Division - College

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Establishment

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- (1) Pursuant to the Principal Enactments, the College of the Holy and Undivided Trinity of Queen Elizabeth near Dublin is a Chartered Corporation, commonly called Trinity College Dublin (or, in the Statutes, "College").
- (2) Where a function is to be performed in the name of College, it should hereafter be performed under the name, style and title of the Body Corporate as provided pursuant to the Chapter on the Body Corporate.

Functions

- 2. (1) College possesses full legal personality, and may perform any lawful act.
 - (2) In particular, College has the right to
 - (a) perpetual succession,
 - (b) sue and be sued in its corporate name,
 - (c) manage its own affairs,
 - (d) acquire, hold and deal with assets,
 - (e) maintain the Cista Communis,
 - (f) employ and dismiss employees or agents,
 - (g) possess and affix a Seal,
 - (h) award Degrees and other academic qualifications,
 - (i) name, elect and admit the Annual Statutory Officers, and
 - (j) enact Statutes for the government of College.
 - (3) The Degrees and other academic qualifications awarded by the College shall be set out in or pursuant to Schedule 1.
 - (4) Except as otherwise provided for in the Principal Enactments or the Statutes, the functions of College shall be performed by or on the directions of Board.

The Seal

- 3. (1) The rights of College to possess and affix a Seal shall be performed by Board in the name of the Body Corporate of the College.
 - (2) The Seal shall be in the form for the time being determined by Board.

¹ The name of the College is initially given in the Charter of 1592 as: "Collegium Sanctae et Individuae Trinitatis juxta Dublin a Serenissima Regina Elizabetha Fundatum", which might be translated "the College of the Holy and Undivided Trinity Near Dublin Founded by the Most Serene Queen Elizabeth". In that Charter, however, the name of the Body Corporate is initially given as "The Provost Fellows and Scholars of the College of the Holy Trinity of Queen Elizabeth Near Dublin". Moreover, there are five references to "the College of the holy and undivided Trinity of Queen Elizabeth near Dublin", and there is one simply to "Trinity College". The Charter of 1637 refers, once each, to "the College of the holy and undivided Trinity of Queen Elizabeth near Dublin" and "Trinity College Dublin". All of these phrases are likewise translations from the original Latin. The 1997 and 2000 Acts refer to the "College of the Holy and Undivided Trinity of Queen Elizabeth near Dublin". The provision in the text follows this most recent usage.

- (3) The Secretary shall be responsible for custody of the Seal.
- (4) Board shall affix the Seal to any
 - (a) instrument when it is required to do so by the law of the land,
 - (b) contract relating to an interest in land,
 - (c) major agreement concluded with the consent of Board pursuant to the Chapter on Board,
 - (d) petition addressed by it to Government, praying for the grant of a Charter or Act of the Oireachtas, whether pursuant to the Act of 1997 or otherwise, or whether to amend the constitution of the Body Corporate or otherwise, or
 - (e) document to which the Body Corporate is a party.
- (5) Board may affix the Seal to any instrument when it deems it necessary or expedient to so do.
- (6) Neither a decision of Board to affix the Seal, nor any exercise of the power to affix it, shall be valid except in the presence of the Provost.
- (7) Pursuant to the Act of 1997² or otherwise, the Seal shall be authenticated by the signatures of the Provost and at least one other signatory authorised by Board.

(1) As soon as practicable after its establishment, the governing authority of a university shall provide and retain in its possession a seal of the university.

² Section 1 of the Third Schedule to the Act of 1997 provides:

⁽²⁾ The seal of a university shall be authenticated by the signature of the chairperson or a member of the governing authority, and by the signature of an employee of the university, authorised by the governing authority to act in that behalf.

⁽³⁾ Judicial notice shall be taken of the seal of a university, and every document purporting to be an instrument made by a university and to be sealed with the seal of the university (purporting to be authenticated in accordance with this Schedule) shall be received in evidence and shall, unless the contrary is shown, be deemed to be such instrument, without further proof.