

**A.L. 196 ta' l-2004**

**L-ATT TA' L-2002 DWAR IR-RIKONOXXIMENT  
REĊIPROKU TA' KWALIFIKI  
(ATT NRU. XVIII TA' L-2002)**

**Regolamenti ta' l-2004 dwar iċ-Ċentru Malti għal  
Rikonoxximent ta' Kwalifiki u ta' Informazzjoni,  
u dwar il-Bord ta' l-Appelli  
dwar ir-Rikonoxximent Reċiproku ta' Kwalifiki**

BIS-SETGHA mogħtija lillu bl-artikolu 8 ta' l-Att ta' l-2002 dwar ir-Rikonoxximent Reċiproku ta' Kwalifiki, il-Ministru ta' l-Edukazzjoni, Żgħażaġh u Impieg, għamel ir-regolamenti li ġejjin:—

**1.** (1) Dawn ir-regolamenti jistgħu jissejhu r-Regolamenti ta' l-2004 dwar iċ-Ċentru Malti għal Rikonoxximent ta' Kwalifiki u ta' Informazzjoni u dwar il-Bord ta' l-Appelli dwar ir-Rikonoxximent Reċiproku ta' Kwalifiki.

Titolu, bidu fis-sehh u skop.

(2) Dawn ir-regolamenti jidhlu fis-sehh fl-1 ta' Mejju, 2004.

(3) L-għan ta' dawn ir-regolamenti hu biex jistabbilixxi l-istruttura organizzattiva u operattiva ta' iċ-Ċentru Malti għal Rikonoxximent ta' Kwalifiki u ta' Informazzjoni u l-Bord ta' l-Appelli dwar ir-Rikonoxximent Reċiproku ta' Kwalifiki.

**2.** F'dawn ir-regolamenti, sakemm il-kuntest ma jitlobx mod iehor — Tifsir.

“L-Att” tfisser l-Att dwar ir-Rikonoxximent Reċiproku ta' Kwalifiki;

“Bord ta' l-Appelli” tfisser il-Bord ta' l-Appelli dwar ir-Rikonoxximent Reċiproku ta' Kwalifiki, stabbilit bl-artikolu 7 ta' l-Att;

“iċ-Ċentru” tfisser iċ-Ċentru Malti għal Rikonoxximent ta' Kwalifiki u ta' Informazzjoni, magħruf bhala Malta QRIC stabbilit bl-artikolu 6 (1) ta' l-Att;

“Koordinatur” tfisser il-koordinatur ghal Rikonoxximent Reċiproku stabbilit permezz ta’ l-artikolu 5 ta’ l-Att;

“Il-Kunsill” tfisser il-Kunsill ta’ Awtoritajiet Kompetenti dwar ir-Rikonoxximent Reċiproku ta’ Kwalifiki stabbilit bir-regolament 6 ta’ dawn ir-regolamenti;

“Il-Konferenza ta’ Awtoritajiet Nominati” tfisser il-Konferenza ta’ Awtoritajiet Nominati dwar ir-Rikonoxximent Reċiproku ta’ Kwalifiki, stabbilita bir-regolament 7 ta’ dawn ir-regolamenti;

“*desk officers*” tfisser id-*desk officers* tal-Malta QRIC responsabbli biex jikkoordinaw mal-Pajjiżi identifikati u l-awtoritajiet nominati stabbiliti b’dawn ir-regolamenti;

## Parti I

### Struttura organizzattiva u operattiva ta’-Ċentru Malti ghal Rikonoxximent Reċiproku ta’ Kwalifiki u ta’ Informazzjoni

*Chairman* tal-Malta QRIC.

**3.** Iċ-Ċentru ghandu jkun immexxi mid-Direttur nominat biex ikun responsabbli ghal Malta QRIC li jkun meghjun fix-xoghol tieghu mill-assistent direttur nominat.

*Desk officers.*

- 4.** (1) Ghandu jkun hemm *desk officers* fil-Malta QRIC
- (2) Il-funzjonijiet tad-*desk officers* ghandhom ikunu li:
- (a) jiġbru u jxerrdu informazzjoni relatata mal-kwalifiki akkademiċi u vokazzjonali;
- (b) jikkoordinaw ma’ l-awtoritajiet nominati;
- (ċ) jappoġġaw lill-assistent direttur biex jippromwovi u jtejjeb is-servizz offrut miċ-Ċentru.

