

Law No. (1) of 2019
Concerning the
Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum International Photography
Award¹

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

After perusal of:

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

Law No. (4) of 2018 Establishing the Financial Audit Authority;

Decree No. (4) of 2008 Appointing the Crown Prince of the Emirate of Dubai; and

Resolution No. (1) of 2011 Establishing the Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum International Photography Award,

Do hereby issue this Law.

Title of the Law
Article (1)

This Law will be cited as "Law No. (1) of 2019 Concerning the Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum International Photography Award".

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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.

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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:

UAE:	The United Arab Emirates.
Emirate:	The Emirate of Dubai.
HIPA Patron:	His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Crown Prince of Dubai.
Office:	Zaabeel Office of His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum.
HIPA:	The Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum International Photography Award.
Board of Trustees:	The board of trustees of HIPA.
Secretary General:	The secretary general of HIPA.
Charter:	The charter of HIPA.

Applicability of the Law to HIPA

Article (3)

This Law will apply to HIPA established pursuant to the above-mentioned Resolution No. (1) of 2011 as a private corporation having legal personality and the legal capacity required to undertake all acts and dispositions that ensure the achievement of its objectives. HIPA is hereby affiliated to the Office.

Head Office of HIPA

Article (4)

The head office of HIPA will be located in the Emirate. Other branches of HIPA may be established within and outside of the Emirate pursuant to a resolution of the HIPA Patron.

Objectives of HIPA Article (5)

HIPA aims to:

1. promote the Emirate as an international stage for the art of photography, turning it into a creative point of reference for photography artists and innovators;
2. enhance performance, creativity, and quality levels in the field of photography and nurture the spirit of initiative, creativity, and excellence;
3. provide a database on the art of photography, and conduct the educational and training activities related to photography and documentation to support this art;
4. encourage scientific research, and publish research and studies that are relevant to photography;
5. encourage greater participation of UAE nationals in international photography events, exhibitions, and competitions; and
6. sponsor and promote photography-related activities, and improve and develop such activities at the local, regional, and international levels.

Functions of HIPA Article (6)

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

1. develop integrated systems and programmes to support and develop the photography-related activities;
2. undertake the transactions and work related to HIPA activities and required for the achievement of its objectives, including conducting business activities;
3. conduct studies and research that are relevant to photography and to developing photography-related activities;
4. regulate and administer all aspects of HIPA work, and award prizes to HIPA winners;

5. organise specialised events, exhibitions, conferences, workshops, and programmes in fields that are relevant to the achievement of the objectives of HIPA;
6. honour various categories of individuals and entities who make outstanding achievements and creative contributions in the field of photography and recognise such achievements and contributions;
7. release and publish printed material, including books and bulletins, and audio and video recordings on photography;
8. establish companies and corporations, either solely or in partnership with other persons, in fields that are relevant to the work of HIPA;
9. own and take lease of the movable and immovable property required for the achievement of HIPA objectives; and
10. exercise any other duties or powers required for enabling HIPA to achieve its objectives as stipulated in this Law, or prescribed by the Charter.

Management of HIPA

Article (7)

HIPA will be managed and regulated in accordance with the provisions of this Law; the Charter; and the bylaws and resolutions issued in pursuance thereof.

Board of Trustees of HIPA

Article (8)

- a. HIPA will have a Board of Trustees comprised of a chairman, a vice chairman, and other members. The number of the Board of Trustees members must not be less than five (5) and not more than eleven (11) including the chairman and vice chairman. Members of the Board of Trustees must be administratively and culturally competent UAE nationals who are known for their integrity.
- b. The Board of Trustees will be formed pursuant to a resolution of the HIPA Patron. Membership of the Board of Trustees will be for a renewable period of four (4) years.

