

**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 Tourism, Travel and Culture**

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 Tourism, Travel and Culture in virtue of the powers conferred upon it by article 6 (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 Tourism, Travel and Culture.

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

“the Board” means the Board of the Institute for Tourism, Travel and Culture;

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

“the Institute” means the Institute for Tourism, Travel and Culture; and

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

**Applicability**

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

**Requirements for Admission**

3. Applicants for the Degree offered by the Institute shall be in possession of one of the following degrees:

(a) a Master's degree of this or another university in one of the following areas of study: Tourism, Economics, Finance, Management, Marketing, Public Policy, and Social Policy or in a related area of study as approved by the Institute's Doctoral Committee;

(b) the Master of Business Administration degree of this or another approved University awarded with Distinction;

(c) a Master of Business Administration degree of this or another approved University together with a Bachelor's degree obtained with at least a Second Class Honours from this or another approved University;

(d) a Bachelor's degree obtained with First Class Honours or Second Class Honours (Upper Division) of this or another University in the areas of Tourism, Economics, Finance, Management, Marketing, Public Policy, Social Policy, History, Architecture or in a related area of study as approved by the Institute's Doctoral Committee,

provided that in all cases mentioned in sub-paragraphs (a) to (d) of this bye-law, the Institute's Doctoral Committee:

(i) ascertains that the applicant has a very strong background in the areas of study related to the proposed area of research; and

(ii) submits a clearly motivated recommendation for acceptance to the Board for eventual consideration by the Ph.D. Committee and Senate.

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:

The Director of the Institute or delegate (Chairperson)  
3 - 4 members possessing academic 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, annually 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) After at least 12 months of full-time study, students are required to submit a report on their research work for consideration by an *ad hoc* board. The *ad hoc* board shall be appointed by the Board on the advice of the Institute Doctoral Committee and shall be composed of a chairman, the Principal Supervisor and an academic with expertise in the area of the students' research.

(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. 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, according to the format indicated in the published guidelines, 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.