Bord dwar l-Evalwazzjoni tal-Kredenzjali Akkademiċi u Vokazzjonali.

**5.** (1) Ghandu jitwaqqaf fil-Malta QRIC Bord dwar l-Evalwazzjoni tal-Kredenzjali Akkademiċi u Bord dwar l-Evalwazzjoni tal-Kredenzjali Vokazzjonali biex iwettaq dmirijiet fl-analiżi komparattiva u r-rikonoxximent ta’ Kwalifiki akkademiċi u, jew kwalifiki vokazzjonali.

(2) Il-funzjonijiet tal-Bord dwar l-Evalwazzjoni tal-Kredenzjali Akkademiċi u l-Bord dwar l-Evalwazzjoni tal-Kredenzjali Vokazzjonali ghandhom ikunu: Funzjonijiet.

(a) biex jassisti lid-Direttur u l-Assistent Direttur nominati biex ikunu responsabbli mill-Malta QRIC fit-tmexxija taċ-Ċentru;

(b) biex jipproċessa talbiet li jaslu għand iċ-Ċentru dwar materji relatati ma' l-għoti ta' informazzjoni dwar il-kwalifiki u r-rikonoxximent;

(ċ) biex jipprovdi opinjoni informata fejn tidhol l-analizi komparattiva ta' kwalifiki akkademiċi u vokazzjonali;

(d) biex jipprovdi informazzjoni dwar istituzzjonijiet edukattivi u l-programmi akkademiċi u, jew vokazzjonali offruti minn dawn l-istituzzjonijiet;

(e) biex jipprovdi informazzjoni imparzjali akkwistata permezz ta' *network* internazzjonali għall-Bord ta' l-Appelli dwar ir-Rikonoxximent Reċiproku ta' Kwalifiki skond il-bżonn.

(3) Il-Bord ta' Evalwazzjoni tal-Kredenzjali Akkademiċi u l-Bord ta' Evalwazzjoni tal-Kredenzjali Vokazzjonali għandu jkun magħmul minn: Kompożizzjoni.

(a) *chairperson*, li jkun uffiċjal *full-time* tad-Divizjoni ta' l-Edukazzjoni u li jaġixxi ta' *desk officer* fil-Malta QRIC, ikun midhla ta' materji relatati mal-kwalifiki akkademiċi u vokazzjonali u istituzzjonijiet li jagħtu dawk il-kwalifiki; u

(i) fil-kaz taċ-*chairperson* tal-Bord ta' Evalwazzjoni tal-Kredenzjali Akkademiċi, ikun membru *ex officio* tal-Bord ta' Evalwazzjoni tal-Kredenzjali Vokazzjonali;

(ii) fil-kaz taċ-*chairperson* tal-Bord ta' Evalwazzjoni tal-Kredenzjali Vokazzjonali, għandu jkun membru *ex officio* tal-Bord ta' Evalwazzjoni tal-Kredenzjali Akkademiċi;

(b) żewġ membri li għandhom ikunu uffiċjali *full-time* tad-Divizjoni ta' l-Edukazzjoni u li jaġixxu bħala *desk officers* fil-Malta QRIC li jkunu midhla ta' materji relatati mal-kwalifiki akkademiċi u vokazzjonali.

Kunsill ta' Awtoritajiet Kompetenti dwar ir-Rikonoxximent Reċiproku ta' Kwalifiki.

L-ghanijiet tal-Kunsill.

**6.** (1) Ghandu jkun stabbilit Kunsill imsejjah Il-Kunsill ta' Awtoritajiet Kompetenti dwar ir-Rikonoxximent Reċiproku ta' Kwalifiki, bl-istess funzjonijiet stabbiliti f'dawn ir-regolamenti.

(2) L-ghanijiet tal-Kunsill ghandhom ikunu li:

(a) jikkoordina l-attivitajiet relatati mar-rikonoxximent u l-evalwazzjoni ta' kwalifiki tad-diversi entitatjiet li jagħtu ċertifikati;

(b) jiżgura li ssir disseminazzjoni f'waqtha ta' informazzjoni relatata mas-suġġett tal-kwalifiki u r-rikonoxximent ta' kwalifiki, li jiġu mill-Unjoni Ewropea, UNESCO, Kunsill ta' l-Ewropa jew organizzazzjonijiet simili;

(ċ) jippromwovi u jiffaċilita, ko-ordinazzjoni fl-istruttura tal-kors, assikurazzjoni dwar il-kwalità u trasparenza fil-kwalifiki.

