



ACT OF PARLIAMENT
ON
DETERMINATION OF ACADEMIC STANDING
OF GRADUATES ON BUDDHIST SUBJECTS
(NO. 2) B.E. 2540 (1997)

SOMDET PHRA PARAMINTHARAMAHA BHUMIBOL ADULYADEJ
SAYAMMINTHRARATHIRAT BOROMMANATTHABOOPHIT

Given on the 15th Day of September B.E. 2540;
Being the 52nd Year of the Present Reign

Phrabat Somdet Phra Paramintharamaha Bhumibol Adulyadej Mahitalathibet Ramathibodi Chakkri Narubodin Sayammintharathirat Borommanatthabophit is graciously pleased to proclaim that:

It is expedient to amend the Act of Parliament on Determination of Academic Standing of Graduates on Buddhist Subjects.

His Majesty the King is graciously pleased to enact the Act through the suggestions and approval of the National Assembly as follows:

Section 1. This Act is called “The Act of Parliament on Determination of Academic Standing of Graduates on Buddhist Studies (No. 2) B.E. 2540 (1997)”.

Section 2. This Act is applied after the date of publication in the Government Gazette.

Section 3. The provisions in section 3 of the Act of Parliament on Determination of Academic Standing of Graduates on Buddhist Subjects B.E. 2527 (1984) shall be lapsed and instead the following provisions shall be applied;

“**Section 3.** Buddhist Subject refers to the subject arranged for monks and novices to study according to General Buddhist Scripture Education Curriculum, consisting of Dhamma studies and Pali language studies”

Section 4. The provisions in section 4 of the Act of Parliament on Determination of Academic Standing of Graduates on Buddhist Subjects B.E. 2527 (1984) shall be lapsed and instead the following provisions shall be applied;

“**Section 4.** Those who competed the Buddhist subjects according to the General Buddhist Scripture Education Curriculum, consisting of Dhamma studies and Pali language studies, Pali Grade 9 shall have the academic standing with equal status to Bachelor’s Degree called “Pali Grade 9” and its abbreviation is Por Thor. 9”

Section 5. The provisions in section 6 of the Act of Parliament on Determination of Academic Standing of Graduates on Buddhist Subjects B.E. 2527 (1984) shall be lapsed and instead the following provisions shall be applied;

“**Section 6.** A group of committees shall be established, consisting of His Holiness Supreme Patriarch as the President of Committees, Chief of Pali Language Examination at Sanam Luang, Rector of Mahamakutrajaavidyalaya University, Rector of Mahachulalongkomrajavidyala University, Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Education, Permanent Secretary for University Affairs, Secretary to Rajaphat Institute Council, Director-General of Religious Affairs Department, Director – General of Department of Non-Formal Education, Director-General of Department of Curriculum and Instruction Development, Secretary –General of the National Education Commission and qualified committees not exceeding seven persons to be committees appointed by the Supreme Patriarch through the approval of Sangha Supreme Council.

The Sangha Education Committees shall select a committee to be vice President

The Director - General of Religious Affairs Department shall be Secretary General to the Sangha Education Committees and the Religious Affairs Department shall perform the duties as the Office of Sangha Education Committees”.

Countersigned by:

Gen. Chavalit Yongchaiyudh

Prime Minister

NOTE: The reason in promulgating this Bill is because there is the enactment of Acts for the establishment of Mahamakutrajavidyalaya University and Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University to perform the duties on Buddhist studies according to the curriculum of Bachelor of Arts Program in Religion and Bachelor of Arts Program in Buddhism. It is expedient to amend the provisions in the Act determining the academic standing of the graduates of Buddhist subject B.E. 2527 (1984) on the part concerning the Buddhist studies according to the curriculum of Bachelor of Arts Program in Religion and Bachelor of Arts Program in Buddhism as well as the component of the Sangha Education Committees suitable for and conforming to the principle of the establishment of such university which is necessary for enacting the Act.