

**A translated version of the decree No. 2009-643 of 2 March 2009, amending and supplementing Decree No. 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, Scientific Research and Technology,

Having regard to Law No. 2008-19 of 25 February 2008 on higher education,

Having regard to Decree No. 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 No. 2002-2013 of 4 September 2002

Having regard to Decree No. 92-1932 of 2 November 1992, establishing the authority competent to sign national scientific diplomas,

Having regard to decree n° 93-317 of 8 February 1993, fixing the regime of studies, examinations and training courses at the higher institutes of technological studies, together with the texts which have modified or completed it and in particular decree n° 2001-863 of 18 April 2001,

Having regard to decree n° 95-1419 of 31 July 1995, fixing the financial contribution of students to university life, as modified and completed by decree n° 97-1359 of 14 July 1997,

Having regard to decree n° 95-2602 of 25 December 1995, fixing the general framework of the study regime and the conditions for obtaining the national engineering diploma,

Having regard to decree n° 2000-2391 of 17 October 2000, fixing the general framework of the study regime and the conditions for obtaining the national diploma of higher technician in health, as completed by decree n° 2002-1718 of 29 July 2002,

Having regard to decree n° 2004-2722 of 21 December 2004, fixing the general framework of the study regime and the conditions for obtaining the university diploma of technology in technical and technological disciplines,

Having regard to decree n° 2004-2589 of 2 November 2004, organising national entrance examinations for engineering training cycles,

Having regard to decree n° 2007-901 of 10 April 2007, fixing the general framework of the study regime and the conditions for obtaining the national diploma of higher technician in agricultural higher education and research establishments,

Having regard to Decree No. 2008-2716 of 4 August 2008, on the organisation of universities and higher education and research establishments and the rules governing their operation,

In view of Decree No. 2008-2876 of 11 August 2008, on the organisation of the Ministry of Higher Education, Scientific Research and Technology,

Having regard to Decree No. 2008-3123 of 22 September 2008, setting the general framework of the study regime and the conditions for obtaining the national bachelor's degree in the various training fields, mentions, courses and specialities of the "LMD" system,

Having regard to the opinion of the Minister for Agriculture and the Minister for Communication

Technologies,

Having regard to the opinion of the

Administrative Court. Decides :

Article 1 - An Article 7 (bis) is added to the provisions of Decree No. 95-2602 of 25 December 1995 as follows

Article 7 (bis) - For students admitted in accordance with the provisions of the second indent of article 5 of the present decree, the courses leading to the national engineering diploma are organised in the form of day or evening courses.

Daytime and evening courses are subject to the same study and examination regime provided for in Article 11 of this decree. To this end, evening classes are provided exceptionally for three years contrary to the provisions of the second indent of article 3 of this decree.

The students concerned shall be allocated to daytime and evening courses by decision of the Minister of Higher Education, Scientific Research and Technology or, where appropriate, by joint decision of the Minister of Higher Education, Scientific Research and Technology and the Minister concerned on the proposal of the president of the university concerned and after the opinion of the director of the establishment concerned.

Art. 2 - The provisions of articles 5 and 16 of the aforementioned decree n° 95-2602 of 25 December 1995 are modified as follows:

Article 5 (new) - Admission to the first year in engineering training establishments authorised for this purpose shall be by way of national competitive entrance examinations to engineering training courses.

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

- through a competitive entrance examination for the first year: students who hold a bachelor's degree in applied science or a basic bachelor's degree in scientific and technical specialities within the framework of the bachelor's, master's and doctorate system, or a diploma of higher studies in technology or a university diploma in technology or a diploma of higher technician in health or a diploma of higher technician in agricultural higher education and research establishments,

- by competitive entrance examination for the second year: students who have passed the first year of the Master's programme in scientific and technical specialities within the framework of the Bachelor's, Master's and Doctorate system or students who hold a Master's degree in scientific, technical, economic or management studies or a diploma recognised as equivalent.

An order of the Minister of Higher Education, Scientific Research and Technology and, if necessary, a joint order of the Minister of Higher Education, Scientific Research and Technology and the ministers concerned shall set the conditions and modalities of organisation of the specific competitions provided for in paragraphs 2 and 3 above.

Article 16 (new) - The award of the national engineering diploma, whether the training is provided in the form of day or evening courses, is subject to :

- success in examinations,

- validation of internships,

- 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. 3 - The application of the provisions of the second indent of article 5 (new) of the present decree concerning the students holding the master's degree, the diploma of higher studies of technology, the university diploma of technology, the diploma of higher technician of health or the diploma of higher technician in the establishments of higher education and agricultural research ends at the end of the academic year 2011-2012.

Art. 4 - The Minister of Higher Education, Scientific Research and Technology, the Minister of Agriculture and Hydraulic Resources and the Minister of Communication Technologies shall be responsible, each in his or her own area of responsibility, for the execution of the present decree, which shall be published in the Official Gazette of the Tunisian Republic.

Tunis, 2 March 2009.

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