

ROYAL POLICE CADET ACADEMY ACT,  
B.E. 2551 (2008)

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BHUMIBOL ADULYADEJ, REX.  
Given on the 15<sup>th</sup> Day of February B.E. 2551  
Being the 63<sup>rd</sup> Year of the Present Reign

His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej is graciously pleased to proclaim that:  
Whereas it is expedient to have a law on royal police cadet academy;  
Be it, therefore, enacted by the King, by and with the advice and consent of  
the National Legislative Assembly, as follows:

**Section 1.** This Act is called the “Royal Police Cadet Academy Act, B.E. 2551 (2008)”.

**Section 2.** This Act shall come into force as from the day following the date of its publication in the Government Gazette.<sup>1</sup>

**Section 3.** The Determination of Academic Standing of Police Science Graduates Act, B.E. 2517 (1974) shall be repealed.

**Section 4.** In this Act:

“Academy” means the Royal Police Cadet Academy;

“Educational Council” means the Educational Council of the Royal Police Cadet Academy;

“Faculty Senate” means the Faculty Senate of the Royal Police Cadet Academy.

**Section 5.** The Academy shall be a State higher education institution for specialized education which provides education with academic degrees under the law on national education and shall be a government agency attached to the Royal Thai Police.

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<sup>1</sup> Published in the Government Gazette, Vol. 125, Part 38 a, page 1, dated 25<sup>th</sup> February B.E. 2551.

**Section 6.** The Prime Minister shall have charge and control of the execution of this Act.

## CHAPTER I GENERAL PROVISIONS

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**Section 7.** The Academy is a higher education institution for specialized education of police profession which has the objectives of producing personnel in police profession in accordance with the demand of the Royal Thai Police, educating, supporting academic matters and higher profession, teaching, researching, training and rendering academic services to the society, whereby essentially focusing on the skills and specialization in law enforcement and police profession.

**Section 8.** The Academy may divide its government agencies into faculties, institutes, centers or other government agencies named otherwise having equivalent status to a faculty, in order to execute the objectives under section 7, as parts of the Academy.

The establishment, merging and abolishment of faculties, institutes, centers or other government agencies named otherwise having equivalent status to a faculty and the division of government agencies within the Academy shall be done through Notification of the Academy and published in the Government Gazette.

**Section 9.** In addition to the budgetary funds allocated by the Royal Thai Police to the Academy, the Academy may acquire revenues from the followings:

- (1) monetary benefits, fees, fines and other charges for services provided by the Academy;
- (2) money and property donated to the Academy;
- (3) other revenues or benefits.

Revenues and benefits received by the Royal Thai Police from the execution of the objectives of the Academy do not have to be remitted to the treasury pursuant to the law on budgetary procedure and the law on treasury reserves.

## CHAPTER II OPERATIONS

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**Section 10.** There shall be Educational Council consisting of:

- (1) President of the Educational Council, appointed by the King;

(2) Vice President of the Educational Council, being the Commissioner General of the Royal Thai Police;

(3) members of the Educational Council, being the Secretary-General of the Higher Education Commission, the Secretary-General of the Civil Service Commission, the Director of the Bureau of the Budget, the President of the Academy Promotion Committee, and the President of the Faculty Senate;

(4) nine qualified members of the Educational Council, appointed by the King from experts in the fields of education, laws, politics, economics, public administration, criminology, justice administration, forensic science and information technology, one from each field;

(5) the Commissioner of the Academy as a member and a secretary.

The President of the Educational Council shall appoint a Deputy-Commissioner of the Academy to be an assistant secretary, with advice of the Commissioner of the Academy.

The Vice President of the Educational Council shall perform the duties on behalf of the President of the Educational Council where he or she is unable to do so or where no person is holding the position of President of the Educational Council.

The qualification, rule and procedure for acquiring the President of the Educational Council and qualified members shall be in accordance with the regulations of the Academy.

**Section 11.** The President of the Educational Council and qualified members shall hold office for a term of four years and may not be reappointed by the King, but may not hold office for more than two executive terms.

In addition to vacating office upon expiration of term under paragraph one, the President of the Educational Council and qualified members vacate office upon:

(1) death;

(2) resignation;

(3) being dismissed by the resolution of the Educational Council on the grounds of disgraceful behaviour or negligence in the performance of duties or incapability;

(4) lacking qualification as the President of the Educational Council or a qualified member;

(5) being sentenced by a judgment to a term of imprisonment;

(6) being a bankrupt;

(7) being an incompetent person or a quasi-incompetent person.

For a vacation of office under (3), the resolution shall consist of no less than two-third of the votes of the existing members of the Educational Council.

