# Resolution No. (20) of 2023 Concerning the Regulatory Bylaw for Scholarships and Study Leaves in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi

#### Chairman of the Department of Education and Knowledge

- 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. (6) of 2016 Concerning Human Resources in 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 Law No. (15) of 2018 on the Establishment of the Abu Dhabi School of Government.
- And the Chairman of the Executive Council Resolution No. (24) of 2018 Concerning Additional Competencies for the Department of Education and Knowledge.
- And the Executive Council Resolution No. (219) of 2021 on Adding a Track for Medical College Graduates within the Abu Dhabi Scholarship Program.
- And the Executive Council Resolution No. (123) of 2022 Concerning the Scholarship Program (Khotwa).
- And the Executive Council Resolution No. (124) of 2023 Concerning the Organization and Management of Scholarships, Study Leaves, and Grants in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi.
- And Administrative Decision No. (351) of 2017 Concerning the Regulatory and Financial Bylaw for Scholarships and Study Leaves in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi.
- And based on what was presented to and approved by the Executive Council,

It is decided as follows:

# **Chapter One**

# **Definitions and Application**

# Article (1)

#### **Definitions**

In the application of the provisions of this bylaw, 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.
The Government	The Government of Abu Dhabi.
The Department	Department of Education and Knowledge.
The Academy	Abu Dhabi School of Government.
The Committee	The Scholarship Committee, whose formation and work organization are determined by a resolution from the Chairman of the Department.
Government Entities	Departments, authorities, public institutions, agencies, centers, councils, funds, and any other entity affiliated with the Government.
Follow-up Entities	The State's embassies or cultural attachés abroad, or any entity authorized by the Department to follow up on scholarship students.
Scholarship Student	A citizen student, or a citizen employee in one of the Government Entities, who has been awarded a scholarship in accordance with the provisions of this bylaw.
Higher Education	The educational stage following the citizen's attainment of a high school certificate or its equivalent at an educational institution for the purpose of obtaining a

	higher academic degree (Diploma / Bachelor's / Master's / Doctorate), as well as medical studies and related technical fields.
Scholarship	A grant from the Government to citizen students and employees nominated to obtain a higher education qualification within or outside the Emirate in accordance with the provisions of this bylaw.
Study Leave	Leave granted to citizen employees nominated by Government Entities in the Emirate to obtain a scholarship to complete their studies at an educational institution in accordance with the provisions of this bylaw and applicable legislation.
Part-time Attendance	Studying on an intermittent basis, in compliance with the Ministry of Education's minimum requirements for the scholarship student's presence at the educational institution, whether inside or outside the Emirate.
Full-time Attendance	Studying with full attendance by the scholarship student at the educational institution, whether inside or outside the Emirate.
Educational Institution	Public and private educational entities, whether inside or outside the Emirate, including higher education and scientific research institutions licensed and accredited by the relevant authorities in the State and the Emirate.
Community Colleges	Alternative colleges for completing the first two years, at a minimum, of a bachelor's degree for international students.
Tuition Fees	The cost of higher education for a scholarship student enrolled in an educational institution in accordance with the provisions of this bylaw.
People of Determination	Any person with a total or partial, permanent or temporary impairment or disorder in their physical, sensory, mental, communicative, educational, or psychological abilities to an extent that reduces their

	ability to meet their normal requirements in circumstances similar to their peers without disabilities.
Financial Allocations	The monthly amount designated for the scholarship student, in addition to bonuses, allowances, and other benefits they receive, according to the categories indicated in Schedule (A) attached to this bylaw.
Family	The scholarship student's spouse(s) and children who have not reached the age of eighteen.
Companion	A companion of the scholarship student of the first or second degree of kinship in accordance with applicable legislation.
Academic Advisor	A trained and qualified person to provide necessary support to scholarship students during their studies to achieve their academic goals.
Scholarship Contract	The contract concluded between the Department and the scholarship student, which specifies the obligations and rights of both parties.
Khotwa Program	A program concerned with students of low academic performance to complete their higher education.

