

Law No. (17) of 2007 on the Establishment of the Emirates College for Advanced Education

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 amendments,

And Law No. (2) of 1971 concerning the National Consultative Council and
its amendments,

And Law No. (6) of 2004 on the Reorganization of the Financial Control
Department,

And Law No. (24) of 2005 on the Establishment of the Abu Dhabi Education
Council,

And Federal Law No. (4) of 1992 on the Establishment and Organization of
the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research,

And based on what was presented to the Executive Council and its
approval, We have issued the following law:

Chapter One

Definitions

Article (1)

The following words and phrases shall have the meanings assigned to
each of them, unless the context indicates otherwise:

The State : The United Arab Emirates.

Abu Dhabi
Education Council : The Council established by Law No. (24) of 2005.

The College : Emirates College for Advanced Education.

The Board : The College's Board of Trustees.

Chapter Two

Establishment, Headquarters, and Objectives of the College

Article (2)

A college named (Emirates College for Advanced Education) shall be established, having an independent legal personality and enjoying financial and administrative independence in all its affairs, and full legal capacity.

Article (3)

The main headquarters of the College shall be in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi. By a decision from the Abu Dhabi Education Council, based on a proposal from the Board, branches may be established inside or outside the Emirate.

Article (4)

The College aims to contribute to academic excellence and grant academic degrees by offering high-quality programs for the preparation of teachers and school principals in the State, the Gulf region, and the Middle East, within the framework of the State's general policy.

Article (5)

The College shall grant professional certificates and academic degrees at the bachelor's level for teachers and educational leaders (supervisors, heads of departments, and school principals), as well as advanced certificates and postgraduate degrees (Master's and Doctorate), in accordance with the applicable academic policies, rules, regulations, and procedures.

Chapter Three

Academic and Administrative Organization of the College

Article (6)

- The College shall be supervised by a Board of Trustees consisting of six members, including the Chairman and Vice-Chairman. Their appointment and remuneration shall be issued by a decision of the Chairman of the Executive Council based on a proposal from the Abu Dhabi Education Council. The Vice-Chairman shall replace the Chairman in his absence or if his position becomes vacant.
- The term of membership on the Board is three years, renewable for similar terms.

Article (7)

The Board shall appoint a secretary for its meetings. The internal regulations shall specify the procedures for the Board's meetings and how to vote on its decisions. The Board may form permanent committees from among its members.

Article (8)

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The Board is responsible for the following:

- 1 Adopting the general education policy of the College in line with the purposes for which it was established.
- 2 Presenting the College's future plans to the Abu Dhabi Education Council.
- 3 Approving study programs and their durations and overseeing the curriculum development process.
- 4 Determining the criteria for granting academic qualifications.

- 5 Approving the granting of academic degrees and professional certificates in accordance with the organizing rules.
- 6 Developing the general administrative policy of the College.
- 7 Approving administrative and financial regulations and employment policies of the College.
- 8 Determining and applying tuition fees in coordination with the Abu Dhabi Education Council.
- 9 Approving scholarships, incentives, benefits, and other allowances.
- 10 Overseeing the funds and properties of the College.
- 11 Approving policies and procedures for providing financial support.
- 12 Opening institutional and endowment accounts.
- 13 Approving systems for leasing, purchasing, renting, and mortgaging.
- 14 Appointing the Director and Deputy Director of the College and delegating the necessary powers to them.
- 15 Appointing faculty members.
- 16 Approving the annual report and financial audit statements.
- 17 Any other competencies assigned to the Board.

All or some of these competencies may be delegated by a decision of the Chairman of the Executive Council.

Article (9)

The College Director is the competent authority for appointing the employees and staff of the College within the limits of the regulations issued in this regard.

Article (10)

Committees required for the work of the College shall be formed, and their competencies shall be determined in accordance with the provisions of the internal regulations and systems.

Chapter Four

Faculty Members

Article (11)

Faculty members of the College, both citizens and non-citizens, shall be selected through employment applications in accordance with the educational and research programs of the College.

Chapter Five

Educational Programs

Article (12)

- 1 The College shall offer educational programs in the following areas:
 - Teacher preparation.
 - Postgraduate Diploma in Education leading to a teaching license certificate.
 - Bachelor's degree in Education.
 - Educational programs to grant advanced certificates in educational leadership.
 - Educational programs leading to Master's and Doctorate degrees in education and related fields.
 - Educational programs in other fields with the approval of the Abu Dhabi Education Council.
- 2 The establishment and cancellation of academic departments shall be by a decision of the Board.

Article (13)

The College regulations shall specify the duration of study for the academic year as a whole, the duration of the semester, and the standards and procedures for student performance, promotion, and the granting of academic degrees and other approved qualifications.

Chapter Six

Financial Affairs

Article (14)

The College shall have an annual budget approved by the Board of Trustees, consisting of the following resources:

- 1 Annual appropriations allocated by the Abu Dhabi Education Council.
- 2 Appropriations designated for special projects.
- 3 Revenue from the College's fixed and movable assets.
- 4 Any other financial resources approved by the Abu Dhabi government based on a proposal from the Board.
- 5 Grants, bequests, and financial and in-kind subsidies that are consistent with its objectives and approved for acceptance by the Board.
- 6 Surplus realized in the College's budgets from previous years.

Article (15)

Expenditure shall be made within the limits of the approved budget in accordance with the financial regulations approved by the Board in coordination with the Abu Dhabi Education Council.

Article (16)

The Abu Dhabi Education Council shall appoint one or more certified legal auditors to review and audit all the College's accounts. The auditors shall have the necessary powers to review any documents or records that assist them in performing their duties in accordance with the law.

Article (17)

The executive regulations and necessary decisions for the implementation of the provisions of this law shall be issued by a decision of the Chairman of the Executive Council based on a proposal from the Board.

Article (18)

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

Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan

Ruler of Abu Dhabi

Issued by us in Abu Dhabi

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Executive Council Resolution No. (124) of 2025 was issued to reconstitute the Board of Trustees of the Emirates College for Advanced Education