In the case where the position of President of the Educational Council or a qualified member becomes vacant for whatever reason and a new President or a qualified member has not yet been acquired to replace the vacant office, the Educational Council shall consist of the only remaining members, but shall undertake the selection for acquiring a new President of the Educational Council or qualified member within one hundred and eighty days from the date such position becomes vacant.

In the case where the President of the Educational Council or a qualified member vacates office before the expiration of term and a new President or a qualified member has been appointed by the King, the person appointed for replacement shall hold the office for the remaining term of office of the vacating member, but where the remaining term is less than ninety days, the process for acquiring person to replace such member may not be undertaken.

In the case where the President of the Educational Council or a qualified member vacates office upon expiration of term, but a new President or a qualified member has not yet been appointed by the King, the vacating President or the qualified member shall continue to perform the duties of the office until a new President or a qualified member is acquired.

**Section 12.** The Educational Council shall have the power and duty to oversee the general operation of the Academy, and shall have particularly the powers and duties, as follows:

(1) to determine policy and development plan of the Academy in relation to producing personnel in police profession in accordance with the demand of the Royal Thai Police, educating, supporting academic matter and higher profession, teaching, researching, training and rendering academic services to the society, whereby essentially focusing on the skills and specialization in law enforcement and police profession, in accordance with the rules, practices and policies of the Royal Thai Police;

(2) to issue rule, regulation and notification of the Academy and may entrust any government agency within the Academy to issue rule, regulation and notification of such government agency on case-by-case basis;

(3) to supervise the educational standard and the guarantee of educational quality of the Academy;

(4) to determine the qualification, rule and procedure for the taking of an academic position of permanent faculty member of the Academy;

(5) to monitor and evaluate the result of the operation of the Academy;

(6) to consider and give approval on the establishment, merging or abolishment of government agencies of the Academy, including internal division within such government agencies;

(7) to recommend the Royal Thai Police on personnel administration of the Academy, including the determination of qualification for person who may come to hold a position in the Academy;

(8) to authorize the education curriculum in each course of study, as well as to make an adjustment, combine or cancel such course in line with the standard determined by the Ministry of Education;

(9) to authorize and award academic degree, higher graduate diploma, graduate diploma, diploma and certificate;

(10) to consider and propose to the King for appointment and removal of the President of the Educational Council, qualified member, professor and special professor;

(11) to appoint and remove associate professor, special associate professor, assistant professor, special assistant professor, the President and member of the Academy Promotion Committee;

(12) to approve annual report of the Academy and present such report to the Board of the Royal Thai Police and the Royal Thai Police for notification;

(13) to appoint member, member of sub-committee or any person to consider or give opinion on any specific matter, or assign any task or operation to such person which is within the power and duty of the Educational Council;

(14) to perform other duties in relation to the operation of the Academy which are not particularly assigned to any person.

**Section 13.** A meeting of the Educational Council shall be held at least every two months and shall be in accordance with the regulations of the Academy.

**Section 14.** The Commissioner of the Academy shall be the head chief of the Academy and shall be accountable for the administration of the Academy.

The Commissioner of the Academy shall be appointed by the Royal Thai Police with advice from the Educational Council from persons having the qualifications under section 15.

The term of office of the Commissioner of the Academy shall be in accordance with the rules of the Gor.TorRor.<sup>2</sup>

(Repealed)<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> Section 14 paragraph three, as amended by the Royal Police Cadet Academy Act (No. 2), B.E. 2558 (2015).

<sup>3</sup> Section 14 paragraph four, as repealed by the Royal Police Cadet Academy Act (No. 2), B.E. 2558 (2015).

**Section 15.** The Commissioner of the Academy shall have one of the following qualifications:

(1) having graduated with a doctorate degree or equivalent from an educational institution which is approved by the Educational Council and having taught or conducted research for no less than three years, or having experience in administration for no less than three years in a school or other government agency of the Royal Thai Police;

(2) having graduated with any academic decree or equivalent from an educational institution which is approved by the Educational Council and having taught or conducted research for no less than five years, or having experience in administration for no less than five years in a school or other government agency of the Royal Thai Police.

**Section 16.** There shall be Faculty Senate consisting of a President of the Faculty Senate and members selected from permanent faculty members of the Academy.

The number and qualification of, rule and procedure for acquiring, and term of office and vacation of office of the President of the Faculty Senate and members under paragraph one, as well as the meeting and operation of the Faculty Senate, shall be in accordance with the regulations of the Academy.

**Section 17.** The Faculty Senate shall have the powers and duties; as follows:

(1) to give advice and recommendation in the operation of the Academy and the development of the Academy or of the Educational Council;

(2) to promote and build capacity of faculty members in their performance of duties in accordance with professional ethics;

(3) to protect the interests of the Academy and to perform other duties as assigned by the Commissioner of the Academy;

(4) to call a meeting of faculty members to consider activities of the Academy and propose its opinion to the Educational Council in accordance with the regulations of the Academy.

