

Law No. (25) of 2019 on the Establishment of Mohamed bin Zayed University of Artificial Intelligence

We, Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Ruler of Abu Dhabi.

Having reviewed Law No. (1) of 1974 regarding 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. (2) of 2000 concerning Civil Pensions and Gratuities for the Emirate of Abu Dhabi, and its amendments.
- And Law No. (9) of 2018 on the Establishment of the Department of Education and Knowledge.
- And Federal Law No. (1) of 1972 concerning the Competencies of Ministries and the Powers of Ministers, and its amendments.
- And Federal Decree-Law No. (1) of 2010 on the Establishment and Regulation of the National Qualifications Authority.
- And based on what was presented to the Council, and its approval thereof.
- We have issued the following Law:

Article (1)

This text is in accordance with the latest amendment under Law No. (10) of 2024 - to view the original text

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 indicates otherwise:

The State	: The United Arab Emirates.
The Emirate	: The Emirate of Abu Dhabi.
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The University	: Mohamed bin Zayed University of Artificial Intelligence.

The Board of Trustees	: The University's Board of Trustees.
The President	: The President of the University.
The Council	: The Artificial Intelligence and Advanced Technology Council.

Article (2)

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Pursuant to the provisions of this Law, a university named "Mohamed bin Zayed University of Artificial Intelligence" shall be established, having an independent legal personality and full legal capacity to act, and shall be affiliated with the Council.

The Council may change the affiliation of the University to any entity it specifies.

Article (3)

The main headquarters of the University shall be in the city of Abu Dhabi, and by a decision of the Board of Trustees, after the approval of the Council, branches may be opened within or outside the Emirate.

Article (4)

The University aims to support the scientific research and development process, create knowledge, and transfer and use artificial intelligence, and it shall have the following competencies:

1. Establishing a distinguished academic and research system in various fields of computer science and its applications in artificial intelligence.
2. Building and developing academic, scientific, and research partnerships with scientific and academic institutions inside and outside the Emirate, and exchanging experiences to ensure sustainable scientific and academic development, through the conclusion of necessary agreements and memoranda of understanding.

3. Preparing and financing research and reports related to artificial intelligence.
4. Providing advice and consultations in the University's fields of work and specializations to any entity, including local or international entities.
5. Issuing publications, including specialized research, studies, and papers.
6. Holding and participating in local, regional, and international conferences, seminars, meetings, and workshops.
7. Implementing strategies related to commercial activities and intellectual property arising from the University's research and its collaborations with others.
8. Any other competencies assigned to it by the Council.

Article (5)

- The University shall have a Board of Trustees of no less than five members, including its chairman and vice-chairman, whose appointment shall be issued by a decision from the Council.
- The term of membership of the Board of Trustees is three years, renewable.
- The Board of Trustees shall issue its own internal regulations, which shall include its meeting procedures, the legal quorum for its meetings, voting on its decisions, and how to pass resolutions by circulation in cases of necessity.

Article (6)

* The Board of Trustees shall have the following competencies:

1. Approving the general policy and strategic plans of the University in line with the policies of the Emirate and the State, and following up on their implementation.
2. Approving the University's plans, specializations, and programs, and reviewing and evaluating their application annually.
3. Approving the draft annual budget of the University and submitting it to the Council for approval.

4. Approving the organizational structure of the University and submitting it for approval in accordance with the established systems.
5. Forming permanent or temporary committees from among its members and others to undertake specific tasks or competencies determined by the Board of Trustees.
6. Issuing the necessary rules and regulations for managing the various activities and operations of the University.
7. Issuing the University's internal regulations, including financial, administrative, and human resources regulations, after the approval of the Council.
8. Approving admission policies, systems of study, training, examinations, and graduation requirements.
9. Awarding academic degrees and certificates in accordance with the regulations and instructions it issues in this regard.
10. Approving memoranda of understanding, agreements, and academic, scientific, and research partnerships concluded by the University inside or outside the Emirate, within the limits of the University's approved budget and in accordance with applicable legislation.
11. Approving scientific research policies and the associated commercial strategies and activities of the University.
12. Establishing endowment funds to achieve the University's goals and purposes in coordination with the relevant authorities.
13. Establishing or contributing to companies related to the University's competencies.
14. Approving the ownership, leasing, and renting of real estate for the operations of the University, its branches, its companies, and its scientific research centers.
15. Approving university fees and financial rewards for students after the approval of the Council.
16. Reviewing periodic reports on the University's performance.
17. Borrowing in accordance with applicable legislation.
18. Appointing consultants and experts and determining their fees.
19. Any other competencies or tasks assigned by the Council.

* The Board of Trustees may delegate some of its competencies to the President, provided that the delegation is in writing.

Article (7)

The University shall have a President whose appointment is issued by a decision of the Council based on the recommendation of the Board of Trustees. He shall manage the daily work of the University and shall have the following competencies:

1. Managing the University's scientific, financial, and administrative affairs in accordance with the provisions of this Law and the regulations and decisions issued by the Board of Trustees.
2. Issuing the necessary decisions to ensure the proper functioning of the University in accordance with applicable legislation.
3. Proposing draft internal regulations for the University and submitting them to the Board of Trustees.
4. Preparing the organizational structure of the University and submitting it to the Board of Trustees.
5. Preparing the draft annual budget of the University and submitting it to the Board of Trustees.
6. Preparing academic and administrative programs and plans that contribute to achieving the University's goals, submitting them to the Board of Trustees, and following up on their implementation.
7. Appointing and terminating the services of University employees in accordance with the University's internal regulations.
8. Representing the University before the judiciary and others.
9. Preparing periodic reports on the University's performance and submitting them to the Board of Trustees.
10. Any other tasks assigned by the Board of Trustees.

* The President may delegate some of his competencies to any of the University's employees, provided that the delegation is in writing.

Article (8)

The financial resources of the University shall consist of the following:

1. The annual appropriations allocated to it by the Government of Abu Dhabi.
2. University fees and any other fees collected by the University in return for the services it provides.

3. The return on investment of its movable and immovable funds.
4. Donations, subsidies, grants, and any other revenues that are consistent with the University's objectives and approved by the Board of Trustees.
5. Financial support provided by the public sector or by private sector companies and institutions, individuals, and various scientific research financing institutions, which is allocated to finance specific research or activities and is spent according to its designated purposes, outside the University's approved budget.
6. Any other revenues approved by the Council.

Article (9)

The fiscal year of the University 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 on the last of December of the following year.

Article (10)

The University shall have one or more external auditors from among the accredited auditors to audit the University's accounts and financial statements. Their appointment and the determination of their fees shall be issued by a decision of the Board of Trustees in accordance with the applicable legislation in the Emirate.

Article (11)

* The University's employees shall be subject to the human resources systems and policies issued by the Board of Trustees.

* The Civil Pensions and Gratuities Law in force in the Emirate shall apply to its national employees.

Article (12)

Any text or provision that violates or contradicts the provisions of this Law is hereby repealed.

Article (13)

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

Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan

Ruler of Abu Dhabi

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Note on amendment of terms:

The second paragraph of Article (1) of Law No. (10) of 2024 states: 'The phrases "the Executive Council" and "the Chairman of the Executive Council" shall be replaced by the word "the Council" wherever they appear in the aforementioned Law No. (25) of 2019 and the regulations, systems, and decisions issued in implementation thereof.'