

**EDUCATION ACT
(CAP. 327)**

**Bye-Laws of 2012 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 for Sustainable Energy**

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 for Sustainable Energy in virtue of the powers conferred upon it by article 5 (b) (v) of the Statute of 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 2012 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 for Sustainable Energy.

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

“the Board” means the Board of the Institute for Sustainable Energy;

“the Institute” means the Institute for Sustainable Energy;

“the Degree” means the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy – Ph.D.; and

“the Principal Regulations” means the Doctor of Philosophy - Ph.D. - Degree Regulations, 2008.

Applicability

2. These bye-laws shall be applicable from September 2011 onwards.

Requirements for Admission

3. (1) Applicants for the Degree offered by the Institute shall be in possession of one of the following degrees, obtained in the last ten years prior to registration:

(a) a Bachelor Honours degree obtained with at least Second Class Upper Division, in an area of study related to the proposed area of research;

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

(c) qualifications which the Board deems comparable to the degrees indicated in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this bye-law.

(2) Applicants in possession of one of the degrees indicated in paragraph (1) of this bye-law obtained more than ten years prior to their application may apply and are required to produce sufficient proof of their competence to carry out research at the required level.

4. (1) Applicants may submit their application form, together with a comprehensive research proposal outlining the proposed project, including research sources and materials, at any time of the year.

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

Institute Doctoral Committee

5. The Board shall recommend to Senate the appointment of an Institute Doctoral Committee composed as follows:

- a. the Chairman of the Institute or delegate (Chairman)
- b. three academic members possessing doctoral qualifications.

Supervision and Students' Progress

6. Principal Supervisors shall be required to submit a written report to the Board, through the Institute Doctoral Committee, every year for all students under their supervision.

7. Students shall only be allowed to proceed with their studies subject to satisfactory progress reports from their Principal Supervisor. If the report is negative, the Board shall make recommendations to Senate concerning the continuation of the student's doctoral programme.

8. (1) After at least 12 months of full-time study or 24 months of part-time study, students are required to submit a report on their research work for consideration by an *ad hoc* board appointed by the Board. The *ad hoc* board shall be composed of a chairman, who shall be the head of the Institute concerned or his delegate, and two examiners, one of whom shall be the Principal Supervisor and the other a member of the Institute.

(2) The *ad hoc* board shall examine the student orally and shall submit a written report for consideration by the Institute Doctoral Committee in the first instance. The report shall contain recommendations according to the provisions of the Principal Regulations.

9. Students registered at the Institute may be required to participate in the Institute's research and teaching programmes.

Thesis Presentation and Format

10. Students are required to inform the Institute that they will be submitting their thesis for examination not less than three months before the submission deadline.

11. The Board shall recommend to Senate the appointment of the Board of Examiners in accordance with the Principal Regulations.

12. The Board shall approve and publish guidelines on the format and presentation of the thesis for the Degree.

13. (1) Students shall be required to submit a soft-bound copy of their thesis for each member of the Board of Examiners, together with a copy in digital format.

(2) On successful completion of their studies, students shall be required to submit to the Institute three hard-bound copies of the thesis and one copy in digital format within six weeks from the publication of their result. One copy of the thesis shall be kept in the Library of the Institute and another at the University Library. Students who do not comply with this bye-law shall not be awarded the Degree.

Repeal

14. The Bye-Laws of 1999 for the degrees of Master of Philosophy – M.Phil - and Doctor of Philosophy – Ph.D. - under the auspices of the Institute for Energy Technology, published as Legal Notices 7 and 9 of 1999, shall be deemed to cease to be in force as from 1 September 2011, provided that students registered for this degree before 1 September 2011 shall continue to be governed by the regulations that were in force at the time of their registration for the degree.