## Article (2)

# **Application of the Bylaw**

- 1. The provisions of this bylaw shall apply to all scholarship students, including those enrolled or continuing their studies at the time of the issuance of these provisions.
- 2. Scholarship students who received their scholarships before the issuance of this bylaw are granted three academic semesters, or their equivalent, to adjust their academic status in accordance with the provisions of this bylaw.
- 3. Adjustments to allowances and financial allocations for students on scholarships before the issuance of this bylaw will be applied after only one academic year, in accordance with Schedule (A) attached to this bylaw.

#### **Chapter Two**

#### **Student Scholarships**

#### Article (3)

## **Scope of Application**

The provisions of this chapter apply to:

- 1. A student who has obtained a high school certificate or its equivalent to complete their education at an educational institution inside or outside the Emirate.
- 2. A student currently enrolled in higher education who wishes to obtain a scholarship to complete their university education at an educational institution inside or outside the Emirate.

#### Article (4)

### Conditions for a Scholarship for a Bachelor's Degree and Below

To obtain a scholarship for a bachelor's degree and below, the following conditions and controls must be met:

- 1. Must be a citizen of the State, not less than seventeen years of age and not more than twenty-four years of age. Age is proven by a birth certificate, an official extract, or an ID card.
- 2. Obtain a score of no less than 80% on the high school certificate or its equivalent.
- 3. Obtain an accredited academic qualification for the current certificate from the competent authorities in the State that qualifies them to continue their higher education, and attach a recent academic transcript if they are currently studying.
- 4. Obtain academic admission from an educational institution. Those who have obtained academic admission to one of the top 20 universities according to the classification approved by the Department are exempt from any evaluations or admission tests that apply to other students.
- 5. Must pass the personal interview, medical examinations, and tests determined by the Committee.

- 6. Good conduct and behavior, proven by a certificate accredited by the competent authorities in the State.
- 7. The desired field of study must be one of the specializations approved by the Department.
- 8. Obtain a statement of status certificate from the National and Reserve Service.
- 9. Must not have been previously dismissed from any educational institution as a disciplinary measure.
- 10. Must not hold a scholarship from another entity.

#### Article (5)

### Conditions for a Scholarship for the Khotwa Program

To obtain a scholarship for the Khotwa Program, the following conditions and controls must be met:

- 1. Must be a citizen of the State and not less than seventeen years of age. Age is proven by a birth certificate, an official extract, or an ID card.
- 2. Obtain a score of no less than 60% in the eleventh-grade certificate and the high school certificate or its equivalent, provided that the current certificate is accredited by the competent authorities in the State and qualifies them to continue their higher education, and attach a recent academic transcript if they are currently studying at a community college.
- 3. Obtain academic admission from a community college recommended by the Department.
- 4. For a university student enrolled in a community college recommended by the Department, obtain a cumulative GPA of (3.0) out of (4.0) points, and have completed at least (12) credit hours in the semester, accredited by the community college they are enrolled in.
- 5. Obtain a minimum score of (3.0) on the IELTS exam or (31) on the IBT TOEFL exam.
- 6. Must pass the personal interview, medical examinations, and tests determined by the Committee.
- 7. Good conduct and behavior, proven by a certificate accredited by the competent authorities in the State.

- 8. The desired field of study must be one of the specializations recommended by the Department.
- 9. Obtain a statement of status certificate from the National and Reserve Service.
- 10. Must not have been previously dismissed from any educational institution as a disciplinary measure.
- 11. Must not hold a scholarship from another entity and must not be currently employed.