Funzjonijiet tal-kunsill.

(2) Minghajr preġudizzju għall-ġeneralità ta' l-ghanijiet stabbiliti fir-regolament (6) (2) hawn qabel, il-Kunsill ghandu:

(a) jaqdi dawk il-funzjonijiet l-oħra kollha li huma jew li jistgħu jkunu mogħtija lilu bl-Att jew b'regolamenti magħmulin taħthom;

(b) jagħmel dak kollu meħtieġ u spedjenti skond dawn ir-regolamenti, biex iġib 'il quddiem l-ghanijiet tal-Kunsill;

(ċ) jgħin liċ-*chairperson* biex jistabbilixxi l-kriterji u kull politika li fuqhom jiġi bbażat ir-rikonoxximent, il-komparabbilità u l-evalwazzjoni tal-kwalifiki akkademiċi u vokazzjonali;

(d) jagħti appoġġ lill-promozzjoni u l-iżvilupp ta' dawk l-istrumenti ta' trasparenza fil-kwalifiki u mudelli ta' struttura għall-organizzazzjoni tal-kors, kif jistgħu jiġu żviluppat u maqbula mill-Unjoni Ewropea jew identifikati bhala prattikà tajba f'pajjiżi barra l-Unjoni Ewropea;

(e) jagħmel rakkomandazzjonijiet lill-Koordinatur dwar kull haġa relatata ma' l-implimentazzjoni tad-disposizzjonijiet ta' dawn ir-regolamenti.

Kompożizzjoni tal-Kunsill.

(4) Il-Kunsill ghandu jkun magħmul kif ġej:

- (a) *chairman* li ghandu jkun id-Direttur tal-Malta QRIC;
- (b) membru mahtur mis-Senat ta' l-Università ta' Malta;
- (c) membru mahtur mill-Kunsill ta' l-Istituti tal-Kulleġġ Malti għall-Arti, Xjenza u Teknoloġija;
- (d) membru mahtur mill-Kunsill Malti għall-Kwalifiki Vokazzjonali Professionali;
- (e) uffiċjal pubbliku fid-Divizjoni ta' l-Edukazzjoni responsabbli għall-hruġ ta' permessi biex joperaw lill-istituti edukattivi li mhumiex ta' l-istat;
- (f) rappreżentant ta' l-Istitut għall-Istudji Turistiċi li jiġi mahtur minnu;
- (g) l-assistent direttur li jahdem fil-Malta QRIC;
- (h) iċ-*chairpersons* tal-Bordijiet għall-Evalwazzjoni tal-Kredenzjali Akkademiċi, u tal-Kredenzjali Vokazzjonali, rispettivament.

(5) Minghajr preġudizzju għall-ġeneralità tas-Responsabilitajiet. subregolamenti (2) (3) u (4) ta' dwan ir-regolamenti, kull membru tal-Kunsill ghandu jkun:

- (a) il-persuna ta' kuntatt uffiċjali responsabbli biex tghaddi d-dokumenti u l-informazzjoni kollha magħzula lill-persuna jew persuni kompetenti fl-entità jew korp li jappuntahom;
- (b) responsabbli mill-implimentazzjoni ta' kull politika ministerjali relatata, direttivi ta' l-U.E u kull deċiżjoni u politika tal-Kunsill;
- (c) responsabbli biex jiġi rapportat il-progress għal kull informazzjoni, statistika u jew kull haġa ohra meħtieġa mill-Ministeru, mill-Koordinatur Nazzjonali u, jew mill-Kunsill.

7. (1) Il-Koordinatur ta' Rikonossiment Reċiproku ghandu jstabbilixxi Konferenza li tkun magħrufa bhala l-Konferenza ta' Awtoritajiet Nominati dwar ir-Rikonossiment Reċiproku ta' Kwalifiki. Dik il-Konferenza għandha titlaqqa' darba fis-sena u għandu jkollha dawk il-funzjonijiet stabbiliti f' dawn ir-regolamenti.

Konferenza ta' Awtoritajiet Nominati dwar ir-Rikonossiment Reċiproku ta' Kwalifiki.

L-Ghanijiet tal-Konferenza għall-Awtoritajiet Nominati.