The performance of duties of the Faculty Senate shall be deemed to be performance of official duties, and any task legally undertaken in the performance of duty shall be protected and shall not be a ground for disciplinary action.

**Section 18.** Permanent faculty members shall enjoy liberty and academic freedom.

**Section 19.** There shall be one Academy Promotion Committee consisting of a President and a number of members appointed by the Educational Council from persons outside the Academy.

The Academy Promotion Committee shall have the duty to give advice, recommendation and support the operation of as well as acquire revenues for the Academy.

The number and qualification of, rule and procedure for acquiring, and term of office and vacation of office of the President and members, as well as the meeting and operation of the Academy Promotion Committee, shall be in accordance with the regulations of the Academy.

### CHAPTER III ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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**Section 20.** Permanent faculty members of the Academy shall have academic positions, as follows:

- (1) professors;
- (2) associate professors;
- (3) assistant professors;
- (4) lecturers.

Professor shall be appointed by the King with advice from the Educational Council.

The qualification, rule and procedure for appointing and removing permanent faculty member of the Academy under paragraph one shall be in accordance with the regulations of the Academy and in line with the standard determined by the Ministry of Education.

**Section 21.** Special professor shall be appointed by the King with advice from the Educational Council from persons who are not permanent faculty members of the Academy.

The qualification and rule for appointing special professor shall be in accordance with the regulations of the Academy.

**Section 22.** The Educational Council may appoint persons with suitable qualifications who are not permanent faculty members to be special associate professors and special assistant professors with advice from the Commissioner of the Academy.

The Commissioner of the Academy may appoint persons with suitable qualifications who are not permanent faculty members to be special lectures.

The qualification and rule for appointing special associate professor, special assistant professor and special lecturer under paragraph one and paragraph two shall be in accordance with the regulations of the Academy.

**Section 23.** A person holding a position of professor, special professor, associate professor, special associate professor, assistant professor or special assistant professor shall have the right in perpetuity to use such academic position as an honorific to express academic standing.

The use of honorifics under paragraph one shall be abbreviated, as follows:

Professor	abbreviated to	Prof.
Special Professor	abbreviated to	Prof. (Special)
Associate Professor	abbreviated to	Assoc. Prof.
Special Associate Professor	abbreviated to	Assoc. Prof. (Special)
Assistant Professor	abbreviated to	Asst. Prof.
Special Assistant Professor	abbreviated to	Asst. Prof. (Special)

#### CHAPTER IV DECREES AND ACADEMIC STANDING SYMBOLS

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**Section 24.** Under the effect of section 7, the Academy have three levels of academic degrees, being:

doctorate degree	called	Dutsadeebandit	abbreviated to	D.
master degree	called	Mahabandit	abbreviated to	M.
bachelor degree	called	Bandit	abbreviated to	B.

**Section 25.** The Academy shall have the power to award degree for the course of police science and other courses which are provided in the Academy.

The determination of decree provided in each course and the abbreviation of such course shall be enacted in the form of Royal Decree.

**Section 26.** The Educational Council may issue a rule that a person who graduates with bachelor degree shall receive first class honor or second class honor degree.

**Section 27.** The Educational Council may issue a rule that there shall be higher graduate diploma, graduate diploma, diploma and certificate for any courses, as follows:

(1) higher graduate diploma to be awarded to a person who graduates in any particular course after having received a master degree;

(2) graduate diploma to be awarded to a person who graduates in any particular course after having received a bachelor degree;



(3) diploma to be awarded to a person who graduates from a curriculum in any particular course below the level of a bachelor degree;

(4) certificate to be awarded to a person graduates in one particular subject.

**Section 28.** The Academy shall have the power to award honorary degree to a person whom the Educational Council deems to be qualified and fitting to receive such degree. However, honorary degree shall not awarded to permanent faculty members, the President of the Educational Council, members of the Educational Council or persons holding a position in the Royal Thai Police while they are still in office.

The class and branch of honorary degree, and the rule for awarding honorary degree shall be in accordance with the regulations of the Academy.

**Section 29.** The Academy may determine that there shall be gown or badge of academic standing as an indicating sign of the academic standing of the person who receives academic degree, higher graduate diploma, graduate diploma, diploma or certificate, and may determine that there shall be gown of position for the President of the Educational Council or the members thereof.

The determination of appearance, type, category and component of gown of academic standing, badge of academic standing and gown of position shall be enacted in the form of Royal Decree.

The gown of academic standing, badge of academic standing and gown of position shall be used on the occasions and under the conditions as stipulated by the regulations of the Academy.