#### Article (6)

## **Conditions for a Scholarship for Postgraduate Studies**

To obtain a scholarship for postgraduate studies, the following conditions and controls must be met:

- 1. Must be a citizen of the State.
- Obtain an accredited academic qualification from the competent authorities in the State that qualifies them to continue their higher education, and attach a recent academic transcript if they are currently studying.
- 3. Obtain academic admission from an educational institution recommended by the Department.
- 4. Must pass the personal interview, medical examinations, and tests determined by the Committee.
- 5. Good conduct and behavior, proven by a certificate accredited by the competent authorities in the State.
- 6. The desired field of study must be one of the specializations recommended by the Department.
- 7. Obtain a statement of status certificate from the National and Reserve Service.
- 8. Must not have been previously dismissed from any educational institution as a disciplinary measure.
- 9. Must not hold a scholarship from another entity.

#### Article (7)

#### **Scholarship Conditions for Students of Determination**

The provisions of this chapter apply to People of Determination who wish to continue their higher education at an educational institution. They shall be treated according to the following rules, conditions, and controls:

- 1. Must be a citizen of the State.
- 2. Must hold a high school certificate or its equivalent.
- 3. Obtain an accredited academic qualification for the current certificate from the competent authorities in the State that qualifies them to continue their higher education, and attach a recent academic transcript if they are currently studying.
- 4. Obtain academic admission from an educational institution recommended by the Department.
- 5. Must pass the personal interview, medical examinations, and assessment tests determined by the Committee.
- 6. Good conduct and behavior, proven by a certificate accredited by the competent authorities in the State.
- 7. Obtain a statement of status certificate from the National and Reserve Service.
- 8. Must not have been previously dismissed from any educational institution as a disciplinary measure.
- 9. Must not hold a scholarship from another entity.

## **Chapter Three**

# Study Leaves and Scholarships for Citizen Employees in Government Entities

## Article (8)

# **Scope of Application**

The provisions of this chapter apply to:

1. An employee nominated to continue their higher education, on a part-time or full-time basis, at an educational institution, who meets the conditions and rules for granting a study leave in accordance with

- applicable legislation and the rules and conditions set forth in this bylaw.
- 2. An employee who has obtained a scholarship through an educational institution or any other scholarship-granting body, or who wishes to study at their own expense, and meets the conditions for a study leave in accordance with applicable legislation.

#### Article (9)

- Without prejudice to the rules and provisions stipulated in the aforementioned Law No. (6) of 2016, the Academy, in coordination with the concerned Government Entity, shall prepare a list of nominated citizen employees for scholarships who have been approved after verifying their fulfillment of all conditions and conducting necessary interviews, and submit it to the Department for approval.
- The Department shall be responsible for the academic and financial follow-up of the scholarship students.

#### Article (10)

The Department of Health shall nominate the physician employee in a manner consistent with its applicable admission criteria and submit the nomination to the Department.

#### Article (11)

## **Scholarship Conditions for Employees of Government Entities**

To grant a scholarship to an employee, the following conditions must be met:

- 1. Fulfillment of the conditions for granting a study leave as stipulated in the aforementioned Law No. (6) of 2016.
- 2. Obtain academic admission from an educational institution recommended by the Department, specifying the study plan, including the type of study, academic specialization, higher education degree, and duration of study.

- 3. The study must be full-time or part-time attendance on the campus of the educational institution, whether inside or outside the Emirate, and in compliance with the conditions of the Ministry of Education.
- 4. Obtain a statement of status certificate from the National and Reserve Service.
- 5. Must be medically fit.
- 6. Good conduct and behavior, proven by a certificate accredited by the competent authorities in the State.
- 7. For those wishing to study outside the State, must obtain a letter of accreditation for the specialization and university from the Ministry of Education.
- 8. Must hold an accredited academic qualification from the competent authorities in the State that qualifies them to continue their university education, and attach a recent academic transcript if they are currently studying.