(2) L-ghanijiet tal-Konferenza għall-Awtoritajiet Nominati jkunu li:

- (a) jiffaċilitaw u jippromwovu applikazzjoni uniformi ta' l-Att u r-regolamenti magħmulin tahtu;
- (b) jikkoordinaw l-attivitajiet ta' l-awtoritajiet nominati;
- (ċ) jiżguraw it-tixrid f'waqtu ta' l-informazzjoni dwar materji regolati bl-Att u regolamenti magħmulin tahtu.

Kompożizzjoni.

(3) Il-Konferenza għall-Awtoritajiet Nominati għandha tkun magħmula kif ġej:

- (a) *ic-chairperson* li għandu jkun il-Koordinatur tar-Rikonoxximent Reċiproku;
- (b) *ic-chairperson* tal-Malta QRIC;
- (ċ) il-kap ta' kull wahda mid-diversi awtoritajiet nominati jew ir-rappreżentant tiegħu;
- (d) *id-desk officers* taċ-Ċentru Malti għal Rikonoxximent ta' Kwalifiki u ta' Informazzjoni;
- (e) rappreżentant ta' *l-unions* u rappreżentant ta' min iħaddem mahtur permezz tal-Kunsill Malti għall-Iżvilupp Ekonomiku u Soċjali.

Responsabbilitajiet.

(3) Minghajr preġudizzju għall-ġeneralità tar-regolament 7 (2) ta' dawn ir-regolamenti, il-membri individwali tal-Kunsill ikunu:

- (a) persuni ta' kuntatt uffiċjali ta' l-awtorità li jirrappreżentaw;
- (b) persuni responsabbli għat-tixrid ta' kull informazzjoni;
- (ċ) persuni responsabbli għall-ghoti ta' kull informazzjoni relatata, statistika u kull haġa oħra meħtieġa mill-Ministeru, mill-Koordinatur Nazzjonali u, jew mill-Konferenza ta' l-Awtoritajiet Nominati.

## Parti II

### Bord ta' l-Appell dwar ir-Rikonoxximent Reċiproku ta' Kwalifiki

8. (1) Skond u minghajr preġudizzju għall-artikolu 7 ta' l-Att, il-Ministru responsabbli għall-edukazzjoni għandu jistabbilixxi tliet diviżjonijiet tal-Bord ta' l-Appelli dwar ir-Rikonoxximent Reċiproku ta' Kwalifiki.

Diviżjonijiet tal-Bord ta' l-Appelli dwar ir-Rikonoxximent Reċiproku ta' Kwalifiki.

(a) għarfien ta' diplomi għal edukazzjoni oghla mogħtija fi tmiem ta' Edukazzjoni u Tahriġ Edukattiv ta' mill-anqas tliet snin kif regolat mit-Taqsima 1 tar-Regolamenti ta' l-2002 dwar ir-Rikonoxximent Reċiproku ta' l-Edukazzjoni u Tahriġ Professjonali;

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(b) għarfien ta' korsijiet ta' edukazzjoni u tahriġ oħra f'livell post sekondarju u korsijiet twal jew qosra f'livell sekondarju ta' edukazzjoni, possibilmment ikkumplimentat b'tahriġ jew esperjenza professjonali u regolati mit-Taqsima 2 tar-Regolamenti ta' l-2002 dwar ir-Rikonoxximent Reċiproku ta' l-Edukazzjoni u Tahriġ Professjonali;

(ċ) għarfien ta' attivitajiet professjonali u regolati mir-Regolamenti ta' l-2002 dwar ir-Rikonoxximent Reċiproku ta' Attivitajiet Professjonali.

A.L. 272 ta' l-2002.

(2) Kull diviżjoni tal-Bord għandha tkun magħmula mill-membri tal-Bord u minn żewġ persuni oħra, li jkunu indipendenti mill-awtoritajiet kompetenti li jagħtu kwalifiki u mill-awtorità li toħroġ liċenza, permess jew *warrant*, appuntanta mill-Prim Ministru fuq ir-rakommandazzjoni tal-Ministru responsabbli għall-edukazzjoni minn fost persuni ta' integrità magħrufa li huwa jqis bħala kwalifikati minhabba f'li kellhom esperjenza u kapaċità f'materji kkunsidrati bħala adatti għal skop bħal dak.

Kompożizzjoni.

(3) Il-Bord ma għandux jaġixxi sakemm ma jkunx hemm *quorum* ta' tlieta mill-membri tiegħu inkluż *ic-chairman* jew id-deputat *chairman*.