## CHAPTER V PENALTIES

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**Section 30.** Any person who uses a gown of academic standing, badge of academic standing or gown of position of the Academy without having the right to do so, or indicates in any way that he or she holds a position, academic degree, higher graduate diploma, graduate diploma, diploma or certificate of the Academy, without having the right to do so, if such person does so in order to convince another that he or she has the right to use or holds a position or academic standing as such, the person shall be liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months, or a fine not exceeding fifty thousand baht, or both.

## TRANSITORY PROVISIONS

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**Section 31.** Persons holding the positions of President of the Educational Council, Vice-President of the Educational Council and members of the Educational Council of the Academy under the Determination of Academic Standing of Police Science Graduates Act, B.E. 2517 (1974) who hold such positions on the day prior to the date this Act comes into force, shall be the President of the Educational Council, Vice-President of the Educational Council and members of the Educational Council under this Act, and shall continue to perform their duties until the King appoints the President of the Educational Council and the qualified members thereof under this Act within the period not exceeding one hundred and eighty days from the date this Act comes into force.

**Section 32.** Persons being professors, associate professors, assistant professors and lecturers of the Academy on the day prior to the date this Act comes into force shall have the statuses of professors, associate professors, assistant professors and lecturers under this Act.

**Section 33.** During the period where a Royal Decree has not yet been enacted for the determination of decree provided in each course under section 25 paragraph two, any person who graduates in police science from the Academy according to the curriculum of royal police cadet shall receive an academic degree in public administration, called a public administration graduate, which shall be abbreviated to “PA.G. (P.)”.

**Section 34.** The period of holding office of the Commissioner of the Academy who holds the office on the day prior to the date this Act comes into force shall be counted as the term of holding office under this Act.

**Section 35.** During the period where Royal Decree, regulation, rule or notification for the execution of this Act has not yet been enacted, the Royal Decree, Ministerial Regulation, rule of the Gor.TorRor, regulation, rule, stipulation, notification, resolution of the BRTP or resolution of the Gor.TorRor, enacted under the Determination of Academic Standing of Police Science Graduates Act, B.E. 2517 (1974) and the Royal Thai Police Act, B.E. 2547 (2004) which are in force on the day prior to the date this Act comes into force shall apply *mutatis mutandis*.

The enactment of Royal Decree, regulation, rule or notification under paragraph one shall be completed within a year from the date this Act comes into force.

Countersigned by

General Surayud Chulanont

Prime Minister

**Remarks:** - The reasons for the promulgation of this Act are as follows. As the Royal Police Cadet Academy has been established since B.E. 2444 due to the royal idea of His Majesty King Chulalongkorn for the purpose of providing education to the government police, the Determination of Academic Standing of Police Science Graduates Act, B.E. 2517 (1974) was later enacted to determine that persons who graduated from the Royal Police Cadet Academy should have academic standings and receive academic degrees just like those who graduated from other universities, but the Royal Police Cadet Academy faced the problem of inflexibility in its provision of education and in certain areas of administration in harmony with its production of personnel of police profession, consequently, in order for the Royal Police Cadet Academy to be able to develop an administrative system and provision of specialized education which are flexible, with academic freedom, and within the supervision of the Educational Council and be able to do so effectively and in accordance with the National Education Act, B.E. 2542 (1999), it should be so prescribed, that the status of the Royal Police Cadet Academy is that of an educational institution for specialized education which specializes in police profession and provides education with academic degrees, with the objectives of producing personnel in police profession in accordance with the demand of the Royal Thai Police, educating, supporting academic matter and higher profession, teaching, researching, training and rendering academic services to the society, whereby essentially focusing on the skills and specialization in law enforcement and police profession, it is therefore necessary to enact this Act.

#### **The Royal Police Cadet Academy Act (No.2), B.E. 2558 (2015)<sup>4</sup>**

Section 2. This Act shall come into force as from the day following the date of its publication in the Government Gazette.

**Remarks:** - The reasons for the promulgation of this Act are as follows. As the prescribed term of holding office and conditions for appointment and transference of the Commissioner of the Royal Police Cadet Academy under the Royal Police Cadet Academy Act, B.E. 2551 (2008) are different from the procedures for appointing other government police who hold equivalent positions under the law on national police, consequently, in order to set the same standard in the appointment of government police, the term of holding office of the Commissioner of the Royal Police Cadet Academy should be amended in conformity with the rules of the Gor.TorRor and the conditions for appointment and transference of the Commissioner of the Royal Police Cadet Academy should be annulled, it is therefore necessary to enact this Act.

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<sup>4</sup> Published in the Government Gazette, Vol. 132, Part 98 a, page 19, dated 8<sup>th</sup> October B.E. 2558.