

# KING ABDULAZIZ UNIVERSITY REGULATIONS

## 1. Introduction

The formal regulations of King Abdulaziz University (hereafter referred to as KAU) are compiled from the Government's decisions and edicts and from decisions taken by the Council of Higher Education and the University Board. The concerned organizational departments issue internal rules and operating procedures for the day-to-day administration of the University. The President, Vice Presidents, and the Deans as appropriate verify the consistency of the rules with university policy. The governmental regulations and the University interpretations are available in the University bulletins and handbooks provided by various colleges and departments of the University.

## 2. The Higher Education System

KAU is a part of the Higher Education System in Saudi Arabia. The major components of the higher education system in Saudi Arabia are the Council of Higher Education, the Ministry of Education, twenty-five universities distributed throughout the country, and several specialized colleges and institutions.

## 3. The Council of Higher Education

The Council of Higher Education is the supreme governing body for all universities in Saudi Arabia. The King chairs the Council, and the Minister of Education serves as the Deputy Chairman. Members include the government ministers responsible for planning, finance, education, and civil service, the presidents of the universities, and other senior government officials concerned with post-secondary education. The Council is responsible for approving the creation of new institutions of higher education and new academic units and programs. It coordinates the activities of institutions of higher education, approves by-laws and guidelines for university operations, and appoints vice-presidents of universities.

## 4. The Ministry of Education

University Presidents report directly to the Minister of Education who chairs the board of each University and appoints the deans upon the recommendation of the presidents of the Universities. He ensures that all operations of universities are carried out in accordance with the Charter of the Council of Higher Education and Universities, and the Law.