

**Law 2621/1998 (A' 136/23-06-1998) Article 4 "Regulation of issues concerning the organization and operation of Technological Educational Institutes and other provisions."**

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1. (a) The existing five-grade Medresses (Islamic religious schools), one operating in Komotini of the Regional Unit of Rodopi and one in Echinus of the Regional Unit of Xanthi, established for the education of Islamic religious ministers, shall be converted into six-grade schools.

(b) Students of the Muslim faith who are graduates of primary schools shall be eligible to enroll in the Medresses.

(c) The certificates of studies issued by the Medresses and awarded to graduates of the first three grades shall be equivalent to the certificates of studies issued by Public Ecclesiastical Lower Secondary Schools, while the certificates of studies issued and awarded to graduates of the remaining three grades shall be equivalent to the certificates of studies issued by Public Ecclesiastical Upper Secondary Schools.

(d) By decisions of the Minister of National Education and Religious Affairs the following shall be determined:

- i. the teaching staff,
- ii. the curriculum and timetable, the textbooks of subjects taught and the language of instruction,
- iii. matters relating to enrolment, attendance, examinations and the organization of student life, as well as any other regulation relating to their operation,
- iv. matters of internal administration,
- v. matters concerning the maintenance and repair of the school buildings and their financial management in general.

(e) The supervision of the Medresses shall be exercised by the Minister of National Education and Religious Affairs through the Head of the Coordinating Office for Primary and Secondary Minority Education.

(f) Until the completion of the regulatory arrangements governing the operation of the above educational institutions, the already operating five-grade schools shall continue to operate as they currently do.

2. The Director of the Patras branch of the PATES of SELETE (School of Pedagogical and Technological Education), who holds the position of a member of the teaching staff of a Higher Education Institution, shall receive the monthly remuneration provided for Directors of Regional Training Centers, as provided by the applicable provisions. This provision shall apply as of 1 September 1996.