

National Commission for
**Further and
Higher Education**
Malta

European Graduate School is licensed as a **University (Licence number: 2015-007)** by The National Commission for Further and Higher Education. The licence for **European Graduate School** is being issued with the following conditions:

PROVIDER ACCREDITATION

1. **European Graduate School** is licensed to operate as a **University** at the following addresses: **Fort St. Elmo, Valletta** and **c/o Feliz Zurbriggen, Haus Stegmatte, 3906 Saas-Fee, Switzerland**. The National Commission for Further and Higher Education must be informed immediately of any changes made to the address. As a **University**, **European Graduate School** is legally obliged by SL 327.431 as per Annex 1 of these licensing conditions to operate from premises that are fully accessible to disabled users and wholly compliant with the latest health and safety regulations. The premises must also not pose any danger or threat to the safety and well-being of staff and students at **European Graduate School**.
2. As a **University**, **European Graduate School** is licensed to deliver programmes classified up to **Level 8** of the Malta Qualifications Framework, providing that these programmes have been formally recognised and/ or accredited by The National Commission for Further and Higher Education.
3. **European Graduate School** , having been licensed as a **University**, will require prior approval from The National Commission for Further and Higher Education, when delivering additional programmes not included in this document, that have been referenced to the Malta Qualifications Framework or the European Qualifications Framework.
4. **European Graduate School** must inform The National Commission for Further and Higher Education of any change in the programmes it offers, the premises used for tuition, any change in the licensee's legal representatives, any changes to the staff or the body corporate or any changes which depart from the original submission to the Commission.

5. **European Graduate School** must notify The National Commission for Further and Higher Education of any changes not in conformity with the conditions or restrictions of the licence.

PROGRAMME ACCREDITATION

7. **European Graduate School** endorses the Malta Qualifications Framework as the official National Qualifications Framework of Malta and agrees to abide with the level descriptors, standards and criteria that The National Commission for Further and Higher Education publishes from time to time to maintain the framework's relevancy to the system of qualifications in Malta.
8. **European Graduate School** and The National Commission for Further and Higher Education agree that qualifications at this institution will reflect SL 327.433 as per Annex 2 of these licensing conditions and the National Qualifications as defined in the above-mentioned Subsidiary Legislation as per Annex 1 of these licensing conditions and the Level Descriptors of the European Qualifications Framework for Life Long Learning (EQF) and the Malta Qualifications Framework (MQF) as per Annex 3 of these licensing conditions and the Framework of Qualifications of European Higher Education Area (QF-EHEA) as per Annex 4 of these licensing conditions.
9. All course-related material such as course description and certificates will reflect the Malta Qualifications Framework by the start of the Academic Year 2013-2014 as per Annex 5 of these licensing conditions.
10. All qualifications offered by **European Graduate School** which are listed in these conditions in **Appendix A** will be classified under the eight-level system as detailed in SL 327.431.
11. Levels of qualifications are determined for each course by the exit points as detailed in the Malta Qualifications Framework for Lifelong Learning. Programmes of Studies and Quality Assurance support mechanisms will be those established by SL 327.431 as per Annex 1 of these licensing conditions and/or those regulated by external awarding bodies as endorsed by **European Graduate School**.
12. Programmes of Studies and Quality Assurance support mechanisms will be also regulated by The National Commission for Further and Higher Education on the basis of the National Quality Assurance Framework of Further and Higher Education as per Annex 7 of these licensing conditions..
13. **European Graduate School** obliges itself to adhere to a learning outcomes based approach when developing and describing qualifications.



14. **European Graduate School** shall provide information on each qualification as per the template in Annex 11 of these licensing conditions, which will form part of the Register of Further & Higher Education Institutions on The National Commission for Further and Higher Education's website.

INTERNAL QUALITY ASSURANCE

15. **European Graduate School** shall have the primary responsibility for the quality of their provision and its quality assurance. **European Graduate School** internal quality assurance system should be designed specifically to ensure the fitness and properness of the providers and programmes. This quality assurance system shall ensure full conformity with the conditions and restrictions as outlined in the National Quality Assurance Framework of Further and Higher Education as per Annex 7 of these licensing conditions imposed by The National Commission for Further and Higher Education.

EXTERNAL QUALITY ASSURANCE

16. **European Graduate School** agrees to undergo periodic provider and programme quality audits conducted for the purposes of confirming or revoking the accreditation previously granted in SL 327.433 every five years.
17. **European Graduate School** adheres to the regulation established in SL 327.433 that all forms of external quality assurance shall be carried out under the responsibility of the Commission and shall be conducted applying the relevant European and international standards, guidelines and criteria for external quality assurance and respect for international treaties and agreements relevant to further and higher education provision as ratified and endorsed by Malta.

EUROPASS CERTIFICATE DIPLOMA SUPPLEMENT

18. **European Graduate School** agrees to promote a more visible reference to the Malta Qualifications Framework and the European Qualification Framework and the appropriate reference levels on the Certificate Supplement and/or Diploma Supplement as per Annex 9 and Annex 10 of these licensing conditions and all related publication, including any transcripts.

