

Law No. (7) of 2013 Concerning the Establishment of Rabdan Academy

- We, Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Ruler of Abu Dhabi.
- Having reviewed Law No. (1) of 1974 on the Reorganization of the Governmental Apparatus in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi and its amending laws.
- And Law No. (2) of 1971 concerning the National Consultative Council and its amending laws.
- And Federal Law No. (4) of 1992 concerning the organization of the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research.
- And based on what was presented to the Executive Council, and its approval thereof.
- We have issued the following Law:

Article (1)

In the application of the provisions of this Law, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings assigned to each of them, unless the context otherwise requires.

The State: The United Arab Emirates.

The Emirate: The Emirate of Abu Dhabi.

The Executive Council: The Executive Council of the Emirate.

The Academy: Rabdan Academy.

The Board of Trustees: The Board of Trustees of the Academy.

Concerned Entities: Federal, local, semi-governmental, and private entities participating in the Academy's activities inside and outside the Emirate.

Beneficiary Entities: Governmental, semi-governmental, private entities, and community members benefiting from the Academy's activities.

Accredited Academic Certificate: Diploma, Higher Diploma, Bachelor's, Master's, Doctorate, and vocational education and training certificates, in

accordance with the designations and levels of the National Qualifications Framework.

Academy Programs: Joint and specialized academic education, technical, and vocational training programs in the fields of safety, security, defense, emergency preparedness, and crisis management.

The Academic Council: The Academic Council of the Academy.

Article (2)

An academy with an independent legal personality called "Rabdan Academy" shall be established, enjoying financial and administrative independence, and having full legal capacity to conduct its business and achieve its objectives. It shall report to the Executive Council.

Article (3)

The headquarters of the Academy shall be in the city of Abu Dhabi, and by a decision of the Board of Trustees, it may establish branches or offices inside and outside the Emirate.

Article (4)

The Academy aims to be a primary resource for future leaders and a distinguished national center for qualifying and developing cadres in the fields of safety, security, defense, emergency preparedness, and crisis management, based on a scientific methodology to achieve a unified, integrated, and effective response to all types of threats, risks, incidents, and crises with high efficiency, and to instill the principles of sustainable education, in order to enhance the efficiency of the concerned entities.

Article (5)

To achieve its objectives, the Academy shall be competent to (1) do the following:

1- Establish a distinguished academic and training system by developing and implementing the Academy's programs according to the best and latest international methods and curricula in the fields of safety, security, defense, emergency preparedness, and crisis management.

- 2- Prepare the Academy's programs and specialized scientific and training activities to meet the needs of beneficiary entities for highly competent and qualified scientific cadres.
- 3- Prepare scientific and training cadres and organize specialized workshops, conferences, and seminars in the fields of the Academy's programs.
- 4- Provide advisory and technical services to concerned and beneficiary entities of the Academy's programs.
- 5- Develop academic, scientific, and practical partnerships, in cooperation with entities working in the fields of the Academy's programs inside and outside the State, as well as with concerned and beneficiary entities, to exchange expertise in order to achieve sustainable academic and scientific development in the fields of the Academy's programs.
- 6- Establish and develop a modern database to serve as a reference for specialists in the fields of the Academy's programs.
- 7- Any other competencies assigned to it by the Executive Council.

Article (6)

- The Academy shall have a Board of Trustees consisting of a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, and a number of members not exceeding nine, whose formation shall be issued by a decision of the Chairman of the Executive Council.
- The term of membership in the Board of Trustees is three years, renewable.
- The Board of Trustees shall issue its own internal regulations, which shall include its meeting procedures and how to vote on its decisions.

Article (7)

The Board of Trustees shall exercise all necessary powers to manage the work of the Academy, supervise its affairs, and achieve its objectives. In particular, it shall have the following:

- 1 - Formulate the strategic plans of the Academy.

- 2- Set the general policies of the Academy and its annual objectives, and follow up on their implementation to meet the needs of the State and the Emirate.
- 3- Issue the necessary systems and regulations for the operation of the Academy after the approval of the Executive Council.
- 4- Approve the plans, programs, and projects of the Academy, and follow up on their implementation.
- 5- Approve the annual budget of the Academy and the final account in preparation for their adoption by the Executive Council.
- 6- Study the periodic reports submitted by the President of the Academy on the performance, achievements, and needs of the Academy.
- 7- Form permanent or temporary executive and advisory committees to carry out specific tasks and competencies, and it may form joint committees with the Academic Council.
- 8- Support the Academy in communicating and interacting with concerned entities.
- 9- Issue the necessary decisions to activate the role of the Academy with the concerned entities.

