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**EDUCATION ACT
(CAP. 327)**

**Bye-Laws of 2009 in terms of the
Doctor of Philosophy - Ph.D. - Degree Regulations, 2008
for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy
under the auspices of the Mediterranean 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 Board of the Mediterranean Institute in virtue of the powers conferred upon it by article 81 (1) 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 and Interpretation

1. (1) These bye-laws may be cited as the Bye-Laws of 2009 in terms of the Doctor of Philosophy - Ph.D. - Degree Regulations, 2008 for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy under the auspices of the Mediterranean Institute.

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

“the Board” means the Board of the Mediterranean Institute;

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

“the Institute ” means the Mediterranean Institute;

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

Applicability

2. These bye-laws shall be applicable from October 2009 onwards.

Requirements for Admission

3. Applicants for the Degree offered by the Institute shall be in possession of a Master’s degree or equivalent.

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.

(3) When the Board deems it necessary, it may require students to successfully complete a number of study-units during the course of their studies, under those conditions that it may impose, after approval by Senate.

Institute Doctoral Committee

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

the Chairman of the Institute or delegate (chairman)
the Director of the Institute or delegate
a member from the Institute Board

The Board may also ask the Co-ordinator of the area of study concerned and the proposed Principal Supervisor to attend the committee meeting during the consideration of the application.

Supervision and Students' Progress

6. Principal Supervisors shall be required to submit a written report to the Board, through the Institute Doctoral Committee, every June 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 on the student's continuing registration for the Degree.

8. (1) In accordance with the Principal Regulations, after 12 months of full-time study and before being allowed to transfer registration from M.Phil. to Ph.D., students are required to submit a substantial sample of 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 Co-ordinator of the area of study concerned or his delegate, and two examiners, one of whom shall be the Principal Supervisor and the other who shall be an academic, expert in the area of study concerned.

(2) The *ad hoc* board shall examine the work of the student 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. Six months before the submission deadline students shall be informed that they 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 loose bound copy of their thesis for each member of the Board of Examiners, together with a copy in digital format. The officer in charge of the Institute shall issue a dated receipt.

(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 1998 for the degree of Master of Philosophy under the auspices of the Mediterranean Institute, published as Legal Notice 35 and the Bye-Laws of 1998 for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy under the auspices of the Mediterranean Institute, published as Legal Notice 36 of 1998, shall be deemed to cease to be in force as from 1st October 2009, provided that students registered for this degree before 1st October 2009 shall continue to be governed by the regulations that were in force at the time of their registration for the degree.