Meetings of the Board of Trustees

Article (9)

- a. The Board of Trustees will be convened at the invitation of the chairman, or the vice chairman where the chairman is absent, at least once every two (2) months or where necessary, at the time and place determined by the chair of the meeting.
- b. Meetings of the Board of Trustees will be valid if attended by the majority of its members, provided that the chairman or vice chairman is in attendance. Resolutions and recommendations of the Board of Trustees will be passed by majority vote of attending members, and in the event of a tie, the chair of the meeting will have the casting vote.
- c. Resolutions and recommendations of the Board of Trustees will be recorded in minutes signed by the chair of the meeting and the rapporteur of the Board of Trustees.

Functions of the Board of Trustees

Article (10)

- a. The Board of Trustees is the highest authority responsible for overseeing the affairs of HIPA, and is vested with the powers to plan and supervise the activities of HIPA and to administer its work with a view to achieving the objectives of HIPA. In particular, the Board of Trustees will have the duties and powers to:
 1. approve the general policy and the strategic, development, and operational plans of HIPA;
 2. approve the Charter;
 3. approve the resolutions and bylaws regulating the administrative, financial, and technical work of HIPA, the Board of Trustees, and the executive body;
 4. approve the organisational structure of HIPA and submit the same to the HIPA Patron for final approval;
 5. discuss the draft annual budget of HIPA and submit the same to the Office for finalisation of its approval as part of the annual budget of the Office;

6. discuss and approve the annual financial statements of HIPA and submit them to the Office for approval in accordance with the applicable legislation;
 7. appoint and determine the duties of the rapporteur of the Board of Trustees;
 8. approve the annual and phase-based work plans that are relevant to the achievement of HIPA objectives, and direct the Secretary General to implement such plans;
 9. approve the internal bylaws regulating the activities of HIPA, and pass the required resolutions that ensure proper conduct of these activities and flow of work;
 10. approve the criteria and standards for selecting winners of the HIPA award in its various categories;
 11. determine the monetary value of the various categories of the HIPA award, and submit the determination to the HIPA Patron for approval;
 12. approve nominations for the HIPA award;
 13. form permanent and temporary specialised technical and scientific committees and work teams in accordance with the requirements of HIPA activities and objectives to assist the Board of Trustees in performing its duties; issue bylaws regulating the work of such committees and work teams; and determine the remunerations and allowances of members of such committees and work teams; and
 14. exercise any other duties or powers that are relevant to the achievement of the objectives of HIPA as assigned or delegated to the Board of Trustees by the HIPA Patron, or as prescribed by the Charter.
- b. The Board of Trustees may delegate any of its powers under paragraph (a) of this Article to any of its members or to the Secretary General, provided that such delegation is specific and in writing.

Appointment and Functions of the Secretary General

Article (11)

- a. A Secretary General will be appointed to HIPA pursuant to a resolution of the HIPA Patron upon the recommendation of the Board of Trustees.
- b. The Secretary General will be directly responsible to the Board of Trustees for achieving HIPA objectives, and for exercising the duties and powers assigned to him under this Law; the Charter; and the resolutions issued in pursuance thereof.
- c. The Secretary General will supervise the daily work of HIPA; manage and administer its affairs; be responsible for implementing HIPA policies; and exercise the powers and authority required for the achievement of HIPA objectives. The Secretary General will, in particular, have the duties and power to:
 1. propose the general policy and strategic, development, and operational plans of HIPA; present the same to the Board of Trustees for approval; and follow up their implementation;
 2. draft the Charter of HIPA in coordination with the Office and submit it to the Board of Trustees for approval;
 3. propose the organisational structure of HIPA in coordination with the Office and submit it to the Board of Trustees for approval;
 4. propose the resolutions and bylaws regulating the administrative, financial and technical work of HIPA, the Board of Trustees, and the executive body; and submit the same to the Board of Trustees for approval;
 5. take the necessary action to ensure compliance by HIPA with the legislation in force in the Emirate, with the resolutions and regulations issued in pursuance thereof, and with any other legislation related to the work and activities of HIPA;
 6. prepare, in coordination with the Office, the draft annual budget and financial statements of HIPA, and submit the same to the Board of Trustees for discussion;
 7. propose the internal bylaws regulating various activities of HIPA and present the same to the Board of Trustees for approval;