#### **Chapter Four**

#### **General Provisions**

## Article (12)

## Financial Allocations for the Scholarship Student

- 1. Each student shall be paid, according to their marital status, the financial allocation specified in clause two of Schedule (A) attached to this bylaw.
- 2. Scholarship students in medical studies and related technical fields, in addition to administrative, teaching, and assistant administrative staff, shall be paid, according to their marital status, the financial allocation specified in clause three of Schedule (A) attached to this bylaw.
- 3. A student of determination on a scholarship to study abroad who has a companion shall be paid a housing allowance at the married rate according to their place of study, as per clause (two) of Schedule (A) attached to this bylaw, from their prescribed financial allocation, provided that the companion resides permanently in the country of study during the study period. If the companion leaves, the student is

- entitled to the housing allowance at the single rate from the financial allocation according to the aforementioned schedule.
- 4. A bonus shall be paid to postgraduate scholarship students (non-employees) if they are studying at highly ranked universities, after the official results are announced each academic year, in accordance with clause (two) of Schedule (A-Bonuses).

#### Article (13)

# Countries of Study, Educational Institutions, and Academic Specializations

- The Committee shall propose the countries of study, educational institutions, and academic specializations recommended for study inside and outside the Emirate, and submit them to the Chairman of the Department for approval.
- A list of the approved countries of study, educational institutions, and academic specializations shall be published on the Department's website.

#### Article (14)

## **Scholarship Duration**

- The duration of the scholarship is determined according to the period specified by the educational institution.
- In the event of educational justifications or additional requirements from the educational institution, or for reasons beyond the scholarship student's control, they may submit a request to the Committee to extend the scholarship duration.
- The Committee shall study the request to extend the scholarship duration and submit its recommendations to the Chairman of the Department or their delegate for approval or rejection of this request.

#### Article (15)

#### **Language Study**

By a decision from the Department, a scholarship student may be granted one year to study the language abroad, which may be extended for another year based on reports from the follow-up entities or the educational institution.

#### Article (16)

#### **Academic Performance Rules**

The academic performance of all scholarship students shall be evaluated by the competent administration for scholarship affairs at the Department, which will submit its recommendations to the Committee in coordination with the Academy. Measures outlined in Schedule (B) attached to this bylaw shall be taken regarding them, based on the evaluation results.

#### Article (17)

## **Scholarship Contract**

The Department shall issue scholarship contract forms for the implementation of the provisions of this bylaw.

## Article (18)

# **Obligations of the Scholarship Student**

The scholarship student is committed to the following duties:

- 1. Adhere to the regulations and bylaws applicable at the Department, the follow-up entities, and the educational institution they are enrolled in, as well as any other obligations stipulated in the scholarship contract.
- Attend classes regularly, pay attention to lessons, not be absent, and exert maximum effort in their studies to obtain the higher education certificate for which they were sent on scholarship within the specified period.

- 3. Maintain good conduct and behavior, uphold the reputation of the State, respect its customs, traditions, laws, and symbols, and represent the State in the best possible manner abroad.
- 4. Adhere to the approved study plan at the educational institution they are enrolled in and provide it to the academic advisor at the beginning of the scholarship.
- 5. Complete the practical training program as determined by the educational institution.
- 6. Not change their specialization or pursue a minor or double major without prior approval from the Department.
- 7. Not change their place of study or the higher education program they were sent for without prior approval from the Department.
- 8. Respect all laws of the host country, especially immigration and residency laws, and not interfere in its affairs or engage in any activities that violate its regulations and policies or are inconsistent with the interests of the State.
- 9. Settle and fulfill all contractual and financial obligations incumbent upon them and clear their liabilities with any entity before leaving the host country.
- 10. Prepare all required travel documents to be ready to travel at the specified time.
- 11. Commit to responding to inquiries from the academic advisor and cooperating with them through all means of communication. Failure to comply will result in disciplinary action against the scholarship student in accordance with clause (five) of Schedule (C) attached to this bylaw.
- 12. Periodically update and provide the follow-up entities, the Department, and the academic advisor with correct contact information, address, and personal and academic profile data.
- 13. Provide the Department or the academic and social advisor with their academic transcript at the end of each semester or academic year.
- 14. Designate the Department as the primary point of contact regarding their academic files.
- 15. Reside with a host family in the host country when on a scholarship to a community college.
- 16. Work for the Government Entity or the employer they are nominated to work for according to the applicable regulations and systems. In

