Executive Council Resolution No. (26) of 2023
Amending Executive Council Resolution No. (35) of 2020
Regulating Early Childhood Centres in the Emirate of Dubai[1]

We, Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Crown Prince of Dubai, Chairman of the Executive Council,

After perusal of:

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

Law No. (2) of 2021 Concerning the Knowledge and Human Development Authority in Dubai; and

Executive Council Resolution No. (35) of 2020 Regulating Early Childhood Centres in the Emirate of Dubai (the "**Original Resolution**"),

Do hereby issue this Resolution.

Superseded Articles
Article (1)

Articles (2) and (4) of the Original Resolution are hereby superseded by the following:

Scope of Application
Article (2)

The provisions of this Resolution apply to all Persons conducting the Activity in the Emirate, including in Special Development Zones and free zones, such as the Dubai International Financial Centre.

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[1] *Every 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.*

Functions of the KHDA
Article (4)

To achieve the objectives of this Resolution, the KHDA will oversee the work of Centres in the Emirate. For this purpose, the KHDA will have the duties and powers to:

1. issue Initial Approvals and Permits in accordance with the conditions and procedures prescribed in this Resolution;

2. approve the appointment of Operators in accordance with the relevant conditions and procedures adopted by the KHDA;

3. approve the appointment or replacement of members of the Professional Cadres in accordance with the relevant conditions and procedures adopted by the KHDA;

4. approve the codes of ethics and professional conduct of Centres and Professional Cadres;

5. approve requests for amendment of the details of Permits in accordance with the relevant conditions and procedures adopted by the KHDA;

6. approve Curricula in accordance with the relevant conditions and procedures adopted by the KHDA;

7. approve Care and Education Fees, and any amendments thereof, in accordance with the relevant conditions and procedures adopted by the KHDA;

8. approve the annual calendar of Centres in a manner that meets the requirements and standards of various Curricula;

9. issue approvals to enrol children in Centres in accordance with the relevant conditions and procedures adopted by the KHDA;

10. receive and investigate complaints filed against Centres and Professional Cadres; and take the necessary actions in respect of these complaints, including imposing the administrative penalties and measures stipulated in this Resolution;

11. take the appropriate actions required to support children in Centres to ensure that they receive appropriate Care and Education, through analysing and studying their conditions and identifying their needs;

12. establish the conditions, rules, and standards that are required to facilitate the enrolment and integration of children who are Persons with Disabilities in Centres;

13. conduct an annual assessment of the performance of Centres in accordance with the relevant rules adopted by the KHDA; and publish the assessment results in the manner, and using the means, it deems appropriate;

14. establish the requirements, rules, standards, and outputs that are required for the provision of high-quality Care and Education;

15. devise, in cooperation with the Concerned Government Entities, the plans and strategies aimed at facilitating and encouraging investment in the Early Childhood Care and Education sector with a view to meeting the needs of the Emirate;

16. conduct planning and studies to meet the need of the Emirate for competent and specialised Professional Cadres in the field of Early Childhood development;

17. create a comprehensive database of Centres, as determined by the KHDA in this respect;

18. audit and monitor Centres and Professional Cadres to verify their compliance with this Resolution and the resolutions issued in pursuance hereof, and with the terms of Permits; impose appropriate administrative penalties and measures on violators; and coordinate with the Concerned Government Entities in this respect;

19. coordinate with the Concerned Government Entities where the issuance of Permits requires obtaining the approvals of, or issuing permits by, these entities;

20. establish the conditions, rules, and procedures for conducting the Activity by the establishments affiliated to Government Entities and the centres established within premises of Government Entities, as designated pursuant to the relevant resolutions of the Director General; and

21. exercise any other duties or powers that are related to the Activity and required for the achievement of the objectives of this Resolution.

Commencement and Publication
Article (2)

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

Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum

Crown Prince of Dubai

Chairman of the Executive Council

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