

Resolution No. (6) of 2025 Concerning the Formation of a Special Committee to Consider Exceptions to the Governance of Higher Education for Citizen Students Abroad

The Chairman of the Education, Human Development, and Community Council,

-Having reviewed Federal Law No. (1) of 1972 concerning the competencies of ministries and the powers of ministers, and its amendments,

-And Federal Decree-Law No. (48) of 2021 concerning Higher Education,

-And Federal Decree-Law No. (49) of 2022 concerning Human Resources in the Federal Government,

-And Federal Decree-Law No. (42) of 2024 concerning the establishment and organization of the Education, Human Development, and Community Council,

-And Cabinet Resolution No. (48) of 2023 concerning the Implementing Regulations of Federal Decree-Law No. (49) of 2022 on Human Resources in the Federal Government,

-And the Resolution of the Chairman of the Education, Human Development, and Community Council No. (5) of 2025 concerning the Governance of Higher Education for Citizen Students Abroad,

-And the Resolution of the Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research No. (93) of 2010 concerning the conditions for the equivalency of certificates for students studying abroad,

-And the Resolution of the Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research No. (34) of 2025 concerning the system for the recognition of higher education qualifications from outside the country,

-And based on the proposal of the Secretary-General of the Council and the requirements of the public interest,

We have decided the following:

Article (1) Formation of the Committee

A special committee shall be formed within the Education, Human Development, and Community Council, named the "Committee for Considering Exceptions to the Governance of Higher Education for Citizen Students Abroad," and it shall periodically submit its recommendations and the results of the execution of its tasks to the Chairman of the Education, Human Development, and Community Council.

Article (2) Committee Membership

A. The committee shall be chaired by a representative from the Education, Human Development, and Community Council, with membership from representatives of the following entities, provided that the representation is not below the level of a department director:

1. Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research.
2. Ministry of Defence.
3. Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
4. Scholarships Office at the Presidential Court.
5. Department of Education and Knowledge - Abu Dhabi.
6. Knowledge and Human Development Authority - Dubai.

B. The Chairman of the Council and his deputy may add members from other scholarship-granting entities in the country if the need arises.

C. The Chairman of the Committee may invite experts, specialists, and technicians who are not members to attend meetings and provide opinions on the matters presented to it, if the need arises.

Article (3) Committee Tasks

The committee shall undertake the following tasks:

A. Develop a mechanism for receiving applications from scholarship-granting entities and citizen students studying or wishing to study higher education abroad, for exemption from the Resolution of the Chairman of the Education, Human Development, and Community Council No. (5) of 2025 concerning the Governance of Higher Education for Citizen Students

Abroad, provided that applications are received through the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research.

B. Develop criteria and guidelines for making exemption recommendations based on special considerations related to the scholarship-granting entity, the country of study, the higher education institution, the type of specialization, the student, or other justified reasons.

C. Review the exemption requests received and submit its recommendations, including reasons and justifications, to the Chairman of the Education, Human Development, and Community Council, who will issue the decision on whether to grant the exemption.

D. Prepare and submit periodic reports on the committee's outcomes to the Chairman of the Education, Human Development, and Community Council, including work progress updates, achievements, performance evaluation, recommendations, and development policies.

E. Carry out any additional tasks assigned to it by the Council or its Executive Committee, in a manner that achieves the committee's objectives and competencies.

Article (4) Committee Meeting Mechanism

A. The committee shall meet regularly at least once a month, or whenever necessary, upon the invitation of its chairman.

B. The committee's meeting shall be valid with the attendance of the majority of its members, and its decisions shall be issued by a majority vote of the attendees. The chairman shall have the casting vote in the event of a tie.

C. The General Secretariat of the Education, Human Development, and Community Council shall organize the committee's work. The committee chairman shall appoint a rapporteur for it, who shall not have the right to vote unless he is a primary member of the committee, and shall undertake the following tasks:

1. Organizing invitations to the committee's meetings.
2. Setting the agenda for the committee's meetings and having it approved by the committee chairman.

3. Recording and documenting the minutes of the committee's meetings.
4. Following up on the implementation of the committee's recommendations and decisions.
5. Preparing periodic reports on work progress for presentation to the committee chairman.
6. Coordinating communication and correspondence between committee members and various entities.
7. Any other tasks assigned by the committee chairman.

Article (5) Entry into Force

This resolution shall come into effect from the date of its issuance, and all concerned authorities shall be notified for its implementation.

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Chairman of the Education, Human Development, and Community Council

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