

Law No. (2) of 2017
Concerning the
Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum Knowledge Foundation¹

We, Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Ruler of Dubai,

After perusal of:

Law No. (3) of 2003 Establishing the Executive Council of the Emirate of Dubai;

Law No. (27) of 2006 Concerning Management of the Government of Dubai Human Resources and its amendments;

Law No. (5) of 2008 Establishing the Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation;

Law No. (33) of 2015 Establishing the Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum Global Initiatives Foundation; and

Law No. (1) of 2016 Concerning the Financial Regulations of the Government of Dubai,

Do hereby issue this Law.

Title of the Law
Article (1)

This Law will be cited as “Law No. (2) of 2017 Concerning the Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum Knowledge Foundation”.

Definitions
Article (2)

The following words and expressions, wherever mentioned in this Law, will have the meaning indicated opposite each of them unless the context implies otherwise:

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¹Every effort has been made to produce an accurate and complete English version of this legislation. However, for the purpose of its interpretation and application, reference must be made to the original Arabic text. In case of conflict the Arabic text will prevail.

Emirate:	The Emirate of Dubai.
Ruler:	His Highness the Ruler of Dubai.
Executive Council:	The Executive Council of the Emirate of Dubai.
MBRKF:	The Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum Knowledge Foundation.
Chairman:	The chairman of the MBRKF.
CEO:	The chief executive officer of the MBRKF.
Advisory Board:	The advisory board of the MBRKF.

Application of the Law **Article (3)**

- a. The provisions of this Law will apply to the Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation established pursuant to the above-mentioned Law No. (5) of 2008 as a public corporation having legal personality, and the legal capacity required to undertake the acts and dispositions that ensure the achievement of its objectives. The MBRKF is hereby affiliated to the Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum Global Initiatives Foundation established pursuant to the above-mentioned Law No. (33) of 2015.
- b. The name “Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum Foundation” is hereby replaced by “Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum Knowledge Foundation”, wherever mentioned in any legislation in force in the Emirate.

Head Office of the MBRKF **Article (4)**

The head office of the MBRKF will be located in the Emirate. The MBRKF may establish other branches and offices within and outside of the Emirate pursuant to a resolution of the Chairman.

Objectives of the MBRKF **Article (5)**

The MBRKF aims to promote scientific research; contribute to supporting and promoting authorship, publication, and translation activities; promote culture; and encourage intellectuals in the Arab and Islamic worlds.

Functions of the MBRKF

Article (6)

For the purpose of achieving its objectives, the MBRKF will have the duties and powers to:

1. design and manage programmes for the creation and support of an advanced knowledge base;
2. support the programmes aimed at producing all types of knowledge;
3. offer scholarships and human development programmes;
4. develop a new generation of leaders in the government and private sectors and hone their skills in various scientific fields;
5. develop investment-oriented thinking amongst the younger generation with a view to promoting their creativity and entrepreneurship skills by launching specialised programmes and establishing funds in support of these activities;
6. sponsor and support the general policies, scientific research, specialised reports, and case studies on knowledge production, and entrepreneurship and human capital development;
7. establish companies, establishments, or investment projects, either solely or in partnership with other persons, in fields that are relevant to the work of the MBRKF;
8. sponsor local and international awards in culture, literature, knowledge, and science;
9. organise or participate in events, exhibitions, conferences, and workshops in fields that are relevant to the achievement of the objectives of the MBRKF;
10. issue periodic reports and bulletins in fields that are relevant to the work of the MBRKF;
11. offer specialised and advanced programmes designed to support and promote authorship, translation, and publication; and to encourage reading; and
12. perform any other duties required for the achievement of its objectives.

Organisational Structure of the MBRKF
Article (7)

The MBRKF will have the following organisational levels:

1. the Chairman;
2. the CEO; and
3. the Advisory Board.

Appointment and Functions of the Chairman
Article (8)

- a. A Chairman will be appointed to the MBRKF pursuant to a decree of the Ruler.
- b. The Chairman will undertake general supervision of the work of the MBRKF, and ensure the achievement of its objectives under this Law. In particular, the Chairman will have the duties and powers to:
 1. approve the general policy and the work plans and programmes of the MBRKF;
 2. approve the draft annual budget and Final Accounts of the MBRKF;
 3. approve the organisational structure of the MBRKF;
 4. approve the resolutions regulating the administrative, financial, and technical work of the MBRKF;
 5. approve the initiatives, programmes, and projects that are relevant to the objectives of the MBRKF; and
 6. exercise any other duties or powers assigned to him by the Ruler or the Chairman of the Executive Council.
- c. The Chairman may delegate any of his powers under paragraph (b) of this Article to the CEO, provided that this delegation is specific and in writing.

