

**EDUCATION ACT  
(CAP. 327)**

**Bye-Laws of 2015 for the Selection of Applicants for Admission to the  
Diploma in Dental Surgery Assistance – Dip. D.S.A. -  
under the auspices of the Faculty of Dental Surgery**

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 of Dental Surgery 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:

**Applicability**

1. These bye-laws shall apply to courses leading to the Diploma in Dental Surgery Assistance – Dip. D.S.A. – under the auspices of the Faculty of Dental Surgery commencing in October 2015 or later.

**Selection of Applicants**

2. Whenever the number of students that may be admitted to the Course is limited by Senate in terms of the provisions of bye-law 5 of the Bye-Laws of 2015 in terms of the General Regulations for University Undergraduate Awards, 2004, for the Diploma in Dental Surgery Assistance, and the number of eligible applicants exceeds the number of places available, the selection of applicants shall be made according to the criteria listed in bye-law 3.

**Criteria for Selection**

3. (1) Applicants who satisfy the entry requirements for the Diploma in Dental Surgery Assistance as laid down in the bye-laws for the course shall be awarded points for their qualifications in English Language, Maltese, Mathematics, Biology and Chemistry and the best result in any other subject. The points to be awarded for the required passes obtained at any of the indicated levels are as follows:

<b>Points</b>	<b>Grade at Advanced Level</b>	<b>Grade at Intermediate Level</b>	<b>MCAST Diploma for Dental Surgery Assistants (Overall Grade)</b>	<b>Grade at SEC Level</b>	<b>Grade at GCE Ordinary Level</b>
30	A				
24	B				
24			Distinction		
18	C				
16			Merit		
12	D				
12			Pass		
10		A			
8		B		1	
6	E	C		2	A
5				3	
4				4	B
3				5	C

(2) If applicants present more than one pass in a subject, only the best grade shall be taken into consideration. Subjects may only be offered at one level.

(3) For the purpose of selection, applicants whose qualifications were obtained by 31st August preceding the commencement of the course shall be considered first.

(4) If the applicants falling in the last eligible group with the same number of points is such that the total number of applicants to be admitted exceeds the number of places established by Senate, then the applicants in that group shall be interviewed by an Interviewing Board appointed by the Board in order to fill the remaining place/s. The Interviewing Board may consider additional qualifications to those indicated in paragraph (1) of this bye-law.”