

**EDUCATION ACT
(CAP. 327)**

**Bye-Laws of 2026 in terms of the
General Regulations for University Postgraduate Awards, 2021 for the
Postgraduate Diploma in Teaching and Professional Practice - P.G. Dip. -
under the auspices of the Faculty of Education**

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 Education 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:

Citation and Interpretation

1. (1) These bye-laws may be cited as the Bye-Laws of 2026 in terms of the General Regulations for University Postgraduate Awards, 2021 for the Postgraduate Diploma in Teaching and Professional Practice - P.G. Dip. - under the auspices of the Faculty of Education.

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

“the Board” means the Board of the Faculty of Education;

“the Course” means the programme of study leading to the Postgraduate Diploma in Teaching and Professional Practice - P.G. Dip.;

“the Postgraduate Certificate” means the Postgraduate Certificate in Teaching and Professional Practice – P.G. Cert.;

“the Postgraduate Diploma” means the Postgraduate Diploma in Teaching and Professional Practice – P.G. Dip.; and

“the Principal Regulations” means the General Regulations for University Postgraduate Awards, 2021.

Applicability

2. These bye-laws shall be applicable for courses commencing in October 2026 or later.

Requirements for Admission

3. (1) To be registered as regular students on the Course, applicants must be in possession of a Permanent Teacher's warrant together with one of the following qualifications:

- (a) the degree of Bachelor of Education (Honours); or
- (b) a first cycle degree together with a Postgraduate Certificate in Education; or
- (c) a first cycle and/or second cycle degree or higher; or
- (d) any other recognised teaching qualification;

(2) In addition to the requirements indicated in paragraph (1) of this bye-law, applicants shall further be required to have been teaching full-time within licensed educational institutions for at least seven years.

Course Duration

4. The Course shall extend over a period of two to six academic years of part-time study.

Programme of Study

5. (1) The programme of study shall be published by the Board after approval by Senate, normally not less than eight months prior to the commencement of the Course. It shall comprise a number of study-units to which 60 ECTS credits shall be assigned.

(2) Students must register for not less than 10 ECTS credits and not more than 30 ECTS credits per academic year.

6. Applicants may request exemption from study-units totalling not more than 30 ECTS credits. Such applicants shall be required to demonstrate the learning achieved through prior experience and qualifications through the evaluation procedures established by the University Policy for the Recognition and Accreditation of Prior Learning (RPL).

7. Students who successfully complete 30 ECTS credits for taught study-units, excluding credits achieved through Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) as referred to in bye-law 6 of these bye-laws, with an average mark of at least 50%, and do not proceed with the Course, or having proceeded do not successfully complete the Course, shall be eligible for the award of the Postgraduate Certificate.

8. Students shall be eligible for the award of the Postgraduate Diploma if they obtain 60 ECTS credits as outlined in the programme of study for the Course with an

average mark of at least 50%.

Classification of the Awards

9. (1) The Final Weighted Average Mark for the purpose of the classification of the Postgraduate Diploma shall be based on the results obtained in all components of the programme of study, all credits being weighted equally.

(2) The Postgraduate Certificate shall be awarded unclassified.