

[AS PASSED BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY]

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Bill

for the Establishment of Ibadat International University, Islamabad

Preamble: Whereas it is expedient to provide for the establishment of the Ibadat International University at Islamabad in the Private sector and connected matters; It is enacted as follows;

CHAPTER I

PRELIMINARY

1. **Short title, extent and commencement.** — (1) This Act may be called the Ibadat International University ^{Islamabad} Act, 2021.

(2) It shall extend to whole of Pakistan.

(3) The provisions of this Act shall come into force at once.

2. **Definitions:** — In this Act unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context, —

- i. "Academic Council" means the Academic Council of the University.
- ii. "Authority" means any of the Authorities of the University specified or set up in terms of section 23;
- iii. "Advisor" means Advisor to the Chairman of the University;
- iv. "Board of Directors" means the Board of Directors (BoD) of the Ibadat International Educational System (LLP) registered under section 07 of the limited Liability Partnership Act, 2017(XV of 2017), Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan vide Registration No. 0134627 dated 24-05-2019;
- v. "Board of Governors" means Board of Governors of the University;
- vi. "Chairman" means Chairman of Ibadat International University who shall also be the Chairman of Board of Directors of Ibadat International Education System (LLP);
- vii. "Chairperson" means the head of a Teaching Department;
- viii. "College" means a constituent educational institution, by whatever name described, maintained and administered by the University;
- ix. "Commission" means the Higher Education Commission set up by the Higher Education Commission Ordinance, 2002 (LIII of 2002);
- x. "Controller" means Head of the Examination Department of the University;
- xi. "Dean" means the head of a Faculty or the head of an academic body granted the status of a Faculty by this Act or by the Statutes or Regulations;
- xii. "Department" means a teaching department maintained and administered, or recognized by the University in the manner prescribed;
- xiii. "Director" means Head of an Institute established as a Constituent Institute/college by the University;
- xiv. "Executive Committee" means Executive Committee of the University;

- xv. "Faculty" means an administrative and academic unit of the University consisting of one or more departments, as prescribed;
- xvi. "Government" means the Federal Government of Pakistan;
- xvii. "Officer" means an Officer of the University specified in section 08 of the Act;
- xviii. "Prescribed" means prescribed by Statutes, Regulations or Rules and made under the Act;
- xix. "Patron" means Patron of the University;
- xx. "Pro-Rector" means Pro-Rector of the University;
- xxi. "Principal" means the head of a constituent college/Unit of the University;
- xxii. "Professor Emeritus" means a retired Professor working in a Faculty in the capacity of an Emeritus Professor;
- xxiii. "Representation Committees" mean the Representation Committees constituted under section 31;
- xxiv. "Review Panel" means the Review Panel set up by the Patron or Chairman in accordance with the provisions of section 12;
- xxv. "Rector" means the Rector of the University;
- xxvi. "Registrar" means Registrar of the University;
- xxvii. "Schedule" means a Schedule to the Act;
- xxviii. "Search Committee" means the Search Committee set up by the Board of Governors under section 14;
- xxix. "Statutes", "Regulations" and "Rules" mean respectively the Statutes, the Regulations and the Rules made under this Act and for the time being in force;
- xxx. "Sponsoring Body" means Ibadat International Education System (LLP);
- xxxi. "Teachers" include Professors, Associate Professors, Assistant Professors Lecturers, Tutors engaged whole-time by the University or by a constituent College and such other persons as may be declared to be teachers by Regulations;
- xxxii. "University" means the Ibadat International University, Islamabad established under the Act;
- xxxiii. "University Teacher" means a whole-time teacher appointed and paid by the University, or recognized by the University as such;
- xxxiv. "Vice Chairman" means Vice Chairman of the University;

CHAPTER II

THE UNIVERSITY

3. Establishment and Incorporation of the University.— (1) There shall be established a University to be called the Ibadat International University located at Islamabad, in the Private sector.

(2) The University shall consist of the following, namely:—

- (a) the Patron, Chairman, Vice Chairman, the members Board of Governors, the members of Executive Committee, the Rector, the Deans and such other officers as may be prescribed;
- (b) the members of the authorities of the University established under section 23;

- (c) all University teachers and persons recognized as students of the University in accordance with terms prescribed from to time; *and*
 - (d) all other full-time officers and members of the staff of the University.
- (3) The University shall be a body corporate by the name of the Ibadat International University, Islamabad and shall have perpetual succession and a common seal, and may sue and be sued by the said name:
- (4) The University shall be competent to acquire and hold property, both movable and immovable, and to lease, sell or otherwise transfer any movable and immovable property which may have become vested in or been acquired by it.
- (5) Notwithstanding anything contained in any other law for the time being in force, the University shall have academic, financial and administrative autonomy, including the power to employ officers, teachers and other employees on such terms as may be prescribed, subject to the terms of this act and the Higher Education Commission Ordinance, 2002 (LIII of 2002). In particular, and without prejudice to the authority granted to the Commission by the law, the Government or an authority or auditor appointed by the Government shall have no power to question the policy underlying the allocation of resources approved by the Board of Governors in the annual budget of the University.
- (6) All properties, rights and interests of whatever kind, used, enjoyed, possessed, owned or vested in, or held in trust by or for any of its constituent colleges shall pass to the University established under this act.

4. Powers and Purposes of the University.— The University shall have the following powers, namely:—

- i. to provide for education and scholarship in such branches of knowledge as it may deem fit, and to make provision for research, service to society and for the application, advancement and dissemination of knowledge in such manner as it may determine. Provided that in case of medical, engineering and other professional education, approval of the relevant Accreditation councils/forums shall be a pre-requisite;
- ii. to prescribe courses of studies to be conducted by it and the constituent colleges;
- iii. to hold examinations and to award and confer degrees, diplomas, certificates and other academic distinctions to and on persons who have been admitted to and have passed its examinations under prescribed conditions;
- iv. to prescribe the terms and conditions of employment of the officers, teachers and other employees of the University and to lay down