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**Legislative Decree No. (19) of 1995 Evaluation of Academic Qualifications**

We, Isa bin Salman Al Khalifa, Emir of the State of Bahrain.

Having reviewed the Constitution;

Emiri Order No. (4) of 1975;

And Legislative Decree No. (14) of 1984 regarding the Evaluation of Academic Qualifications;

And upon the submission of the Minister of Education,

And after consulting the Shura Council,

And after the approval of the Council of Ministers,

**Hereby Decree the following Law:**

**Article One**

Foreign university qualifications awarded by foreign universities, institutes, and schools are assimilated to national qualifications or scientifically evaluated, if they have no equivalent to national qualifications, by decision of the Minister of National Education on the proposal of a commission called (the National Committee for Evaluation of Academic Qualifications), which is constituted under the chairmanship of the Undersecretary of the Ministry of Education and the membership of:

- Director of the Department of Cultural Affairs and Missions at the Ministry of Education.

- A Representative of the University of Bahrain.

- A Representative of the Arabian Gulf University.

- A Representative of the College of Health and Sport Sciences.

- A Representative from the Personnel Office.

- Four members representing Doctors, Accountants, Engineers, and Lawyers, appointed on the proposal of the relevant Ministries, after consultation with the professional bodies and in consultation with the Minister of Education.

A decision shall be taken by the Minister for Education to establish the committee on the basis of the appointment of the authorities concerned.

This decision sets out the committee's working procedures and the method for lodging a grievance against the Minister's decision to assess the qualification.

The committee may invite to its meetings the representative of the Ministry, institution, or body requesting the evaluation of the qualification. It may also ask for assistance in its work from any person it deems appropriate with experience or specialisation in its field of work, however, this person shall not have the right to vote in its deliberations.

**Article Two**

The procedures set out in the previous Article shall be followed when evaluating academic qualifications issued by institutes and schools in the State of Bahrain.

**Article Three**

Legislative Decree No. (14) of 1984 regarding the Evaluation of Academic Qualifications shall be repealed.

**Article Four**

The Ministers - each within his jurisdiction- shall implement this Law, and it shall come into force from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

**Emir of the State of Bahrain**

**Isa bin Salman Al Khalifa**

**Issued at Riffa Palace:**

**On 27 Rajab 1416 A.H.**

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