L.N. 65 of 2026

EDUCATION ACT
(CAP. 327)

Bye-Laws of 2026 to amend the Bye-Laws of 2016 in terms of the General Regulations for University Postgraduate Awards, 2021 for the Degree of Master of Arts in Transcultural Counselling - M.A. (T.Couns.) - under the auspices of the Faculty for Social Wellbeing

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 for Social Wellbeing 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 2026 to amend the Bye-Laws of 2016 in terms of the General Regulations for University Postgraduate Awards, 2021 for the Degree of Master of Arts in Transcultural Counselling - M.A. (T.Couns.) - and shall be read and construed as one with the Bye-Laws of 2016 in terms of the General Regulations for University Postgraduate Awards, 2021 for the Degree of Master of Arts in Transcultural Counselling - M.A. (T.Couns.) - under the auspices of the Faculty for Social Wellbeing, published as Legal Notice 25 of 2012, hereinafter referred as "the principal bye-laws".

Applicability

2. These bye-laws shall apply for courses commencing in October 2026 or later, except for bye-law 3 of these bye-laws, which shall apply for courses commencing in October 2027 or later.

Amendment to bye-law 3 of the principal bye-laws

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

"3. (1) (a) The Course shall be open to applicants in possession of a Bachelor's degree with at least Second Class Honours or Category II in one of the human and/or social sciences, or an area of study deemed relevant by the Board, together with a minimum of one year paid or voluntary work experience in a formal human or psychosocial setting."

4. The following sub-paragraph (b) shall be added after sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph (1) of bye-law 3 of the principal bye-laws:

"(b) Applicants in possession of a Bachelor's degree classified at Third Class Honours or Category III may be admitted to the Course if they are in possession of other qualifications deemed relevant by the Board and a minimum of one year experience working directly in a formal human or psychosocial setting. The admission of such applications may be made subject to those conditions that the Board may impose to address any lacunae in the applicants' academic preparation."

5. For sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph (3) of bye-law 3 of the principal bye-laws there shall be substituted the following:

"(3) (a) Professional aptitude and disposition shall be measured by means of exercises involving an extended personal interview and personality test."

6. For paragraph (4) of bye-law 3 of the principal bye-laws there shall be substituted the following:

"(4) Senate, on the advice of the Board, may limit the number of students to be admitted to the Course. When the number is so limited and the number of eligible applicants exceeds the number of places available, applicants shall be selected during an interview, according to the following criteria:

(a) degree type and classification –30%
(b) relevant work experience – 15%;
(c) other postgraduate qualifications in relevant area – 5%; and
(d) professional aptitude and disposition – 50%."

Amendment to bye-law 5 of the principal bye-laws

7. For paragraph (2) of bye-law 5 of the principal bye-laws there shall be substituted the following:

"(2) Throughout the Course, students are required to complete 50 hours of personal counselling with a professional legally warranted to provide such a service."

Amendment to bye-law 6 of the principal bye-laws

8. For paragraph (2) of bye-law 6 of the principal bye-laws there shall be substituted the following:

"(2) Students who in any academic year fail in the assessment of not more than four taught study-units shall be given the opportunity to re-sit the failed assessments during the September assessment session."

9. For paragraph (4) of bye-law 6 of the principal bye-laws there shall be substituted the following:

"(4) Students must maintain a good level of performance in the study-unit/s involving supervised counselling practicum for which the minimum overall pass mark shall be grade C - 55%, provided that an obligatory pass in all the assessment components of a supervised practicum is required in order for students to be awarded an overall pass."

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