- case of non-compliance, the Department has the right to demand the scholarship student to repay all financial allocations disbursed to them during their studies.
- 17. Submit a copy of their scientific research to the Department, respecting the intellectual property rights of the scholarship student, for the use of their research findings for scientific research purposes when on a scholarship for a postgraduate program.
- 18. Not retake courses they have already passed or withdraw from more than one course per year without prior approval from the Department.
- 19. The scholarship student or their legal representative must sign the scholarship contract form before starting the scholarship.
- 20. Participate in training workshops and activities organized or recommended by the Department.
- 21. Notify the Department if they obtain practical training or a job after graduation.
- 22. The employee scholarship student must return immediately after completing their higher education requirements according to reports from the educational institution or follow-up entities.

## Article (19)

#### **Allowances and Allocations**

- 1. Scholarship students studying abroad, excluding employees on parttime scholarships, shall be paid the allowances specified in clause one of Schedule (A) attached to this bylaw.
- 2. A scholarship student shall be granted a financial allocation based on their place of study, academic degree, and marital status in accordance with clause two of Schedule (A) attached to this bylaw. The financial allocation shall be disbursed from the beginning of the month in which the student joins their place of study and shall continue for a maximum of two months for a scholarship student and one month for a student in the Khotwa Program after completing their university education requirements. Financial allocations and allowances for students studying abroad shall not be disbursed until all travel procedures, including obtaining the necessary visas, are completed.

- 3. Scholarship students in community colleges shall be paid, if needed at the beginning of the scholarship, a hotel accommodation allowance as stated in Schedule (A) attached to this bylaw, upon the recommendation of the Committee.
- 4. A student who has completed the prescribed study period in a community college and enrolls in a bachelor's program at an educational institution recommended by the Department is entitled to the monthly amount allocated to bachelor's students on scholarship abroad. Otherwise, the community college scholarship student will continue to receive the same monthly amount they received from the beginning of their scholarship until the end of the scholarship period.
- 5. The Department has the right to reduce or cancel all or some of the financial allocations if the student attends classes remotely or is present within the State.

#### Article (20)

#### **Tuition Fees**

- 1. The Department shall bear the tuition fees for the scholarship student from the beginning of the academic year semester in which the Committee's decision was issued, and any other expenses necessary to complete higher education requirements, upon the recommendation of the follow-up entities or educational institutions.
- 2. The Department shall bear the fees for preparatory programs for postgraduate study exams for scholarship students once, renewable for another period during their higher education, upon the recommendation of the follow-up entities and the approval of the Department.
- 3. The Department shall bear the tuition fees, if any, for students of the Khotwa Program to complete their studies within the State to obtain a bachelor's degree if the student's health condition requires it, based on the approval of the Medical Committee in the Emirate.
- 4. Tuition fees for the employee scholarship student shall be paid from the date of scholarship approval. The fees for the semester in which the approval was issued will also be covered, but fees for previous semesters will not be covered retroactively.

#### Article (21)

#### **Travel Tickets**

- 1. Scholarship students studying abroad are entitled to a cash allowance for two round-trip travel tickets (annually) in economy class or business class, depending on their health condition as approved by the competent authorities, based on ticket prices at the time of travel with the national carrier of the State. If the national carrier cannot reach the required destination, it will be done based on the prevailing prices of other companies and according to the procedures followed by the Department.
- 2. Family members of an employee on a full-time scholarship abroad are entitled to a cash allowance for two round-trip travel tickets (annually) in economy class as mentioned in the previous clause.
- 3. A companion is entitled to a cash allowance for two travel tickets for the first year of the scholarship student's enrollment. This cannot be claimed if not used within the (60) day period in the first year of the scholarship.
- 4. Scholarship students studying abroad are entitled to a cash allowance for an additional round-trip travel ticket in economy class with the approval of the Department in the following cases:
  - Changing the place of study from one country to another.
  - Death of a spouse or a first-degree relative.
  - The scholarship student studying abroad contracts an illness that requires their return to the State, based on the recommendations of an official medical entity and the approval of the follow-up entities. The Department will determine the appropriate class for the flight ticket based on the scholarship student's health condition.
  - The need to return to the State due to crises or disasters in the host country as determined by the relevant authorities.
- 5. In the event of death, the Department shall bear the costs of preparing and transporting the body of the scholarship student or one of their accompanying family members from abroad. In the former case, the person accompanying the body is entitled to an economy class travel ticket to return to the State.

