



**Decree Law No. (1) of 2022 concerning
Organization of the University of Khorfakkan***

We, Sultan Bin Mohammad Al Qasimi, Ruler of the Emirate of Sharjah,

After the perusal of:

Federal Law No. (1) of 1972 concerning the jurisdictions of Ministries and the Powers of Ministers and their amendments,

Law No. (2) of 1999 concerning the Establishment of the Executive Council of the Emirate of Sharjah and its bylaws and amendments,

Law No.(3) of 1999 concerning the Establishment of the Consultative Council of the Emirate of Sharjah and its bylaws and amendments,

Amiri Decree No.(40) of 2022 concerning the Establishment of the University of Khorfakkan, and based on the approval of the Executive Council of the Emirate of Sharjah,

And upon public interest,

We hereby issue the following decree-law:

Definitions

Article (1)

In the application of the provisions of this decree-law, the following words and expressions shall have the meanings assigned to them unless the context requires otherwise:

- **The Country:** The United Arab Emirates.
- **The Emirate:** The Emirate of Sharjah.
- **The Government:** The Government of the Emirate.
- **The Ruler:** The Ruler of the Emirate.
- **The University:** The University of Khorfakkan.
- **The Board:** The Board of Trustees of the University.
- **The President:** The President of the University and the Board.
- **The Chancellor:** The Chancellor of the University.

The Legal Personality

Article (2)

The University is an Arabic, non-profit, scientific and academic institution, enjoying an independent legal personality, and the capacity necessary to achieve its objectives and exercise its competencies. It possesses financial and administrative independence, and its assets are owned by the government.

Headquarters

Article (3)

The University's headquarters shall be located in the city of Khorfakkan. By decision of the President, he may establish branches of the University within or outside the Emirate.

Objectives

Article (4)



The University aims to achieve the following:

1. Create an academic and humanitarian identity that emphasizes Islamic values, Arab authenticity, and scientific advancement.
2. Achieve a balanced growth in the students' personalities, knowledge, and skills, and prepare well-trained human resources, both theoretically and practically, to meet the requirements of the comprehensive development plans in the country.
3. Sponsor and encourage scientific research to achieve scientific development and serve the community, and develop it for the better.
4. Offer higher education programs and develop them to achieve academic excellence in accordance with the University's policies and plans, which are based on community needs.
5. Strengthen cultural and scientific relations with other universities and higher education institutions, and scientific, Arab, and foreign entities.
6. Provide appropriate care for students, lecturers, and administrative staff in the University of various nationalities, and foster an appropriate environment that encourages excellence, creativity, and innovation.
7. Serve the community by establishing partnerships with government and private entities and respond and interact effectively to societal needs.

University Presidency

Article (5)

The Ruler shall be the President of the University and the President of the Board, and he may delegate some or all of his powers to any other member of the Board.

University Management

Article (6)

1. The University's management shall operate, each within its area of expertise, according to the provisions of this decree-law and its executive regulations. It shall consist of:
 - a) The Board of Trustees.
 - b) The Chancellor.
 - c) The Deans' Council.
2. The executive regulations of this decree-law shall determine the roles and competencies of the entities listed in clause (1) of this article.

Colleges, Institutes, and, Centers and Scientific Entities of the University

Article (7)

1. The University shall comprise of colleges, institutes and research, teaching, and training centers, as well as scientific institutions specified by decision of the President, based on a proposal from the Chancellor and approval of the Board.
2. The University and all its colleges, institutes, centers, and its academic, administrative and financial, and social departments are subject, in all its affairs, to the country's applicable regulations and legislation in force.

Degrees

Article (8)

The University awards scientific, academic, professional, and honorary degrees to those who meet the relevant criteria, as stipulated in this decree-law and the regulations issued pursuant thereto.



Language of Teaching in the University

Article (9)

1. The languages of teaching at the University shall be Arabic and English, depending on the nature of the approved study programs.
2. The Board may approve other languages of instruction or training in the University if required by some of the approved study programs.

Financial Resources

Article (10)

The University's financial resources shall consist of:

1. Government allocations.
2. Revenues generated by the University as a result of exercising its competencies, some of which include:
 - a) Tuition fees and the fees charged for services provided by the University.
 - b) Proceeds of the University's movable and immovable investments.
 - c) Proceeds from the sale or licensing of intellectual property, copyrights, publishing rights, designs and trademarks, and inventions owned by the University or which the University has the right to dispose of.
3. Donations, bequests, and endowments that align with the University's activities and are approved by the Board.
4. Any other resources approved by the Board.

General Budget and Fiscal Year

Article (11)

1. The University shall have an independent budget, separate from the government's budget, based on a proposal by the Chancellor and approval by the President and the Board.
2. The University's fiscal year shall begin on the first of September each year and end on the thirty-first of August of the following year.
3. The Board shall set the financial rules and accounting systems in the University and all its financial activities in accordance with internationally recognized accounting principles and standards.

Final Provisions

Article (12)

The University's funds shall be considered public funds. They shall be exempt from all forms of local governmental taxes and fees, except consumption fees. The University shall also be exempt from customs duties on all imports.

Article (13)

Upon a decision by the President and the approval of the Board, the University has the right to own real estate and movable assets in any form and to invest in all types as allowed by the country's regulations and legislation. The University may also establish, participate in, and manage commercial companies, and may engage in all legal necessary for such purposes.

Article (14)

1. In compliance with the provisions of Articles (2) and (6) of this decree-law, the University of Sharjah shall take the necessary academic, administrative, and financial procedures to enable the University of Khorfakkan to operate fully within a transitional period that does not exceed three years from the date of the issuance of this decree-law.
2. The Chancellor of the University of Sharjah shall coordinate with the management of the University of Khorfakkan to assign suitable members from the academic and administrative bodies to implement the requirements of clause (1)



of this article.

Article (15)

The management of the University of Sharjah, in coordination with the management of the University of Khorfakkan, and in accordance with the approved criteria of the Ministry of Education, shall set appropriate procedures related to the following:

1. Registration of students during the transitional period mentioned in Article (14) of this Decree-Law.
2. Grant academic degrees to students registered in the University of Sharjah - Khorfakkan branch, before the academic year of 2021/2022.

Article (16)

For the implementation of the provisions of this decree-law, the President shall issue, based on the proposal of the Chancellor and approval of the Board, executive regulations of this decree-law and all the academic, administrative, and financial regulations necessary for the proper functioning of the University.

Article (17)

The Consultative Council of Sharjah shall be notified of this decree-law immediately once it is convened.

Article (18)

This decree-law shall come into force from the date of its issuance. All relevant bodies, as concerned, shall comply with this decree and it shall be published in the Official Gazette.

Issued by us on:

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Corresponding to: June 30, 2022

**Sultan bin Mohammad Al Qasimi,
Ruler of the Emirate of Sharjah**