L.N. 349 of 2014

EDUCATION ACT
(CAP. 327)

Statute for the Matriculation and Secondary Education Certificate Examinations

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred upon him by articles 74(5) and 75(6) of the Education Act, the Chancellor of the University of Malta has promulgated the following statute made by the Council of the University of Malta in virtue of the powers conferred upon it by articles 72(h), 75(2) and 77(c) of the said Act:

Citation and Interpretation

1. (1) This statute may be cited as the Statute for the Matriculation and Secondary Education Certificate Examinations.

   (2) “Examinations” means various forms of assessment.

Applicability

2. This statute shall be applicable from 2 June 2014 onwards.

General

3. (1) There shall be a Matriculation Examination held at two levels: Advanced (AM) and Intermediate (IM), and a Secondary Education Certificate (SEC) Examination.

   (2) In each year there shall be continuous assessment and two sessions of the Examinations as specified in the syllabuses and learning and assessment programmes.

   (3) The Examinations and continuous assessment shall be under the control of a Matriculation and Secondary Education Certificate Examinations Board (MATSEC Board) appointed in terms of article 4 (2).

The Matriculation and Secondary Education Certificate Examinations Board

4. (1) The functions of the Matriculation and Secondary Education Certificate Examinations Board shall be:

   (i) to make recommendations to Senate regarding regulations required for the proper conduct of the Examinations and continuous assessment;
to conduct the Examinations and continuous assessment in accordance with the regulations approved by Senate;

(iii) to make recommendations to Senate regarding syllabuses and learning and assessment programmes which would be prepared after consultation with curriculum experts from the schools, the Directorates of Education, the University of Malta (UoM), the Malta College of Arts, Science and Technology (MCAST) and the Institute for Tourism Studies (ITS), as appropriate;

(iv) to make recommendations to Senate regarding the appointment of syllabus and learning and assessment programme panels, paper setters’ panels, markers’ panels and external and standards verifiers, as appropriate;

(v) to make recommendations to Senate on all matters related to assessment and examinations and on relevant matters referred to it;

(vi) to make recommendations to Senate and Council for the appointment of a MATSEC Support Unit, with executive powers; and

(vii) to make recommendations to Council regarding appropriate funding, including provision for the MATSEC Support Unit.

(2) The Matriculation and Secondary Education Certificate Examinations Board shall consist of twelve members and a chairman as follows:

(i) a Chairman (the Rector or his nominated deputy);

(ii) three members of the academic staff appointed by the Senate of the University;

(iii) two members appointed by the Council of Institutes of MCAST;

(iv) one member appointed by the Institute for Tourism Studies;

(v) two members from the Directorates of Education appointed by the Minister responsible for education;

(vi) two members nominated by, and from, the members of the Private Schools Association;

(vii) the Executive Director of the MATSEC Support Unit; and

(ix) the Registrar.

(3) The Secretary of the Board shall be the Registrar or his nominated deputy.
(4) The number of members required to form a quorum shall be seven.

(5) A Vice-Chairman shall be appointed by the Matriculation and Secondary Education Certificate Examinations Board from among the members appointed in terms of paragraph 4 (2).

(6) Members shall be appointed for a term of three years, which may be renewed.

Regulations and Syllabuses

5. Regulations made by Senate for the examinations leading to the Matriculation and Secondary Education Certificates and the syllabuses or learning and assessment programmes for each subject shall normally be published each year. Advanced and Intermediate Level syllabuses shall normally be published two years in advance of the final assessment. SEC syllabuses and learning and assessment programmes shall normally be published three years in advance of the final assessment.

Repeal