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**EDUCATION ACT  
(CAP. 327)**

**Bye-Laws of 2018 in terms of the  
General Regulations for University Undergraduate Awards, 2004 for the  
Certificate for Graduates of Non-EU/EEA Nursing Programmes  
under the auspices of the Faculty of Health Sciences**

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 Health Sciences by 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 2018 in terms of the General Regulations for University Undergraduate Awards, 2004 for the Certificate for Graduates of Non-EU/EEA Nursing Programmes, under the auspices of the Faculty of Health Sciences.

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

"the Board" means the Board of the Faculty of Health Sciences;

"the Board of Studies" means the Board of Studies appointed for the Course;

"the Course" means the programme of study leading to the Certificate for Graduates of Non-EU/EEA Nursing Programmes;

"the Certificate" means the Certificate for Graduates of Non-EU/EEA Nursing Programmes; and

"the Principal Regulations" means the General Regulations for University Undergraduate Awards, 2004.

### **Applicability**

2. These bye-laws shall be applicable for courses commencing in October 2018 or later.

### **Requirements for Admission**

3. (1) The Course shall be open to applicants in possession of:

(a) a qualification in Nursing deemed suitable by the Board of Studies and recognized at least at Level 5 on the Malta and European Qualifications Frameworks; or

(b) a professional qualification deemed by Senate to be comparable to the qualification indicated in sub-paragraph (a) of this bye-law; or

(c) a qualification in Nursing recognized at Level 4 on the Malta and European Qualifications Frameworks together with a qualification in an area related to Nursing recognized at Level 5 on the Malta and European Qualifications Frameworks. Such applicants may be required to successfully complete additional study-units as specified in bye-law 8 of these bye-laws.

(2) In addition to the qualifications listed in paragraph (1) of this bye-law, applicants shall be required to provide evidence that they are in possession of the licence to practice as a nurse awarded by the relevant regulatory council of the country from where the qualification referred to in paragraph (1) was awarded.

4. Senate, on the advice of the Board, may limit the number of students that may be admitted to the Course depending on the availability of resources. The Board shall announce the number of available places at the time of the call for applications.

5. Qualified applicants shall be accepted on a first-come first-served basis (in order of receipt of application and full documentation) up to any maximum number of students as approved by Senate.

6. Once accepted to the Course, students are also required to undergo an occupational health assessment so as to ascertain that they are fit for the duties related to their proposed studies. Students who do not fulfil this requirement may be barred from progressing with their studies. Failure to disclose information about a physical or mental health problem that could affect patient safety is considered to be a serious breach of the University Suitability to Practise Regulations.

### **Course Duration**

7. The Course shall extend over a period of one semester of full-time study or the equivalent in part-time studies.

### **Programme of Study**

8. The Course shall consist of a number of study-units to which 30 ECTS credits shall be assigned:

provided that students admitted in terms of sub-paragraph (c) of paragraph (1) of bye-law 3 may be required by the Board of Studies to register and successfully complete additional study-units in nursing studies to which a maximum of 15 ECTS credits shall be assigned.

9. Students are bound to follow the study-units and obtain the credits as indicated by the Board of Studies, which shall be tasked to ensure that gaps in the training received by the students in the Non-EU/EEA nursing programmes are addressed and that students received adequate training to ensure compliance with the EU directive for Nurse Education (Directive 2005/36/EC) and thus, are eligible for registration with the relevant regulatory Council/s.

### **Result of the Award**

10. (1) The Certificate shall be awarded to students who obtain all the credits indicated in bye-law 8.

(2) The names of students who qualify for the award of the Certificate shall be published in a list in alphabetical order.