- 6. No cash allowance for travel tickets or expenses stipulated in this article shall be paid to any family member of the employee scholarship student or to the companion of a scholarship student who has received a scholarship or study leave from the Department or any other entity.
- 7. An employee on scholarship studying within the State shall be provided with an airline ticket if their university education requires them to be outside the State for reasons explained in the study plan and supported by a report from the educational institution.
- 8. To be eligible for the travel ticket allowance for scholarship students and their families under this article, permanent residence in the country of study during the study period is required.
- 9. The Department has the right to suspend the travel ticket allowance if the student attends classes remotely and is present within the State.

#### Article (22)

#### **Medical Treatment**

- 1. With the exception of part-time scholarship students, scholarship students studying abroad are entitled to health insurance for themselves and their families according to the treatment system in place at the follow-up entities. Cosmetic procedures, including orthodontics and contact lenses, are not covered.
- 2. If health insurance does not cover the cost of treatment, the scholarship student shall submit a detailed medical report to the Department explaining the patient's health condition, which must be certified by the competent medical authority in the State.
- 3. An employee on scholarship studying within the State is entitled to medical insurance if their higher education requires them to be outside the State for reasons explained in the study plan and supported by a report from the educational institution.

#### Article (23)

#### **Family Education**

The Department shall bear the tuition fees for the family of an employee on a full-time scholarship abroad for the entire duration of their studies, as follows:

- 1. Language education for the spouse(s) for six months to study the language abroad, which may be extended for another six months based on reports from the follow-up entities or the educational institution.
- 2. Education for children under the age of eighteen, from kindergarten to the end of high school or its equivalent, or from age (3 to 18 years) or its equivalent.
- 3. With the exception of employees on part-time scholarships, a widowed or divorced employee who is sent on scholarship to study abroad and wishes to bring their dependent children to the host country shall be treated as a married person, provided that their presence in that country with the employee throughout the study period is proven by official and accredited documents from the follow-up entities.
- 4. Expenses for housing, transportation, clothing, food, school trips, or any other fees are not included in the tuition fees that the Department bears for the scholarship student's children.

## Article (24)

#### Leave

- 1. The policies in effect at the educational institution regarding leave shall apply to the scholarship student during the scholarship period.
- 2. A student may travel abroad to study up to a maximum of three weeks before the scheduled start date of their studies and must return within a period not exceeding (30) days after completing their higher education requirements or after the end of their study period, according to reports from the educational institution or follow-up entities.

#### Article (25)

#### **Penalties**

The Department has the right to apply the schedule of violations and penalties contained in Schedule (C) attached to this bylaw in the event that the scholarship student breaches any clause of this bylaw.

# Article (26)

#### **Deferment or Suspension of Studies**

- 1. A scholarship student may request to suspend their studies for one semester during the entire scholarship period, after obtaining prior approval from the Department. The employee's employer and the Academy must be notified if the scholarship student is an employee.
- 2. The Department may defer or suspend the registration of a scholarship student's studies, when necessary - for a period not exceeding another semester or its equivalent, upon the request of the scholarship student, after coordination with the employee's employer and the Academy in the case of an employee scholarship student, in the following cases:
  - Death of a spouse or a first-degree relative.
  - Injury or illness that requires a temporary deferment or suspension of studies, provided that a detailed medical report explaining their health condition, certified by the competent medical authority in the State, is submitted to the Department.
  - If the scholarship student's health condition requires the suspension of studies for more than two semesters, subject to the approval of the educational institution they are enrolled in and the Department, with the suspension of their financial allocations.
  - The Department, in coordination with the Academy, may defer or suspend studies upon the request of the employee scholarship student's employer if the needs of the work so require.
  - Financial allocations shall not be paid to the scholarship student for the semester in which their studies are suspended, with the

