

Law 63

Pertaining to modifying the personnel of the Directorate of Antiquities

The following Law has been endorsed by the Parliament and published by the President of the Republic:

Article 1

The works of the Directorate of Antiquities shall be supervised by a management board consisting of:

Director of Antiquities or his deputy: chairman

Two employees from the Director of Antiquities: members

Three members: members elected by the Minister of Education at the beginning of each year from:

- History teachers at the Faculty of Letters, History Department
- Active members of the Arabic Scientific Academy.
- Employees of the Teaching Committee, Ministry of Education.
- Renowned Syrian archeologists.

This management board shall be convoked to meet once a month at least by the Director of Antiquities and shall assume the following duties:

- a. Draft the Directorate's budget.
- b. Endorse excavation works, propose granting excavation permits and register and restore historical buildings.
- c. Put forward draft projects for museum constructing and restoration.
- d. Approve the archeological purchases whose values exceed 1000 Syrian pounds.
- e. Accept and organize the donations subject the approval of the Minister of Education.

Management board members who are employed by the Directorate of Antiquities shall be paid a lump sum allowance for each session attended. The amount of this allowance shall be determined by the appointment decision provided that it does not exceed 100 Syrian pounds a month.

Article 2

Article 15 of Decree 88 of 1974 shall be annulled and shall be replaced with the following:

The number, salaries and distribution of the personnel of the Directorate of Antiquities shall be according to the table attached to this Law.

Article 3

Specialized employees of the Directorate of Antiquities shall be promoted in order pursuant to the Fundamental Law for State Workers and its amendments, provided that the positions of museum curators, engineers and inspectors are only occupied by holders of academic degrees specified by article 4 of this Law. Class 1 and class 2 positions shall only be occupied by holders of specialized degrees in archeology or other academic degrees specified in article 4 of this Law with 6-year active service in specialized positions.

Article 4

The following academic degrees shall entitle their holders to be appointed in the indicated positions and their specified categories and ranks:

- a. A doctorate of literature, a bachelor's degree in literature, a teacher's degree in literature (archeology or art history department) or specialized degree in archeology conferred by an official institute: for the positions of curator and inspector of category 4, rank 2.
- b. A bachelor's degree, teacher's degree in literature (archeology, art history or history department) or specialized degree in archeology or art history conferred by an official institute: for the positions of female curator and inspector of category 4, rank 3.
- c. A diploma in architecture: for the positions of engineer of inspector of category 5, rank 3.

Article 5

Museum curators shall be required to submit guarantees and the value of these values shall be determined by a decision issued by the Minister of Banks subject to the approval of the Finance Minister.

Article 6

Articles 26, 28 and 29 of Decree 88 shall be annulled and shall be replaced with the following:

Surveyors, painters, supervisors or photographers shall be:

- a. Holders of a certificate of secondary education or its equivalent.
- b. Holders of a certificate of preparatory education or its equivalent with 3-year experience in similar technical work at the Directorate of Antiquities or at a public department or institution.

Surveyors, painters, supervisors or photographers who have 5-year experience in a similar technical work at the Directorate of Antiquities or who were assigned similar works by it may be included within a year in the competition without adhering to the conditions set in (a) and (b) above.

Article 7

The last two paragraphs of article 4 of Decree 88 shall be annulled and shall be replaced with the following:

Works related to archeological excavations and restoration of historical buildings shall be implemented on consignment at the Directorate's responsibility according to the estimated statements prepared by its Engineering Subsection.

Article 8

An allowance under the name "specialization compensation" equaling the personal compensations granted by the Ministry of Public Works to its employees may be granted by the Minister of Banks to employees who hold engineering degrees or who are technical assistants based on a proposal by the Director of Antiquities.

However, these compensations shall be subject to all modifications that may be made by the Ministry of Public Works on the compensations of its employees in the future.

In addition, these compensations shall not be included in the pension revenues account and may only be paid within the limits of the funds earmarked for that purpose.

Article 9

The vacant specialized positions at the Directorate of Antiquities may be filled through transfer by any state employees who fulfill the appointment conditions of the positions they are transferred to within three months after the issuance of this Law.

Article 10

The official name of the institution shall be "the Directorate of Antiquities" and all different names mentioned in decrees 88 and 89 of 1947 comprising the personnel of the Antiquities House and the old Antiquities Law shall be corrected.

Article 11

All provisions contrary to this Law shall be annulled.

Article 12

The below state ministers shall be assigned to implement the provisions of this Law.

Damascus, 26/12/1950

President of the Syrian Arab Republic

Hashem Al-Atasi

Minister of Finance

Shaker Al-Sass

Minister of National Economy

Farhan Al-Jandali

Minister of Agriculture

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Minister of Justice

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For the General Secretary

Signature