*Quorum*.

(4) *ic-chairman* tal-Bord, jew fl-assenza tiegħu, membru tal-bord magħżul biex imexxi minflok, għandu jkollu l-poter li jharrek xhieda u li jagħti l-gurament lil kull xhud u li jehtiegu jixhed jew iġib miegħu dokumenti.

Tmexxija ta' l-affarijiet tal-Bord.

(5) Il-Bord ghandu jichad kull appell li ma jsirx bil-miktub fi żmien stipulat fil-liġi.

(6) kull persuna mharrka biex tattendi u tixhed waqt xi seduta tal-Bord tkun marbuta li tobdi t-tahrifa li ssirilha; u kull persuna li tirrifjuta jew tonqos minghajr raġuni suffiċjenti milli tattendi fil-ġurnata, hin u post imsemmija fit-tahrifa li ssirilha jew li twieġeb, bl-aħjar mod li tista', kull mistoqsija li ssirilha mill-Bord, jew li ġġib dokumenti li l-Bord jehtieg li jingiebu quddiemu, tkun hatja ta' reat kontra dan l-Att:

Iżda ebda persuna li tkun qed tixhed quddiem il-Bord ma ghandha tkun imġieghla tinkrimina lilha nnifisha u kull persuna bhal dik ghandha, dwar kull xiehda minnha moghtija quddiem il-Bord, ikollha jedd għall-privileġġi kollha li dwarhom persuna li tkun qed tixhed quddiem il-qorti tkun intitolata għalihom dwar xhieda moghtija minnha quddiem dik il-qorti.

(7) Il-Bord jista' jfittex l-ghajnuna tal-Malta QRIC u n-network li minnha Malta QRIC tagħmel parti għal kull informazzjoni dwar kwalifiki moghtija kemm f'Malta u kemm barra mill-pajjiż.

(8) Id-deċiżjonijiet tal-Bord ghandhom ikunu finali hliet għar-rigward ta' punti tal-liġi deċiżi mill-Bord, li minnhom jista' jsir appell fi żmien għaxart ijiem quddiem il-Qorti ta' l-Appell (Ġurisdizzjoni Inferjuri); l-Imhalef ikollu d-dritt jiddeċiedi *in camera* li dak l-appell ikun frivolu jew vessatorju wara l-gheluq ta' l-istadju tas-sottomissjonijiet bil-miktub; dak l-appell ghandu jkun ukoll regolat b'regoli tal-qorti magħmulin taht l-artikolu 29 tal-Kodiċi ta' Organizzazzjoni u Proċedura Ċivili.

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(9) Il-Bord ghandu, f'Jannar ta' kull sena jipprezenta rapport ta' l-attivitajiet lill-Ministru u lill-Koordinatur Ġenerali tad-Direttivi dwar Sistemi.

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**MUTUAL RECOGNITION OF QUALIFICATIONS ACT,  
2002  
(ACT NO. XVIII OF 2002)**

**Malta Qualifications Recognition Information Centre  
and the Mutual Recognition of Qualifications Appeals Board  
Regulations, 2004**

IN exercise of the power conferred by article 8 of the Mutual Recognition of Qualifications Act, 2002, the Minister of Education, Youth and Employment has made the following regulations:–

**1.** (1) These regulations shall be cited as the Malta Qualifications Recognition Information Centre and of the Mutual Recognition of Qualifications Appeals Board Regulations 2003. Short citation and commencement.

(2) These regulations shall come into force on the 1st May, 2004.

(3) The scope of these regulations is to establish the organisational and operational structure of the Malta Qualifications Recognition Information Centre and of the Mutual Recognition of Qualifications Appeals Board.

**2.** In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires – Interpretation.

“the Act” means the Mutual Recognition of Qualifications Act, 2002;

“Appeals Board” means the Mutual Recognition of Qualification Appeals Board established by article 7 of the Act;

“the Centre” means the Malta Qualifications Recognition Information Centre known as the Malta QRIC established by article 6 (1) of the Act;

“Coordinator” means the Mutual Recognition Coordinator established by article 5 of the Act;

“the Council” means the Mutual Recognition of Qualifications Competent Authorities Council established by regulation 6 of these regulations;

“Designated Authorities Conference” means the Mutual Recognition of Qualifications Designated Authorities Conference established by regulation 7 of these regulations;

“desk officers” means the Malta QRIC desk officers responsible for liaising with identified Countries and designated authorities established by these regulations.