- exception of the housing allowance if the scholarship student is a student.
- Financial allocations shall not be suspended for female scholarship students who have to suspend their studies for one semester due to childbirth.
- The disbursement of financial allocations to the scholarship student shall resume after they have proven their official registration for studies in the following semester.

#### Article (27)

#### **Cancellation of the Scholarship**

- 1. The Chairman of the Department or their delegate, upon the recommendation of the Committee, may cancel the scholarship of a student and recover what was spent on them in the following cases:
  - Breach of their obligations and duties stipulated in this bylaw or the scholarship contract.
  - Dismissal under the regulations and systems of the educational institution they are enrolled in for any reason.
  - c. Failure to meet the minimum academic performance standards according to Schedule (B) attached to this bylaw.
  - d. Failure to achieve the minimum required GPA for three consecutive semesters, or failing in two separate or consecutive academic years according to the annual system.
  - e. Failure to complete their higher education requirements within the specified period.
  - f. If the reports received about them from the follow-up entities or the educational institution where they study are unsatisfactory, or if they violate the instructions and directives issued to them by the Department.
  - g. Changing their specialization, place of study, or higher education program without obtaining prior approval from the Department.
  - h. Failure to enroll in the educational institution for a period of one month from the start date of the study without an excuse acceptable to the Department.

- i. Absence or withdrawal from studies without an excuse acceptable to the Department.
- j. Registering for a number of credit hours or courses less than the minimum required in each semester or academic year according to the regulations of the educational institution.
- k. Violation of applicable legislation, interference in the affairs of the State or the Emirate, or their high policies, or disrespect for their symbols.
- I. If a judicial verdict is issued against them for committing a felony or a misdemeanor affecting honor, inside or outside the Emirate, unless they are rehabilitated according to applicable legislation.
- m. If they marry a non-GCC citizen during their studies.
- n. If they obtain a scholarship or grant from another entity.
- o. If they register for courses at another educational institution, whether in the country where they are studying or abroad, and complete them without the Department's approval, even if their primary university accepts them as courses added to their higher education requirements.
- 2. In the event of canceling the scholarship for any of the reasons mentioned in the clause of this article, the Department has the right to demand the repayment of all amounts spent on or for the student throughout their study period.

#### Article (28)

## **Exceptions and Exemptions**

The Chairman of the Department, upon the recommendation of the Committee and with the approval of the Executive Council, may exempt a scholarship student from repaying all or part of the financial allocations in either of the following two cases:

- If they permanently discontinue their studies or are unable to complete their studies for health and medical reasons, based on medical reports certified by the follow-up entities and approved by the competent Medical Committee in the State.
- If, after completing their studies, they suffer from a terminal illness, a permanent disability, or a physical or psychological impairment that

prevents them from performing their job, based on a medical report certified and approved by the competent Medical Committee in the State.

#### Article (29)

Without prejudice to the provisions of Executive Council Resolution No. (219) of 2021 mentioned above, the provisions of Articles 18 and 27 of this bylaw shall apply to those addressed by that resolution, and the financial allocations stipulated in clause two of Schedule (A) attached to this bylaw shall apply to them.

#### Article (30)

The Chairman of the Department shall issue the necessary policies, resolutions, and guidelines for the implementation of the provisions of this bylaw.

### Article (31)

- Administrative Decision No. (351) of 2017 mentioned above is hereby repealed.
- Any text or provision that contradicts or conflicts with the provisions of this resolution is hereby repealed.

#### Article (32)

This resolution shall be published in the Official Gazette and shall come into effect on the day following the date of its publication.

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