

Law No. (30) of 2006
Establishing
The Knowledge and Human Development Authority in Dubai

We, Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Ruler of Dubai

After perusal of the Executive Council Decree No. (11) of 2005 establishing the Dubai Education Council;
the Resolution No.(97/3) of 2006 of the Ministerial Council for Services; and
the Agreement entered into between the Ministry of Education and Dubai Education Council,

do hereby issue the following Law:

Article (1)

This Law shall be cited as "**Law No. (30) of 2006 Establishing the Knowledge and Human Development Authority in Dubai**".

Article (2)

The following words and expressions shall have the meaning indicated opposite each of them, unless the context otherwise implies:

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| State: | The United Arab Emirates. |
| Ruler: | H.H. the Ruler of Dubai. |
| Emirate: | The Emirate of Dubai. |
| Executive Council: | The Executive Council of the Emirate. |
| Authority: | The Knowledge and Human Development Authority in Dubai. |
| Board of Directors: | The Board of Directors of the Authority. |
| Director General: | The Director General of the Authority. |

Article (3)

There shall be established by virtue of this Law a public Authority to be called "**The Knowledge and Human Development Authority in Dubai**" which shall have an independent legal personality and enjoy financial and administrative independence, and shall have the necessary legal capacity to carry out all acts and transactions necessary for fulfilling its objectives. It may enter into contracts with third parties, sue and be sued in its own capacity and delegate any person to represent it, and shall be owned by the Government.

Article (4)

The Authority's Head Office shall be in Dubai and it may establish branches inside and outside the Emirate.

Article (5)

The Authority shall, in coordination with the relevant Federal bodies in the State, assume the mission of planning, providing for and developing the requirements of knowledge and human development, including the following:

1. the participation in developing a comprehensive strategy for knowledge and human development and supervision of the application of such a strategy in coordination with the relevant bodies in the State,
2. the cooperation with the relevant bodies in the State in order to improve the quality of education output in all its kinds and levels in a manner that complies with the requirements of the labour market,
3. the set up and management of the different types of educational institutions as well as the vocational education institutions and assessment of their performance in accordance with the applicable laws in the State,
4. the participation in providing and making available training programmes for the educational and administrative staff who are involved in providing school education in the educational institutions, in cooperation with the Ministry of Education and subject to the applicable laws in the State,
5. the encouragement of private education and vocational training institutions to provide distinctive educational and training services,
6. the participation in the development and implementation of strategies that attract expert, qualified, competent and experienced individuals from outside the State to work in the local market,
7. the attraction of private educational institutions, research and studies centres, and reputed international human resources development institutions to establish branches in the Emirate,
8. the provision of training, awareness and development programmes to nationals of the State in order to ensure their active participation in the labour market,
9. laying down and development of the policies and the criteria of scholarships and the allocation of scholarship funds to individuals in accordance with the criteria adopted by the Authority for such purpose,
10. the licensing and regulation of private schools and other educational institutions, and accreditation and authentication of certificates issued by such schools and institutions by way of devising standards that conform to the general policy of the relevant federal ministries, and
11. the supervision of all the services and educational institutions that exist in the free zones of the Emirate such as schools, universities, colleges and training centres, as well as licensing, authentication and accreditation of certificates issued by them and setting of the necessary criteria and standards for the practice of such activities.

Article (6)

There may be affiliated to the Authority certain institutions that are in the business of providing knowledge, human development and training services, provided that they shall be established by a resolution issued by the Chairman of the Executive Council.

Article (7)

The Authority shall be managed by a Board of Directors consisting of a Chairman to be appointed by a decree of the Ruler, and a number of members to be appointed by a resolution of the Chairman of the Executive Council, from among qualified and competent employees of the Authority or its affiliates.

Article (8)

The Board of Directors shall manage and supervise the administrative, technical and financial affairs of the Authority, and shall adopt any appropriate resolutions and procedures in order to fulfill its objectives and purposes including the following:

1. drawing up the general policy and programmes for the projects of the Authority and its affiliates,
2. the preparation and submission of the draft budget of the Authority and its affiliates to the Executive Council for sanction,
3. the preparation of the organisational structure and work regulation covering all administrative, financial and technical aspects within the Authority and its affiliates and submission of them to the Executive Council,
4. the proposition of the fees for the services provided by the Authority and its affiliates, and
5. the appointment of auditors and determination of their remuneration at the beginning of every financial year.

