



**Kingdom of Cambodia  
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**Royal Government of Cambodia**  
**No: 54 ANK.BK**

**Sub-decree**

**On**

**Criteria for the Establishment of University**



**Royal Government**

- Having seen the Constitution of the Kingdom of Cambodia
- Having seen the Royal decree NS/RKT/1198/72 dated November 30, 1998 on the appointment of the Government of the Kingdom of Cambodia
- Having seen the Law on Organization and Functioning of the Council of Ministers, promulgated by Kram 02/NS/94 dated July 20, 1994
- Having seen the Law on Establishment of the Ministry of Education Youth and Sports, promulgated by Kram NS/RKM 0196/01 dated January 24, 1996
- Having seen Sub-decree 01 ANKr.BK on the Organization and Management of Higher and Specialized Education Institutes dated January 20, 1992
- Necessity of the Royal Government

**Hereby Decide**

**Chapter I**

**General Provisions**

Article 1:

The purpose of this Sub-decree is to define necessary criteria and conditions for the Ministry of Education Youth and Sports in monitoring on the establishment of the University.

## **Chapter II**

### **Definitions, General Aspects and Establishment Procedures**

#### Article 2:

University is an entity bears responsibility in training human resources from bachelor degree in pursuing research and collaborates with local and international bodies on culture, science and technical aspects toward social and economical development as well as contributes to the promotion of national culture and identification.

#### Article 3:

Related documents to be submitted to the Ministry of Education Youth and Sports consist of:

- Strategic plan in developing of the subject university and contribution in development of higher education in the Kingdom of Cambodia
- Details curriculum including of contents and training preparation
- Details governance scheme including of membership and rules in selection of Board of Director to ensure membership of representatives from civil society in the Board of Director
- Conditions and Rules in selection of Rector
- Rules to ensure proper management of the entity property and financial aspects
- Other related documents requested by the Ministry of Education Youth and Sports

#### Article 4:

Ministry of Education Youth and Sports will monitor and evaluate on the proposed documents to clearly identify types of higher educational institutes. Certificate of Bachelor degree issued by higher education institutes in the Kingdom of Cambodia shall come from two categories: University and Institute.

#### Article 5:

The University shall be responded to the following criteria:

- Offering poly-skills/techniques training program through various colleagues at a level of bachelor degree
- Offering training program for a foundation year with certificate of foundation study issued
- Offer training, knowledge and research works which lead to increase understanding of students and emerge their astonishments/questions which enhance their conscious resolutions through modern method

- Qualified and competent lecturers
- Library, experiment room, textbooks and proper tangible equipments serving the purpose of learning and research works.
- Location, campus and training rooms conform with pedagogy standards

Article 6:

Educational structure of a university is a combination of various colleges and departments to provide training program up from the level of Bachelor with a minimum duration of three (3) years or more than that.

This structure includes:

- College is an educational body offering training program at a bachelor level consists of various major/skills in which connected to different specialization.
- Department is an educational body inside of the college which offers specific subject or skill.

Article 7:

A university shall consist of 3 colleges as below:

- College of Arts, Humanities and Languages
- College of Mathematics and Sciences
- College of Social Sciences

And at least should have two (2) additional colleges which offer below specialization:

- Health Sciences
- Engineering and Computer Sciences
- Law
- Agriculture
- Architect & Design
- Education
- Business Management
- Telecommunication (including of information network)
- Environment Studies
- Hotel & Tourism

Or other additional specializations authorized by the Ministry of Education Youth and Sports.

Article 8:

Below subjects shall be included into College of Arts, Humanities and Languages:

- Literature
- History
- Philosophy
- Fine Arts
- Music
- Archeology
- Religious studies
- Khmer Studies
- Khmer Language
- English Language
- French Language
- Other Languages

Below subjects shall be included to College of Mathematics and Sciences:

- Mathematics
- Chemistry
- Biology
- Physics
- Geology
- Environment Sciences
- Practical Sciences
- Computer etc.

Below subjects shall be included to college of Social Sciences:

- Political Sciences
- Public Administration
- Sociology and Anthropology
- Psychology
- Economy
- Geography
- Demography etc.

Article 9:

The institute shall be responded to the following criteria:

- Offering education and qualification of bachelor degree by integrating of one specialization or various subjects excluding from below specializations
- Offer training, knowledge and research works which lead to increase understanding of students and emerge their astonishments/questions which enhance their conscious resolutions through modern method

- Qualified and competent lecturers
- Library, experiment room, textbooks and proper tangible equipments serving the purpose of learning and research works.
- Location, campus and training rooms conform with pedagogy standards

Article 10:

The institute can offer training program for certifications and qualifications of below specializations:

- Health Sciences
- Engineering and Computer Sciences
- Law
- Agriculture
- Architect and Design
- Education
- Business management
- Telecommunication (including of information network)
- Environment studies
- Hotel & Tourism

Or other subjects authorized by the Ministry of Education Youth and Sports.

Article 11:

Establishment of a State University is a subject to establishing sub-decree while the establishment of the Private University is a subject to the recognition sub-decree. The Ministry of Education Youth and Sports shall prepare detail conditions and criteria in the establishment of the university and has a duty to verify on proposed documents on the establishment of the university and making necessary suggestion to the Royal Government for approval.

### **Chapter III**

#### **Transitional Provisions**

Article 12:

Currently operating universities have been granted a period of ten (10) years for improvement in order to come along with the stated criteria of this sub-decree.

Article 13:

The newly applying universities have been granted a period of three (3) years for improvement in order to come along with the stated criteria of this sub-decree after receiving approval from the Royal Government.

With appropriate reasons, the duration for this improvement might be suspended to other three (3) years.

## **Chapter IV**

### **Final Provision**

Article 14:

Minister of the Ministry of Education Youth and Sports, Minister in charge of council of ministers, Co-minister, the Ministers and Secretaries of State of relevant ministries and higher educational institutes shall effectively implement this sub-decree in their respective competencies.

Article 15:

This sub-decree comes into force from the date of signature.

Phnom Penh, 13 June 2002

Minister

#### **Receivers:**

- Ministry of Royal Palace
- General Secretariat of Senate
- General Secretariat of National Assembly
- Cabinet of Minister
- As in article 14
- Documentations

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