# EDUCATION ACT (CAP. 327)

#### SPECIAL POWERS OF SENATE IN EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES REGULATIONS, 2020

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 regulations made by the Senate of the University of Malta by virtue of the powers conferred upon it by articles 75 (3) and 79 (b) of the said Act:

## **Citation and Interpretation**

- 1. (1) These regulations may be cited as the Special Powers of Senate in Extraordinary Circumstances Regulations, 2020.
- (2) In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires, the term "extraordinary circumstances" shall refer to any event or circumstance that could not be avoided even if reasonable steps were to be taken, such as the spread of a disease in the country or a pandemic or any extraordinary circumstance related to public order when national authorities recommend or order specific measures; and in any case, when such a circumstance would seriously interfere with the normal activities of the University as determined by the Rector of the University.

### **Applicability**

- 2. (1) These regulations shall be applicable from 1 May 2020 onwards.
- (2) In the event of a conflict between these regulations and any other regulations, these regulations shall take precedence.

#### **University Senate Special Powers**

- 3. In extraordinary circumstances when normal University activities have to stop or be drastically restricted due to situations beyond the control of the University, Senate may take any measure it deems appropriate for the teaching and assessment activities to be cancelled or postponed or done differently as provided for or required in any regulations.
- 4. (1) The special measures shall be applicable only to those students who have been materially and/or substantially affected by the extraordinary circumstances.
- (2) From time to time, Senate shall decide whether the extraordinary circumstances are still in force for the purposes of these regulations.