Appointment and Functions of the CEO
Article (9)

- a. A CEO will be appointed to the MBRKF pursuant to a resolution of the Chairman of the Executive Council.

- b. The CEO will manage the MBRKF and ensure that its executive body achieves the objectives of the MBRKF. In particular, the CEO will have the duties and powers to:
1. develop the general policy, strategic plans, and work programmes of the MBRKF; submit the same to the Chairman for approval; and follow up implementation of the same upon approval;
 2. prepare the draft annual budget and Final Accounts of the MBRKF, and submit the same to the Chairman for approval and subsequent adoption by the competent entities;
 3. prepare the organisational structure of the MBRKF, and submit the same to the Chairman for approval and subsequent adoption by the competent entities;
 4. represent the MBRKF before third parties and execute contracts, agreements, and memoranda of understanding, in fields that are relevant to the work of the MBRKF, with local, regional, and international entities.
 5. draft the resolutions regulating the administrative, financial, and technical work of the MBRKF, and submit the same to the Chairman for approval;
 6. supervise the work of the executive body of the MBRKF and appoint competent and specialised Employees;
 7. propose initiatives, programmes, and projects that are relevant to the objectives of the MBRKF, and present the same to the Chairman for approval;
 8. prepare periodic reports on the achievements and activities of the MBRKF, and present the same to the Chairman to take the appropriate action in this regard; and
 9. exercise any other duties or powers, required for the achievement of the objectives of the MBRKF, as assigned or delegated to him by the Chairman.
- c. The CEO may delegate any of his duties under paragraph (b) of this Article to any of the MBRKF Employees, provided that this delegation is specific and in writing.

Advisory Board of the MBRKF
Article (10)

The MBRKF will have an Advisory Board comprised of the CEO, as chairman, and a number of members, selected by the Chairman, who are experienced and specialised in fields that are relevant to the work of the MBRKF.

Functions of the Advisory Board

Article (11)

The Advisory Board will have the duties and powers to:

1. consider the policies and strategic plans of the MBRKF, and the programmes and initiatives required for their implementation;
2. identify the requirements and priorities of the scientific and research work that the MBRKF will support;
3. provide technical advice on the scientific methodologies and concepts that are relevant to the work of the MBRKF;
4. submit technical proposals aimed at achieving continued development of the MBRKF's creativity and leadership capacity in conducting its work, and at keeping abreast with the latest technical and technological developments in this respect;
5. draft the terms of reference of the Advisory Board, and submit the same to the Chairman for approval; and
6. perform any other duties assigned to it by the Chairman or the CEO.

Financial Resources of the MBRKF

Article (12)

The financial resources of the MBRKF will consist of:

1. appropriations allocated to the MBRKF in the General Budget of the Government of Dubai;
2. grants, gifts, and donations provided to the MBRKF and accepted by the Chairman;
3. profits and returns on investment of the MBRKF's property; and
4. any other resources approved by the Chairman.

Accounts and Financial Year of the MBRKF

Article (13)

- a. In regulating its accounts and records, the MBRKF will apply the rules and principles of government accounting.

- b. The Financial Year of the MBRKF will commence on 1 January and will end on 31 December of each year.

Application of the Human Resources Management Law

Article (14)

Law No. (27) of 2006 Concerning Management of the Government of Dubai Human Resources and its amendments will apply to the Employees of the MBRKF. These Employees will retain their existing rights.

Issuing Implementing Resolutions

Article (15)

The Chairman of the Executive Council will issue the resolutions required for the implementation of the provisions of this Law.

Repeals

Article (16)

- a. This Law supersedes the above-mentioned Law No. (5) of 2008.
- b. Any provision in any other legislation will be repealed to the extent that it contradicts the provisions of this Law.

Commencement and Publication

Article (17)

This Law comes into force on the day on which it is issued, and will be published in the Official Gazette.

Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum

Ruler of Dubai

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