## Part I

### Organisational and operational structure of the Malta Qualifications Recognition Information Centre

Malta QRIC  
Chairman.

**3.** The Centre shall be managed by the Director designated to be responsible for the Malta QRIC who shall be assisted in this task by the designated assistant director.

Desk officers.

**4.** (1) There shall be established desk officers within the Malta QRIC.

(2) The functions of the desk officers shall be:

(a) to collect and disseminate information related to academic and vocational qualifications;

(b) to liaise with the designated authorities;

(c) to support the assistant director in promoting and enhancing the service offered by the Centre.

Academic and  
Vocational  
Credentials  
Evaluation Board.

**5.** (1) There shall be established within the Malta QRIC an Academic Credentials Evaluation Board and a Vocational Credentials Evaluation Board to perform duties in the comparative analysis and recognition of academic and, or vocational qualifications.

Functions.

(2) The functions of the Academic Credentials Evaluation Board and the Vocational Credentials Evaluation Board shall be:

(a) to assist the Director and the Assistant Director designated to be responsible for the Malta QRIC in the running of the Centre;

(b) to process requests reaching the Centre on matters related to the provision of information on qualifications and recognition;

(c) to provide an informed opinion in relation to the comparative analysis of academic and vocational qualifications;

(d) to provide information about educational institutions and the academic and, or vocational programmes offered by these institutions;

(e) to provide impartial information acquired through the international network to the Mutual Recognition of Qualifications Appeals Board as required.

(3) The Academic Credentials Evaluation Board and the Vocational Credentials Evaluation Board shall be composed of: Composition.

(a) a chairperson, who shall be a full time official of the Education Division and serving as desk officer within the Malta QRIC, acquainted with matters related to academic and vocational qualifications and institutions awarding such qualifications; and

(i) in the case of the chairperson of the Academic Credentials Evaluation Board, he shall be an ex officio member of the Vocational Credentials Evaluation Board;

(ii) in the case of the chairperson of the Vocational Credentials Evaluation Board, he shall be an ex officio member of the Academic Credentials Evaluation Board;

(b) two members who shall be full time officials of the Education Division and serving as desk officers within the Malta QRIC acquainted with matters related to academic and vocational qualifications.

6. (1) There shall be established a Council to be called the Mutual Recognition of Qualifications Council having such functions as set out in these regulations. Mutual Recognition of Qualifications Competent Authorities Council.

(2) The objectives of the Council shall be: Objectives of the Council.

(a) to co-ordinate the activities related to the recognition and evaluation of qualification of the various certificates awarding bodies;

(b) to ensure the timely dissemination of information related to the issue of qualifications and the recognition of qualifications, received from the EU, UNESCO, Council of Europe or similar organisations;

(c) to promote and facilitate, co-ordination in course structure, quality assurance and transparency of qualifications.

Functions of the Council.

(3) Without prejudice to the generality of the objectives set out in regulation (6) (2) above, the Council shall:

(a) perform such other functions as are or may be assigned to it by the Act or by regulations made thereunder;

(b) to do all things necessary and expedient in accordance with these regulations, to further the objectives of the Council;

(c) assist the chairperson in establishing the criteria and policies on which to base the recognition, comparability and evaluation of academic and vocational qualifications;

(d) support the promotion and the development of such instruments of transparency in qualifications and frameworks for course organisation, as may be developed and agreed upon by the European Union or identified as good practice in countries outside the European Union;

(e) make recommendations to the Coordinator on any matter related to the implementation of the provisions of these regulations.

Composition of the Council.

(4) The Council shall be composed as follows:

(a) a chairman who shall be the Director within the Malta QRIC;

(b) a member appointed by the Senate of the University of Malta;

(c) a member appointed by the Council of the Institutes of the Malta College of Art Science and Technology;

(d) a member appointed by the Malta Professional Vocational Qualifications Council;

(e) a public officer within the Education Division responsible for issuing permits to non-state educational institutions to operate;

(f) a representative of and appointed by the Institute of Tourism Studies;

(g) the assistant director working within the Malta QRIC;

(h) the chairpersons of the Academic Credentials, and Vocational Credentials Evaluation Boards respectively.

(5) Without prejudice to the generality of sub-regulation (2), (3) and (4) of this regulation, each Council member shall be: Responsibilities.