Article (8)

The Academy shall have an Academic Council, formed by a decision of the Board of Trustees, with no less than nine and no more than twelve members. It shall hold its meetings in accordance with the Academy's systems and regulations, and shall exercise the powers and competencies related to organizing and following up on academic programs, scientific research plans, and cultural programs at the Academy, their effectiveness, and submitting its recommendations in this regard to the Board of Trustees for approval.

Article (9)

- The Academy shall have a President and a Vice President, who shall be appointed by a decision of the Chairman of the Executive Council.
- The President of the Academy shall exercise the following powers:
 - 1- Implementing the decisions of the Board of Trustees.

- 2- Implementing the strategic plans of the Academy as decided by the Board of Trustees.
 - 3- Preparing the necessary regulations to organize the work in the Academy, and submitting them to the Board of Trustees for approval.
 - 4- Appointing the Academy's employees in accordance with the human resources systems and regulations in force at the Academy.
 - 5- Preparing the draft annual budget and the final account, and submitting them to the Board of Trustees.
 - 6- Submitting periodic reports on the progress of work at the Academy to the Board of Trustees.
 - 7- Representing the Academy before the judiciary and others.
 - 8- Concluding agreements and signing contracts necessary to achieve its objectives after their approval by the Board of Trustees.
 - 9- Any other competencies assigned to him by the Board of Trustees.
- The Vice President of the Academy shall replace the President of the Academy in his absence.
 - The President of the Academy may delegate any of his powers to his Vice President or any of the senior employees of the Academy.

Article (10)

The student shall be awarded - after successfully passing the study requirements - the Accredited Academic Certificate in one of the academic programs after its accreditation by the competent authorities in accordance with the applicable legislation.

Article (11)

The Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the Board of Trustees, any of its members, the President of the Academy, his Vice President, or any of the Academy's employees may not have a direct or indirect personal interest in the contracts concluded with or for the account of the Academy, or in the works and projects it undertakes.

Article (12)

The Academy shall have an independent budget, and its resources shall consist of the following:

- 1- The annual appropriations allocated to it by the Executive Council.
- 2- Tuition fees and any other fees collected in exchange for the services provided by the Academy.
- 3- The revenue from the Academy's real estate and movable property.
- 4- Gifts, donations, bequests, grants, and subsidies approved by the Board of Trustees.

Article (13)

- 1- The Board of Trustees shall appoint one or more national banks operating in the State to deposit the Academy's allocations and funds. The Academy's systems and regulations shall specify the conditions and powers for managing and operating the Academy's bank accounts, including the authorized persons and systems for dealing with incidental expenses.
- 2- The Board of Trustees shall appoint one or more external auditors to audit the Academy's accounts, and the decision shall specify the term of their appointment and their fees.
- 3- At the end of each fiscal year, the Board of Trustees shall prepare a report on its activity and financial position, including its proposals and recommendations, and submit it to the Executive Council for approval.

Article (14)

The fiscal year of the Academy shall begin on the first of January and end on the last of December of each year, with the exception of the first fiscal year, which shall begin from the date this Law comes into force and end at the end of December of the following year.

Article (15)

- The civil service rules and regulations, and the financial and procurement system in force in the Emirate shall apply to the Academy until the issuance of the Academy's own rules in this regard.
- The civil pensions and gratuities law in force in the Emirate shall apply to the national employees of the Academy.

Article (16)

The Academy shall be exempt from all local taxes and fees.

Article (17)

The Board of Trustees shall issue the necessary executive regulations for the implementation of the provisions of this Law after the approval of the Executive Council.

Article (18)

Any text or provision that contradicts or conflicts with the provisions of this Law shall be repealed.

Article (19)

This Law shall be published in the Official Gazette and shall come into force from the date of its issuance.

Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan

Ruler of Abu Dhabi

Issued by us in Abu Dhabi:

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(1) This is how it appeared in the text; we believe the correct form is (The Academy).

Related Legislations

Executive Council Resolution No. (141) of 2023 on the appointment of His Excellency / Salem Saeed Salem Al Saeedi as Vice President of Rabdan Academy