

**[AS PASSED BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY]**

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*to set up National University of Technology at Islamabad*

WHEREAS, in view of unprecedented increase in requirement of technical and skilled manpower in all sectors of the economy particularly in industrial and defence sectors and prospects thereof in the twenty-first century, it is expedient to establish a university of technology along with research facilities at the national level for promoting applied research, development and training of a large segment of the youth in the relevant fields and qualifications needed by the economy to ensure knowledge and technology based productivity driven rapid and sustainable economic development;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

**1. Short title and commencement.-** (1) This Act may be called the National University of Technology Act, 2017.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

**2. Definitions.-** In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context,-

- (i) "**Academic Council**" means the Academic Council constituted under section 21;
- (ii) "**affiliated college**" means an educational institution affiliated with the University but not maintained or administered by it;
- (iii) "**Authority**" means any of the authorities of the University specified or set up in terms of **section 16**;
- (iv) "**Board**" means the Board of Governors of the University constituted under **section 17**;
- (v) "**campus**" means any infrastructure of the University within country or abroad;
- (vi) "**Commission**" means the Higher Education Commission set up under the Higher Education Commission Ordinance, 2002 (LIII of 2002);
- (vii) "**Chairman**" means the Chairman of the Board;
- (viii) "**Chancellor**" means the Chancellor of the University;
- (ix) "**constituent institute**" means the educational institute maintained and administered by the University at different locations;
- (x) "**convocation**" means the ceremony arranged by the University to award degrees, diplomas and certificates to its graduates;
- (xi) "**Dean**" means the head of a Faculty, the head of an academic body granted the status of Faculty by this Act or by the Statutes or Regulations;
- (xii) "**department**" means a teaching or administrative department maintained and administered or recognized by the University in the prescribed manner;

- (xiii) "**director**" means the head of a department established by the University as prescribed;
- (xiv) "**faculty**" means an administrative and academic unit of the University consisting of one or more departments, as prescribed;
- (xv) "**Government**" means the Federal Government;
- (xvi) "**head of department**" means department head responsible to organize and supervise academic or training activities of a particular wing of the University or any of its constituent institutes;
- (xvii) "**institute**" means an institute, college, school constituted or affiliated with the University;
- (xviii) "**Ministry**" means the Ministry to which business of the University stands allocated;
- (xix) "**prescribed**" means prescribed by statutes, regulations or rules made under this Act;
- (xx) "**principal**" means principal of the institute;
- (xxi) "**Pro-Rector**" means Pro-Rector of the University appointed under section 12;
- (xxii) "**Rector**" means the Rector of the University appointed under section 10;
- (xxiii) "**search committee**" means the search committee set up by the Board under section 11 (1) (a);
- (xxiv) "**statutes, regulations and rules**" means respectively the statutes, the regulations and the rules made under this Act;
- (xxv) "**Syndicate**" means the Syndicate of the University;
- (xxvi) "**teachers**" include professors, associate professors, assistant professors, lecturers and instructors engaged whole time by the University or by a constituent or affiliated college and such other persons as may be prescribed;
- (xxvii) "**skills development department**" means the skills development department established under sub-section (4) of section 3; and
- (xxviii) "**University**" means the National University of Technology established under this Act;

**3. Establishment and incorporation of the University.**- (1) The National University of Technology shall be established at Islamabad in accordance with the provisions of this Act and shall consist of the following, namely:-

- (a) the Chancellor, the Board, the Rector, the Pro-Rector, the members of Syndicate, the Academic Council, the deans, principals and the directors;
- (b) the members of such other councils, committees as the Board may establish from time to time;
- (c) the members of the Faculties and students of the institutes; and
- (d) such other officers and members of the staff of the University.

(2) The University shall be a body corporate by the name of the National University of Technology, having perpetual succession and a common seal, with power, among others, to acquire, hold and dispose of any property and shall by the said name sue and be sued.

(3) The principal seat of the University shall be at Islamabad and it may set up any number of campuses in Pakistan and abroad as the Board may determine.