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THE CABINET

Cabinet Resolution No. (103) of 2026

Concerning Financial Fees and Guarantees Associated with Services Provided by the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research

The Cabinet,

- Having reviewed the Constitution;
- Federal Law No. (1) of 1972 Concerning the Competencies of Ministries and Powers of Ministers, and its amendments;
- Federal Decree-Law No. (26) of 2019 Concerning Public Finance, and its amendments;
- Federal Decree-Law No. (31) of 2025 Concerning Higher Education and Scientific Research;
- Cabinet Resolution No. (106) of 2024 Concerning the Approval of the National Qualifications Framework;
- Cabinet Resolution No. (81) of 2025 Concerning Service Fees and Administrative Fines at the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research;
- And based on the submission of the Minister of Finance, and the approval of the Cabinet,

Has resolved as follows:

Article (1)

Definitions

The definitions set forth in Federal Decree-Law No. (31) of 2025 Concerning Higher Education and Scientific Research shall apply to this Resolution.

Article (2)

Service Fees

1. In return for the services provided by the Ministry and listed in the schedule attached to this Resolution, the respective fees indicated opposite each shall be collected.
2. In addition to the recognition fee for university, technical, and vocational qualifications issued inside or outside the State specified in the attached schedule, the applicant shall pay the cost of recognizing qualifications issued abroad that are processed through third-party service

providers. This includes certificate verification costs, recognition report costs, and any fees imposed by educational institutions outside the State.

Article (3)

Financial Guarantees and Exemptions Therefrom

1. The Ministry shall collect financial guarantees upon licensing higher education institutions in accordance with the following:

Number of Students (Institution Size)	Amount (AED)
Less than 500 students	200,000
From 501 to 2,000 students	400,000
From 2,001 to 4,000 students	800,000
More than 4,000 students	1,000,000

2. Federal and local public higher education institutions shall be exempt from providing the guarantees stipulated in this Article.
3. Higher education institutions holding a local permit from the competent local authority shall be exempt from providing the financial guarantees stipulated in this Article, provided that those authorities have required them to provide a financial guarantee or an equivalent financial measure that ensures the protection of students' rights and the continuity of the academic process.
4. The Minister shall determine the terms and conditions for financial guarantees collected by the Ministry under this Article. The Minister shall also specify the cases for reducing, exempting, returning, or liquidating these guarantees, along with the governing procedures and mechanisms.

Article (4)

Exemption from Payment of Fees

1. Federal or local public higher education institutions, as well as technical and vocational education and training (TVET) institutions owned by the federal government, any of the local governments, or their affiliated entities, shall be exempt from paying the fees specified in sections (First), (Second), and (Fourth) of the schedule attached to this Resolution.
2. Private higher education institutions holding a permit from the competent local authority shall be exempt from paying the institutional licensing fees set forth in Item (1) of section (First) of the schedule attached to this Resolution, provided that the competent local authority collects corresponding fees for the same service.
3. Subject to the provisions of any other exemptions provided in this Resolution, the following entities and programs shall be wholly or partially exempt from paying the service fees specified

in sections (First), (Second), and (Fourth) of the schedule attached to this Resolution, in accordance with the controls and mechanism issued by a resolution of the Minister following coordination with the Minister of Finance:

a. Higher education institutions, TVET institutions, and programs of strategic importance to the State that are established or launched by a federal or local decree, or by a Cabinet resolution.
b. Higher education institutions, TVET institutions, and programs that are established or launched for purposes related to protection against natural disasters or the prevention and control of epidemics.
c. Newly established higher education institutions and TVET institutions located in remote or less developed areas.
d. Non-profit higher education institutions and TVET institutions.
e. Internationally prestigious higher education institutions and TVET institutions, according to the classification of higher education institutions approved by the Ministry, which are attracted by federal or local government entities to operate in the State.
f. National technical and vocational qualifications and programs developed internally by the competent federal or local government entities or their affiliated entities.

4. An applicant may be exempt from paying the recognition fee for a qualification issued inside the State if the institution issuing the qualification complies with the digital integration requirements approved by the Ministry, in accordance with the controls and mechanism issued by a resolution of the Minister following coordination with the Minister of Finance.
5. Scholarship students studying outside the State under the supervision of the Ministry shall be exempt from the recognition fee for qualifications issued outside the State.

Article (5)

Amendment of Fees and Guarantees

The Cabinet shall have the authority, based on a submission by the Minister of Finance, following a proposal by the Minister and the approval of the Education, Human Development and Community Development Council, and based on coordination with the competent local authorities, to make any amendments to the fees and guarantees set forth in this Resolution, whether by addition, deletion, or modification.

Article (6)

Collection of Fees

The fees set forth in this Resolution shall be collected using the methods determined by the Ministry of Finance in this regard.

Article (7)

Transitional Provisions

1. The fees specified in the schedule attached to this Resolution shall apply to institutions existing at the time of its entry into force, effective from the beginning of the financial year following the date of its entry into force.
2. The fees specified in sections (First) and (Second) of the schedule attached to this Resolution shall apply to new institutions effective from the date of its entry into force.
3. The fee specified in section (Fifth) of the schedule attached to this Resolution shall apply to the supervision of new scholarship students effective from the date of its entry into force, while it shall apply to the supervision of scholarship students existing at the time of this Resolution's entry into force, effective from the beginning of the financial year following the date of its entry into force.
4. The financial guarantees set forth in Article (3) of this Resolution shall apply to institutions existing at the time of its entry into force, effective from the beginning of the financial year following the date of its entry into force, and to new institutions effective from the date of its entry into force.

Article (8)

Executive Decisions

The Minister shall issue the decisions necessary to implement the provisions of this Resolution.

Article (9)

Repeals

The aforementioned Cabinet Resolution No. (81) of 2025 is hereby repealed. Any provision contrary to or conflicting with the provisions of this Resolution is also repealed.

Article (10)

Publication and Entry into Force

This Resolution shall be published in the Official Gazette, and shall come into force (3) three months after the date of its publication.

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Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum

Prime Minister

Issued by Us:

On: 17 Dhu al-Hijjah 1447 H

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Schedule of Fees for the Services Provided by the Ministry

Annexed to Cabinet Resolution No. (103) of 2026

First: Services Related to Higher Education Institutions			
No.	**Service**	**Fee in AED**	**Collection Frequency**
1	Institutional Licensing.	100,000	One-time
2	Programmatic Accreditation or renewal thereof.	15,000	Annually per program, up to a maximum of 200,000 AED per institution annually

Second: Services Related to Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) Institutions			
No.	**Service**	**Fee in AED**	**Collection Frequency**
1	Accreditation or renewal of a technical and vocational qualifications awarding body.	100,000	Every 3 years
2	Institutional Accreditation or renewal thereof.	5,000	Annually
3	Programmatic Accreditation or renewal thereof.	5,000	Annually per program, up to a maximum of 25,000 AED per institution annually

Third: Services Related to the Recognition of Qualifications			
No.	**Service**	**Fee in AED**	**Collection Frequency**
1	Recognition of university, technical, and vocational qualifications issued inside or outside the State.	50	Per application

Fourth: Services Related to Training Institutes and Centers			
No.	**Service**	**Fee in AED**	**Collection Frequency**
1	Issuance or renewal of a training license for a training institute or center.	5,000	Annually
2	Amendment of a training license for a training institute or center.	2,000	Upon amendment

Fifth: Services Related to the Supervision of Scholarship Students Abroad			
No.	**Service**	**Fees in AED**	**Collection Frequency**
1	Supervision of scholarship students studying outside the State from various scholarship entities in the State.	10,000	Annually per student