(a) the official contact person responsible for the passing on of all selected documents and information to the competent person or persons within the entity or body appointing them;

(b) responsible for the implementation of related Ministerial policies, EU directives and any decisions and policies of the Council;

(c) responsible for reporting progression for any related information, statistics or any other matter required by the Ministry, the National Coordinator and, or the Council.

7. (1) The Mutual Recognition Coordinator shall establish a Conference to be called the Mutual Recognition of Qualifications Designated Authorities Conference. The Conference shall meet once a year and shall have such functions as set out in these regulations. Mutual Recognition of Qualifications Designated Authorities Conference.

(2) The aims of the Designated Authorities Conference shall be: Aims of Designated Authorities Conference.

(a) to facilitate and promote uniform application of the Act and regulations made hereunder;

(b) to co-ordinate the activities of the designated authorities;

(c) to ensure the timely dissemination of information on matters governed by the Act and regulations made hereunder.

Composition.

(3) The Designated Authorities Conference shall be composed as follows:

(a) the chairperson who shall be the Mutual Recognition Coordinator;

(b) the chairperson of the Malta QRIC;

(c) the head of each one of the various designated authorities or his representative;

(d) the desk officers of the Malta Qualification Recognition Information Centre;

(e) a representative of the unions and a representative of the employers appointed through the Malta Council for Economic and Social Development.

Responsibilities.

(4) Without prejudice to the generality of regulation 7 (2) of these regulations, individual Council members shall be:

(a) the official contact persons of the authority they represent;

(b) persons responsible for the dissemination of all information;

(c) persons responsible for the provision of any related information, statistics and any other matter required by the Ministry, the National Coordinator and, or the Designated Authorities Conference.

## Part II

### Mutual Recognition of Qualifications Appeals Board

Divisions of the Mutual Recognition of Qualifications Appeals Board.

**8.** (1) In accordance with and without prejudice to article 7 of the Act, the Minister responsible for education shall set up three divisions of the Mutual Recognition of Qualifications Appeals Board to deal with appeals regarding:

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(a) recognition of higher education diplomas awarded on completion of Professional Education and Training of at least three years duration and governed by Part 1 of Legal Notice 271 of 2002;

(b) Recognition of other post secondary level of education and training courses and long or short secondary level of education courses, possibly complemented by professional training or experience and governed by Part 2 of Legal Notice 271 of 2002;

(c) Recognition of professional activities and governed by Legal Notice 272 of 2002. L.N. 272 of 2002.

(2) Each division of the Board shall be composed of the members of the Board and another two persons, who are independent of the competent authorities awarding qualifications and the designated licence, permit or warrant issuing authority, appointed by the Prime Minister on the recommendation of the Minister responsible for education from among persons of known integrity who appear to him to be qualified by reasons of having had experience of and capacity in matters deemed appropriate for such purpose. Composition.

(3) The Board shall not act unless a quorum of three of its members including the chairman or his deputy is present. Quorum.

(4) The chairman of the Board or, in his absence a member of the board selected to deputise for the chairman shall have the powers to summon witnesses and to administer an oath to any witness and to require him to give evidence or to produce documents before it. Conduct of affairs of the Board.

(5) The Board shall reject any appeal which is not made in writing within the time specified in any provision.

(6) All persons summoned to attend and give evidence at any sitting of the Board shall be bound to obey the summons served on them; and any person refusing or omitting without sufficient cause to attend at the day, time and place mentioned in the summons served on him or to answer, to the best of his knowledge and belief, all questions put to him by the Board, or to produce documents required by the Board to be produced before it, shall be guilty of an offence against this Act:

Provided that no person giving evidence before the Board shall be compelled to incriminate himself and every such person shall, in respect of any evidence given by him before the Board, be entitled to all the privileges to which a person giving evidence before a court of law is entitled in respect of evidence given by him before such court:

(7) The Board may seek the help of the Malta QRIC and the network to which the Malta QRIC forms part for any information regarding qualifications issued in Malta or abroad.

(8) The decisions of the Board shall be final except with respect to points of law decided by the Board, from which an appeal shall be within ten days to the Court of Appeal (Inferior Jurisdiction); the judge shall have the right to decide *in camera* that such appeal is frivolous or vexatious following the closing of the stage of written submissions; such appeal shall also be regulated by rules of court made under article 29 of the Code of Organization and Civil Procedure.

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(9) The Board shall, in January of each year submit a report of activities to the Minister and to the General Systems Directives Coordinator.