Article 9

The Board of Directors shall convene at least once every month, by an invitation from the Chairman of the Board. The quorum of the Board of Directors shall be a minimum of two thirds of the members including the Chairman of the Board. The Board of Directors shall issue resolutions by the majority of votes of the attending members. In case of a tie, the Chairman of the meeting shall have a casting vote. The resolutions of the Board of Directors shall be minuted and signed by the Chairman of the meeting and the attending members.

Article 10

1. The Board of Directors may form permanent or temporary committees in order to assist it in its tasks. The Board of Directors shall determine the competence and authorities of such committees and delegate some of its authorities to them.
2. In the exercise of its competence, the Board of Directors may seek the assistance of any experts and specialists and may invite them as it deems appropriate to attend its meetings provided that such persons shall have no counted votes.

Article 11

With the exception of fraud and gross negligence, the Board of Directors, its Chairman or any of its members, shall not, in the course of the management of the Authority or its operations,

be responsible in respect of third parties for any act or omission in connection with such management. The Authority shall be solely responsible to third parties for such act or omission.

Article 12

The Chairman of the Board of Directors shall be the Director General of the Authority, and shall represent the Authority in its relationships with third parties, and shall manage all its affairs in a manner that ensures the fulfillment of its objectives, including without limitation the following:

1. the implementation of the general policy laid down by the Board of Directors and the resolutions issued by it,
2. the preparation of the annual budget of the Authority and presentation of such budget to the Board of Directors,
3. the supervision of the work of the executive body of the Authority,
4. the proposition of the organisational structure, and the financial, administrative and technical regulations that govern the work of the Authority,
5. the supervision of the work of the institutions and bodies that are affiliates and subsidiaries of the Authority and signing their required agreements and memoranda of understanding, and
6. the exercise of any other authorities entrusted to the Chairman by the Board of Directors or stipulated under any resolution issued by virtue of this Law.

Article 13

The executive body of the Authority shall be composed of the Director General and a number of employees who shall be governed by the Personnel Affairs Regulation of the Emirate of Dubai or any other law replacing it.

Article 14

By virtue of this Law, all rights, obligations and responsibilities of the Dubai Education Council as well as the projects sponsored by it shall vest in the Authority. The Authority shall have the right to transfer any of the employees of the Dubai Education Council or to appoint new employees in accordance with the necessary requirements of work.

Article 15

For the performance of the tasks assigned to it, the Authority may:

1. own land and real property situated in the Emirate and which are allotted for educational purposes in order to achieve the objectives of the Authority,
2. participate in the provision of infrastructure, buildings, administrations and any other services required for the realisation of the objectives of the Authority, and
3. enter into partnerships and agreements with institutions, persons, companies and authorities for projects inside or outside the Emirate in relation to fields of its responsibilities .

Article 16

The financial resources of the Authority shall comprise the following:

1. the subsidy allocated to the Authority under the general budget of the State,
2. the fees and remuneration of the services provided to the general public,
3. gifts and donations received by the Authority and accepted by the Executive Council,
and
4. any other resources sanctioned by the Executive Council.

Article 17

The Authority shall be exempted from all taxes and all local fees.

Article 18

The relationship between the Authority and its affiliates shall be regulated and managed pursuant to a two-year business agreement under which the strategic objectives of such affiliates shall be determined in compliance with the general objectives of the Authority. Such agreement shall also determine the common framework as well as the powers and responsibilities of the Authority and its affiliates.

Article 19

In regulating its accounts and records, the Authority shall follow the principles of commercial accountancy. The financial year of the Authority shall commence on January 1st and shall end on December 31st of each year, provided that the first financial year shall commence as of the date this Law comes into force and shall end on 31st December of the following year.

Article 20

Any provision in any other law shall be repealed to the extent of its inconsistency with this Law.

Article 21

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

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