



**Act of Parliament**  
**on**  
**Determination of Academic Standing of Graduates**  
**on Buddhist Subjects B.E. 2527 (1984)**

**SOMDET PHRA PARAMINTHARAMAHA BHUMIBOL ADULYADEJ**  
**SAYAMMINTHRARATHIRAT BOROMMANATTHABOOPHIT**

**Given on the 27<sup>th</sup> Day of September B.E. 2527;**  
**Being the 39<sup>th</sup> 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 possess the Act of Parliament on Determination of Academic Standing of Graduates **on** Buddhist Subjects. His Majesty the King is graciously pleased to enact the Bill 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 Subjects B.E. 2527 (1984)”.

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

**Section 3\*** Buddhist subject refers to the subject arranged for monks and novices to study according to the General Buddhist Scripture Education Curriculum, consisting of Dhamma studies and Pali language studies \*(Section 3. Amended by the Act (No. 2) B.E. 2540 (1997).

**Section 4\*** The person who completed the Buddhist subjects, the General Buddhist Scripture Education Curriculum, consisting of Dhamma studies and Pali language studies, Pali Grade 9 shall have an equal status to Bachelor's Degree called "Pali Grade 9" and its abbreviation is Por Thor 9". \*(Section 4. amended by the Act (No. 2) B.E. 2540 (1997).

**Section 5.** Beside the degree under section 4, any monk or novice who has studied the Buddhist subjects may receive certificate to certify his knowledge as in the curriculum approved by the Sangha Education Committees.

**Section 6\*** A group of Sangha Education Committees shall be established, consisting of His Holiness Supreme Patriarch as the President of Committees, Chief of Pali Language Examination at Sanam Luang, Chief of Dhamma Examination at Sanam Luang, Rector of Mahamakutrajavidyalaya University, Rector of Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya 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".\* [Section 6. amended by the Act (No.2) B.E. 2540 (1997)].

**Section 7.** The qualified committee shall assume the position two years for each term. The qualified committee who is removed from office may be re-appointed. Whereas the Supreme Patriarch appointed more qualified committees while the committees who have been appointed still remain in office, the committees who

have been appointed shall be additional committees holding the position equal to the remaining term of the committees who have been appointed.

**Section 8.** Beside the removal from office under section 7, the qualified committees are removed upon:

- (1) Death
- (2) Resignation or
- (3) The Supreme Patriarch commands to quit.

Whereas the qualified committee is removed before the term, the Supreme Patriarch may appoint other person to replace him by the approval of the Sangha Supreme Council and the person who has been appointed shall hold the position equal to the remaining term of the committee whom has been replaced.

**Section 9.** The meeting of the Sangha Education Committees shall have the committees in the number not less than one-half of the total holding the position at that time in order to constitute a quorum.

If the President does not attend the meeting or is not present at the meeting, vice-President will preside over the meeting. If President and vice-President do not attend the meeting or are not present at the meeting, the meeting shall select a committee to preside over the meeting. The decision of the meeting shall be carried by a majority vote. Each committee member shall have one vote. In the event of a tie, the Chairman of the meeting shall have an additional casting vote.

**Section 10.** The Sangha Education Committees have the powers and duties as follows:

- (1) Impose the policy and education management plan on Buddhist subjects
- (2) Set the standard and give an approval according to Buddhist subjects curriculum
- (3) Prescribe knowledge basis, qualification, education admission criteria, education period, examination and degree and certificate requirements

- (4) Supervise the education management on Buddhist subjects to have mainly the General Buddhist Scripture Education Curriculum and prevent the distortion of Dhamma and Vinaya from Pali in Tipitaka.
- (5) Decide and command to restrain or end the performance which contraries to law, regulations or order of school and Buddhist subjects according to this Act.
- (6) Lay down the rules and issue the regulations or orders for practice according to this Act.

**Section 11.** Any person who has no right to use the degree or certificate or abbreviation of degree according to this Act and commits an offence by deluding others that he has such right shall be imprisoned not more than six months or shall be paid a fine not more than ten thousands baht or both.

**Section 12.** The person who completed Buddhist subjects according to the General Buddhist Scripture Education Curriculum, consisting of Dhamma studies and Pali language studies, Pali Grade 9, Bachelor of Arts Program in Religion from the Education Council of Mahamakutrajavidyalaya University under Royal Patronage or Bachelor of Arts Program in Buddhism under Royal Patronage before this Act has come into force shall have the academic standing with equal status to Bachelor's Degree under section 4.

**Section 13.** The Minister of Education shall be in charge under this Act.

Countersigned by

Gen. Prachuab Suntarangkul

Deputy Prime Minister

**NOTE :** The reason for promulgating this Act is: whereas the monks and novices, who have passed Pali Grade 9 according to the General Buddhist Scripture Education Curriculum, consisting of Dhamma Studies and Pali Sanamluang Studies of Sangha,

Bachelor of Arts in Religion according to Bachelor of Arts Program of the Education Council of Mahamakutrajavidyalaya University under Royal Patronage or Bachelor of Arts in Buddhism according to Bachelor of Arts Program in Buddhism under Royal Patronage, have knowledge, ability and experience equivalent to Bachelor's Degree in Social Science of secular universities. It is proper to prescribe the academic standing of the person who completed these three curriculums to be equal to the secular universities, it is thus necessary to promulgate this Act.

Act of Parliament on Determination of Academic Standing of Graduates on Buddhist Subjects (No.2) B.E. 2540 (1997)

**NOTE:** The reason for promulgating this Act is: whereas there is the enactment of Act on establishing Mahamakutrajavidyalaya University and the Act on establishing Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University for performing the duties on the study of Buddhist subjects according to Bachelor's Degree Program in Religion and Bachelor's Degree Program in Buddhism, it is proper to amend the provisions in the Act determining the academic standing of the person who completed Buddhist subjects B.,E. 2527 (1984) in the part concerning the study of Buddhist subjects according to Bachelor's Degree Program in Religion and Bachelor's Degree Program in Buddhism as well as the component of the Sangha Education Committees to be suitable for and be in accordance with the principles in the establishment of university, it is thus necessary to promulgate this Act.