

**EDUCATION ACT  
(CAP. 327)**

**STATUTE FOR THE CENTRE FOR DISTRIBUTED LEDGER  
TECHNOLOGIES**

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 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**

1. This statute may be cited as the Statute for the Centre for Distributed Ledger Technologies.

**Applicability**

2. This statute shall be applicable from 1 September 2018.

**Interpretation**

3. In this Statute, unless the context otherwise requires:

“Associate Member” is the title given to Council appointed academic members of staff whose substantive post is with a department, faculty, institute, centre or school and who also gives service to another department, faculty, institute, centre or school.

“the Board” shall mean the Board of the Centre for Distributed Ledger Technologies; and

“the Centre” shall mean the Centre for Distributed Ledger Technologies.

**Establishment**

4. The Centre for Distributed Ledger Technologies is hereby established as an institution of the University of Malta.

## **Objective and Functions**

5. The aims of the Centre shall be:

(a) to support the growth and development of Blockchain and Distributed Ledger Technologies (DLT) in Malta on strategic, educational, research, commercial and entrepreneurial levels;

(b) to deliver a world-class education in blockchain and DLT studies spanning the related technical disciplines including: smart contract and distributed application development; and blockchain and DLT system internals; and their intersection with: legal and regulatory aspects; financial, cryptocurrency and management aspects; economics; and related management and entrepreneurial studies;

(c) to supply various faculties, institutes, centres and schools with Blockchain and DLT related teaching at various academic levels;

(d) to develop study-units and undergraduate and postgraduate programmes of study;

(e) to assist in generating and coordinating research and funding efforts related to Blockchain and DLT;

(f) to engage in world-class, cutting-edge Blockchain and DLT research disseminated in leading conferences, journals and books in the field;

(g) to participate in international research collaborations, funded or otherwise, with leading institutions in the field;

(h) to take a leading role in the development of the international Blockchain and DLT research community through participation in networking events, conference organization, chairing and reviewing committees of such conferences, journals and books; and

(i) to promote further interdisciplinary collaboration within the University and through its engagement with specialists outside academia.

## Governance

6. The Centre shall be governed by a Board that shall consist of the following:

- (i) Chairman: Rector or delegate;
- (ii) Vice-Chairman: Director of the Centre;
- (iii) a person appointed by the Council of the University;
- (iv) up to six Resident Academics having backgrounds relevant to the work of the Centre, appointed by the Senate of the University;
- (v) up to two representatives elected by and from the students registered within the Centre; and
- (vi) up to five persons possessing expertise and experience in the field of DLTs and related technologies, to be recommended by the Board and approved by Senate.

The Registrar or delegate shall act as Secretary to the Board.

7. All members of the Board, other than those appointed *ex officio*, and the two student representatives shall be appointed for a period of one year, renewable for up to four years. A retiring member will be eligible for re-appointment.

8. The functions of the Board shall be:

(a) to govern the affairs of the Centre, subject to the provisions of these statutes and of such regulations, policies or directions as may from time to time be approved by the Council and the Senate;

(b) to decide the policy of the Centre, to supervise its activities and administration, and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, the Board may:

(i) approve business plans and annual estimates of revenue and expenditure of the Centre for consideration and approval by the Council;

(ii) with the written concurrence of the Rector, to enter into agreements with third parties for funding of the Centre or of particular activities;

(iii) publish an annual report;

(iv) enrol the Centre in associations or institutions sharing similar aims and interests;

(v) propose Regulations and Bye-Laws to the Senate;

(vi) require from staff members of the Centre the production of reports on academic matters, including the curricula of courses of study, qualifications for admission to courses, examinations, and certificates of attendance or qualification;

(vii) recommend to the Council the creation or removal of academic and non-academic posts in the Centre; and

(viii) propose for approval to the Senate, Boards of Studies and Examiners for programmes of study.

### **Appointment of Director and Staff**

9. The Centre shall have a Director and Staff:

(a) the Director of the Centre shall be appointed according to the procedure for the appointment of Directors of Institutes, Centres and Schools as approved by the Council of the University, for a duration of one year, with the possibility of renewal annually subject to established performance criteria, the needs of the Centre and the needs of the University, for a total period not exceeding four (4) years; and

(b) the Director shall be assisted by administrative staff, academic associate members and Research Support Officers.

### **Duties of the Director**

10. The duties of the Vice-Chairman/Director shall be:

(a) as stipulated in the Manual of Conduct and Procedures of the Collective Agreement for Academic Staff of the University of Malta and Academic Staff of the Junior College; and

(b) any other duties which shall be assigned to the Director from time to time, provided that such duties shall be congruent with the objectives and functions of the Centre.

### **Treasurer**

11. The Director of Finance of the University shall be the Treasurer of the Centre.