

**A translated version of the decree N° 95-2602 of 25 December 1995, setting the general framework of the study regime and the conditions for obtaining the national engineering diploma.**

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The President of the Republic,

On the proposal of the Minister of Higher Education,

Having regard to law N° 89-70 of 28 July 1989, relating to higher education and scientific research as modified by law N° 92-122 of 29 December 1992, relating to the 1993 finance law and in particular article 19,

Having regard to decree N° 73-35 of 26 January 1973, on the organisation of schooling in agricultural education establishments, as modified by decree N° 76-38 of 10 January 1976,

Having regard to decree N° 73-516 of 30 October 1973, on the organisation of university life, together with the texts which have modified or completed it and in particular decree N° 87-1221 of 19 September 1987,

In view of the decree N° 75-49 of 24 January 1975, on the organisation of the schooling at the National School of Engineers of Tunis,

Considering the decree N° 78-95 of February 9, 1978, on the organization of the schooling at the Higher School of Horticulture of Chott-Mariem,

Considering the decree N° 78-96 of February 9, 1978, relating to the organization of the schooling in the superior school of engineers of the rural equipment of Medjez El Bab,

In view of the decree N° 80-1254 of September 30, 1980, fixing the mission, the organization and the regime of the studies of the national school of engineers of Gabes,

Having regard to the decree N° 85-1022 of 7 August 1985, on the organisation of schooling at the higher schools of agriculture of Kef, Mateur and Moghrane,

Considering the decree N° 85-1023 of 7 August 1985, on the organisation of the schooling at the Higher School of Food Industries of Tunis,

Having regard to decree N° 89-1939 of 14 December 1989, on the organisation of universities and higher education and scientific research establishments, together with the texts that have modified it and in particular decree N° 93-423 of 17 February 1993,

Having regard to decree N° 92-1932 of 2 November 1992, establishing the authority competent to sign national scientific diplomas,

Having regard to decree N° 93-669 of 29 March 1993, fixing the general framework of studies and the conditions for obtaining the diplomas of the Higher School of Posts and Telecommunications of Tunis,

Having regard to decree N° 94-62 of 10 January 1994, instituting and organising national entrance examinations for engineering training cycles,

Having regard to Decree No. 95-470 of 23 March 1995 on the organisation of the Ministry of Higher Education, and in particular Article 16 thereof

Having regard to the decree N° 95-1419 of 31 July 1995, fixing the financial contribution of students to university life,

Having regard to the opinions of the Ministers of Agriculture and Communications,

Having regard to the opinion of the Administrative Court, Decides :

Article 1. - The present decree sets the general framework of the study regime and the conditions for obtaining the national engineering diploma.

Art. 2 - The objectives of engineering studies are to train specialists capable of :

- 1) mastering the art of engineering and technological development,
- 2) develop research, creative and innovative skills in science

and technology,

3) to meet the country's needs for designers, project managers and promoters in different specialities,

4) contribute to economic development, improve the quality of life and protect the environment.

**TITLE I  
THE STUDY REGIME**

Art. 3 - The duration of studies for the national engineering diploma is set at five years, divided into two cycles:

- 1 - a two-year preparatory cycle,
- 2 - a three-year study cycle, specific to the higher education and research institution concerned.

Art. 4 - Admission to the preparatory cycle is done in accordance with the university orientation system.

Art. 5 - Admission to the first year in the engineering training establishments authorised for this purpose is by way of national competitive entrance examinations to the engineering training cycles.

These establishments may also admit, within the limits of their capacity, :

1) in the first year, students who have succeeded in foreign competitive examinations admitted as equivalent to the national examinations referred to above,

2) through a competitive entrance examination for the first year, students holding a higher technician diploma or a diploma accepted as equivalent,

3) through a competitive examination for access to the second year, students holding a master's degree in scientific, technical, economic and management studies or a diploma accepted as equivalent.

An order of the Minister of Higher Education, or, if necessary, a joint order of the Minister of Higher Education and the Minister concerned, shall lay down the conditions and procedures for organising the specific competitions provided for in paragraphs 2 and 3 above.

Art. 6 - The three-year course of study provided for in article 2 of this decree comprises approximately 2700 hours of teaching spread over a period of at least 32 weeks and at most 36 weeks per year. These studies include in particular:

- basic scientific training,
- technical training related to an application sector,
- a general education in languages, communication, economics, social sciences and humanities,

These courses are complemented by :

- professional internships in public or private organisations, in Tunisia or abroad,
- a professional end-of-study project related to the speciality followed.

Art. 7 - Teaching in engineering training institutions is organised in modules.

A decree of the Minister of Higher Education and, if necessary, a joint decree of the Minister of Higher Education and the Minister concerned, on the proposal of the scientific council of the institution concerned and after deliberation by the council of the university concerned and approval by the council of universities, shall determine the study programme.

Art. 8 - Students must attend all courses.

Art. 9 - The acquisition of knowledge by the students is evaluated by a system of continuous assessment and examinations in main and catch-up sessions, the terms of application of which are defined by the decree provided for in article 11 of the present decree.

Art. 10 - Repeating a year in engineering training establishments is authorised only once during the course of study.

Art. 11. - An order of the Minister of Higher Education and possibly a joint order of the Minister of Higher Education and the Minister concerned, on the proposal of the scientific council of the

engineering training establishment in question and after deliberation by the council of the university concerned and authorisation by the council of universities, shall lay down the study and examination arrangements; the nature and number of modules provided for in article 7 of this decree as well as the courses they comprise and their forms; the number of teaching hours; the evaluation methods and coefficients for the tests; the total number of hours for each year; the duration of the training courses and their evaluation methods; the conditions for transferring from one year to the next; the methods for checking attendance and the resulting penalties

The said decree sets out the modules that can be credited for the transition from one year of study to another.

Art. 12. - The first and second year courses each include a compulsory professional internship of at least one month.

Art. 13. - Engineering schools allow students to complete their training by participating in cultural, artistic, sporting or associative activities.

This participation is not taken into account in the duration and evaluation of the studies.

Art. 14. - Registration to continue studies for the national engineering diploma is annual. Each student must renew his/her registration at the beginning of each academic year.

Art. 15. - All students enrolled in an engineering training institution must complete their studies at the institution concerned.

## **TITLE II**

### **CONDITIONS FOR OBTAINING THE NATIONAL ENGINEERING DIPLOMA**

Art. 16. - The award of the national engineering diploma is subject to:

- 1) success in examinations,
- 2) validation of internships,
- 3) the defence of the end-of-studies project before a jury whose composition is set by the order provided for in Article 11 of this decree.

Students who have not completed their internships or successfully defended their final project may be granted an extension of up to 6 months.

Art. 17 - The national engineering diploma is awarded by the engineering training establishments authorised for this purpose, to any student who has satisfied the conditions of article 16 of the present decree.

For each of these institutions, the list of graduates is established annually and in order of merit.

Art. 18. - The provisions of this decree shall come into force as from the 1994-1995 academic year for students enrolled in the first year and progressively for subsequent years.

The provisions of the aforementioned Decrees N° 75-49, N° 80-1254, N° 73-35, N° 78-95, N° 78-96, N° 85-1022, N° 85-1023 and N° 93-669 are progressively repealed from year to year as this Decree comes into force.

Art. 19. - The Ministers of Higher Education, Agriculture and Communications shall be responsible, each in his or her own area of responsibility, for the execution of this decree, which shall be published in the Official Journal of the Republic of Tunisia.

Tunis, 25 December 1995.

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