8. approve financial transactions, including bank remittances and cheques, subject to the financial regulations and bylaws adopted by HIPA and to the applicable delegation of powers matrix;
 9. sign, in the name of HIPA and on its behalf, on contracts, agreements, and memoranda of understanding in accordance with the relevant powers granted to the Secretary General by the Board of Trustees;
 10. propose the criteria and rules for the selection of winners of HIPA awards in its various categories, and present the same to the Board of Trustees for approval;
 11. supervise performance by the HIPA general secretariat of the duties assigned to it under this Law; the Charter; and the bylaws and regulations adopted in this respect;
 12. supervise the organisational units of the HIPA general secretariat included in the HIPA approved organisational structure; prepare periodic and annual reports on their work; and submit the same to the Board of Trustees;
 13. supervise, direct, and follow up the work activities related to the objectives of HIPA;
 14. prepare the annual reports that are relevant to the various activities of HIPA, and present them to the Board of Trustees to take the necessary action in respect thereof;
 15. form permanent or temporary sub-committees and work teams to assist him in performing his duties and achieving HIPA objectives; and determine the duties, powers, and term of such sub-committees and work teams and the remunerations of their members; and
 16. exercise any other duties or powers that are relevant to the achievement of the objectives of HIPA as assigned or delegated to him by the HIPA Patron or the Board of Trustees, or as prescribed by the Charter.
- d. The Secretary General may delegate any of the powers vested in him under paragraph (c) of this Article to any of the heads of the concerned organisational units within the general secretariat of HIPA, provided that this delegation is specific and in writing.

General Secretariat of HIPA
Article (12)

- a. The general secretariat of HIPA will be comprised of the Secretary General, and a number of administrative, finance, and technical employees.
- b. The general secretariat of HIPA will be responsible for conducting all its operations in accordance with the Charter, and the relevant bylaws, regulations, and resolutions approved by the Board of Trustees and the Secretary General.
- c. The employees of the general secretariat of HIPA will be subject to the human resources regulation approved by the Board of Trustees for this purpose. The provisions of this regulation must be consistent with the human resources legislation adopted by the Government of Dubai.

Financial Resources of the Award
Article (13)

The financial resources of HIPA will consist of:

1. financial appropriations allocated to HIPA in the annual budget of the Office;
2. grants, gifts, donations, and bequests that are accepted by the Board of Trustees;
and
3. any other resources approved by the HIPA Patron.

Accounts and Financial Year of HIPA
Article (14)

- a. In regulating its accounts and records, HIPA will apply the rules and principles of government accounting.
- b. The signing of contracts and agreements, and of bank remittances, cheques, and account management instructions issued by HIPA to the concerned banks in the UAE, will be subject to the financial approval authorities bylaw approved by the Board of Trustees and the Office in accordance with the relevant legislation in force.

- c. The financial year of HIPA will commence on 1 April of each year and will end on 31 March of the following year.
- d. The accounts of HIPA will be subject to control and audit by the Financial Audit Authority.

Issuing Implementing Resolutions
Article (15)

The Board of Trustees or its authorised representative will issue the resolutions required for the implementation of the provisions of this Law.

Repeals
Article (16)

- a. The above-mentioned Resolution No. (1) of 2011 is hereby repealed. Any provision in any other legislation will also be repealed to the extent that it contradicts the provisions of this Law.
- b. The bylaws, resolutions, regulations, and instructions issued in implementation of the above-mentioned Resolution No. (1) of 2011 will continue in force, to the extent that they do not contradict this Law, until new superseding bylaws, resolutions, regulations, and instructions are issued.

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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