy – Ph.D. – Degree Regulations, 2023 for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy – Ph.D. – under the auspices of the Islands and Small States Institute.

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

"the Board" means the Board of the Islands and Small States Institute;

"the Degree" means the degree of Doctor of Philosophy – Ph.D.;

"the Institute" means the Islands and Small States Institute; and

"the Principal Regulations" means the Doctor of Philosophy – Ph.D. – Degree Regulations, 2023.

Applicability

2. These bye-laws shall be applicable from 1 October 2024 onwards.

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, normally of this or another University, in an area of study which in the opinion of the Board is closely related to the theme of the research proposed; or

(b) a qualification deemed by Senate, on the recommendation of the Board, to be equivalent or higher to the qualification as specified in paragraph (a) of this bye-law.

4. Applicants may also be asked to demonstrate competence in those skills required by the nature of the proposed research.

Taught Study-Units

5. When the Board deems it necessary, it may require students to successfully complete a number of study-units during their studies, and/or to satisfactorily undertake tasks recommended by the Board, under those conditions that it may impose, after approval by Senate.

Thesis Presentation and Format

6. The Board shall approve and publish guidelines on the format and presentation of the thesis for the Degree, the length of which is not to be less than 80,000 words.

Repeal

7. The Bye-Laws of 2016 in terms of the Doctor of Philosophy – Ph.D. – Degree Regulations, 2008 for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy – Ph.D. – under the auspices of the Islands and Small States Institute, published as Legal Notice 26 of 2016, shall be deemed to cease to be in force as from 1 October 2024.

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