LICENSEES' OBLIGATIONS

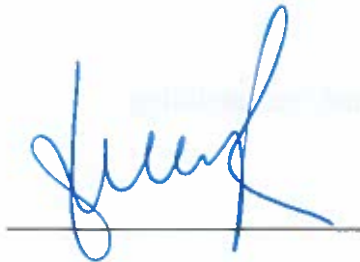
19. **European Graduate School** shall clearly state their licence number (**Licence Number: 2015-007**) and the category under which they are licensed (**University**) in all media, advertising, published material or promotional material to intending students, students, parents or the public.
20. Where the media, advertising, published or promotional material to intending students, students, parents or the public concerns a specific programme, **European Graduate School** shall also state the accredited status of such programme and the level of qualification awarded or addressed, within the Malta Qualifications Framework, or its comparable level, as the case may be.
21. **European Graduate School** shall ensure that all adverts and student information provided by them shall be carried out with integrity and accuracy.
22. **European Graduate School** shall ensure that the recruitment of students is conducted in an ethical and responsible manner and that any offer of a place in a programme made to a student is based on assessment, by a suitably qualified person, of the extent to which the student's qualifications and proficiencies are appropriate to the programme.
23. **European Graduate School** shall keep a record of each student's academic performance and a record of students' attendance.
24. **European Graduate School** must ensure that adequate resources and materials are available for the provision of further and higher education
25. **European Graduate School** must provide the necessary information and documentation as may be required, from time to time, by The National Commission for Further and Higher Education.
26. **European Graduate School** shall ensure that students' intake for the MB BS shall be commensurate with facilities provided in the clinical years of the course.
27. **European Graduate School** shall ensure that three months prior to future offerings (the forthcoming academic cycle in Malta) it provides NCFHE with a legally binding agreement demonstrating a physical premises to be used for educational purposes in conformity with all quality standards required by the Maltese Law.
28. The General Code of Ethics, under the 'Policy on Discrimination and Ethical Conduct', has been duly reviewed. The code is generally acceptable, but needs to be enhanced to better reflect ethical issues that relate to student or institute-based research endeavours. Clear parameters and mechanisms need to be set on how ethical issues relating to research, research data, research participants, stakeholders and such will be managed.



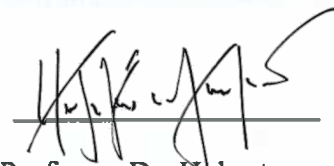
29. **European Graduate School** shall ensure that it presents yearly audited accounts and regular annual budgetary plans to the Commission, commencing with the submission of such accounts and budgetary plans in Quarter 1 of 2016.”

LICENCE DURATION

30. The licence for **European Graduate School** to operate as a **University** is valid for **five years (February 2016 -February 2021)**. The licence will only be renewed if a fully functional internal quality assurance mechanism, that is fully compliant with the guidelines issued by The National Commission for Further and Higher Education, is implemented at this institution.



Ms. Edel Cassar,
Chief Executive Officer,
The National Commission for
Further and Higher Education



Professor Dr. Hubertus von
Amelunxen, Head, of
European Graduate School

APPENDIX A: List of MQF level 7 Qualifications conferred by European Graduate School

Certificates, certificates' covering and supporting letters and transcripts of the qualification here below shall carry the NCFHE Logo as per Annex 6 of these licensing conditions and the following statements in all Certificates: **The National Commission for Further and Higher Education deems this Certificate to be at Level 7 of the Malta Qualifications Framework and of the European Qualifications for Framework for Lifelong Learning.**

1. Master of Arts in Philosophy, Art and Social Thought
2. Master of Arts in Expressive Arts Therapy with a minor in Psychology
3. Master of Arts in Expressive Arts Coaching and Consulting
4. Master of Arts in Musical, Literary and Visual Thought
5. Master of Arts in Expressive Arts Conflict Transformation and Peacebuilding.

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1. PhD in Expressive Arts
2. PhD in Philosophy, Art and Social Thought
3. PhD in Literary, Musical and Visual Thought

ANNEXES

- Annex 1: SL 327.431 – Malta Qualifications Framework for Lifelong Learning Regulations
- Annex 2: SL 327.433 – Further and Higher Education (Licensing Accreditation and Quality Assurance) Regulations
- Annex 3: Level descriptors of the EQF and the MQF (Referencing Report pages 87-114)
- Annex 4: Level descriptors of the Qualifications Framework of the European Higher Education Area
- Annex 5: The Malta Qualifications Framework
- Annex 6: NCFHE Logo
- Annex 7: National Quality Assurance Framework for Further and Higher Education
- Annex 8: Europass Certificate Supplement
- Annex 9: Europass Diploma Supplement
- Annex 10: Qualification Information for NCFHE's Online Register

All the annex above can be found on the NCFHE website in the Licensing and Accreditation section under the heading Further Guidance & Annexes to the Licensing Conditions

