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<td>Article XV of the CNMI Constitution</td>
<td>Education</td>
<td>The Second Constitutional Convention amended this section of the CNMI Constitution to mandate the Legislature establish the Northern Marianas College.</td>
<td>Constitution was effective on January 9, 1978. The Second Constitutional Convention, which resulted in an amendment to the Constitution that established the NMC, was held in 1985.</td>
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<td>Executive Order No. 25</td>
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<td>Establishes the Northern Marianas Community College within the Department of Education</td>
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<td>PL 4-34</td>
<td>Postsecondary Education Act of 1984</td>
<td>Defines BOR duties &amp; responsibilities; President; Prof. Staff; NMC Mission, Purposes, &amp; Functions; President Appointment &amp; Duties; NMC Finances &amp; Appropriations (See Notes section at the end of this Table)</td>
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<td>D</td>
<td>PL 8-18</td>
<td>Postsecondary Education Amendment Act of 1992</td>
<td>Constitution Amendments gave greater autonomy to the college &amp; strengthened its mission to serve the postsecondary education needs of the CNMI - as follows No. 38 NMC to provide community service programs, adult continuing education, vocational &amp; technical, &amp; professional dev., training for both private &amp; public; as a land grant college promote and administer agricultural programs; maintain the CNMI archives, government documents; etc. Authorize to establish CLS w/ BOE; model school for teachers &amp; students; BOR composition - 7 voting; at least 1 each for Tinian &amp; Rota; one woman; one of Carolinian descent; five must be from private sector; can't be employee of NMC; vacancy by resignation, removal, or death, etc. within 90 days of vacancy be filled for</td>
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period of unexpired term. Any action of BOR of which a quorum is present shall require a majority vote of members present; BOR to adopt, Amend, repeal by-laws. BOR to accept grants, donations, etc. & provide annual reports to Legis. & Gov. BOR set salaries, appt. remove Pres. & w/ initial appt. not more than 2 yrs; no appt. shall exceed period of 4 yrs. Duties & responsibilities of President adopted by BOR.

BOR adopts rules & regs. - appointments or terminations of NMC personnel. (Deleting civil service commission's role in PL 4-34)

BOR sets charges & collects tuitions - resident & nonresident; resident of 12 consecutive months in the CNMI. As authorized & empowered by CNMI Constitution - the BOR may delegate such power & authority to any officer, employee, or committee as BOR may designate by adopted rules w/ prescribed limits.

BOR to enter into & perform contracts, leases, cooperative agreements, & other transactions. BOR to expend funds appropriated by the Federal or CNMI government or donations by any other entity. BOR to submit to Gov. & Legislature within 90 days after FY, an annual financial report of the college's operations, administration & activities. Position of President graduate degree; w/ salary as determined by BOR in accordance with 1 CMC Section 8246. NMC appropriations revenues; etc.
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<th>PL 9-53</th>
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<th>Broadens the scope of higher education by providing community service programs, adult continuing education, adult vocational/technical; improve employee skills &amp; training programs for government employees. Law allows NMC to establish, administer, and operate a lab school without BOE. Lab School for purpose of training teachers - a model school or classroom where new teaching methods, techniques &amp; skills are implemented; &amp; where teachers &amp; students are trained under monitored conditions. Law amended BOR duties PL 4-34; BOR adopt, amend &amp; repeal (bylaws before) policies governing NMC; to establish fundawards of CNMI students in the CNMI; to appoint, terminate Pres., officers, faculty, staff, etc. consistent w/ NMC regulations. &amp; regulations; set its own pay classifications; sets its own procurement policies; to expend funds from Fed. &amp; CNMI government or any donations. Sets limit for Legislature guaranteed annual budget of no less than $6 mil; or 1% of gen. revenues of CNMI whichever is greater. NMC budget may not be reprogrammed.</th>
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<td>PL 10-31</td>
<td>To amend 3 CMC, Sec. 4434 PL 10-4 (Non-Res. Worker Ext. Act)</td>
<td>Allowing NMC to retain staff instructors, researchers, technical, &amp; professional - as graduates from accredited US institutions, but also outside US as recognized by BOR</td>
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<td>PL 10-66 PL 10-4 see also PL as amended in year 2005</td>
<td>To amend 3 CMC, Sec. 4421(b); &amp; Sec. 4424(c) PL 10-4 of the Non-Resident Worker Extension Act of 1996</td>
<td>NMC to assist business training; business development; includes job referrals &amp; placements into the private sector; establish – the NMC Human Resources &amp; Business Development Account - to reserve $500,000 for Work Experience Trng. Progs. &amp; $450,000 for Bus. Development Center. These are special funds from the CNMI Non-Resident Worker Fee Fund as collected by Finance. Funds reserved under this section requires annual legislative appropriation PL 10-4 allows NMC to hire Non-Resident pers.</td>
<td>8/1/1997 See also PL 10-4 3/6/1996 See also PL 5-32 4/29/1987</td>
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<td>Higher Education Act of 1997</td>
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<td>Post-Secondary Education Amendment Act of 1999</td>
<td>Amended PL 4-34, Act of 1984; sections relating to duties of the BOR on holding in trust property &amp; assets, loan guarantees w/ CDA issue bonds; also amend college gifts, grants, etc., with interest earned for bonds use, etc. NMC annual report to Gov. &amp; Legislature on expenditure and statement of trust funds</td>
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<td>PL 12-34</td>
<td>To extend privilege to non-resident workers w/special skills &amp; qualifications fill hard to fill vacant positions w/in the CNMI government.</td>
<td>NMC: For instructors, research scientists &amp; other technical &amp; professional employees hired at NMC. Subsection will expire on 9/30/05.</td>
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<td>PL 14-75</td>
<td>To appropriate $518,000 from P.L.13-38(Tobacco Control Funds) to NMC for the payment of adjunct faculty for Summer Session 2005 and for Nursing Program.</td>
<td>$208,000 allocated to NMC for the payment of adjunct faculty for the Summer session 2005 and $315,000 appropriated to the Nursing Program.</td>
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<td>PL 14-89</td>
<td>NMC Manpower &amp; Training and Educational Plan.</td>
<td>To amend 3 CMC §4434 (i) (1) (c); To allow the NMC to hire nonresident workers for another 5 years.</td>
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<td>To authorize NMC to establish the United States Registered Apprenticeship Training Program.</td>
<td>To amend 3 CMC SS 4424 C 1</td>
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<td>To reform the rate of compensation for members of boards &amp; commissions.</td>
<td>Repealer and reenactment 1 CMC subsection 8247</td>
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**Note:**

Postsecondary Education Act of 1984, PL 4-34 (as amended)

**Board of Regents Duties**

(a.) To hold in trust for the Commonwealth the property and assets of the College.

Amended July 1999, PL 11-85; to read as follows:

(a) To hold in trust for the Commonwealth the property and assets of the College, and to have authority to negotiate loan guarantees and, with the approval of the Commonwealth Development Authority, issue bonds.

(b.) To set the goals and general directions of the College, and to approve policies in pursuit of such goals and directions.

(c.) To authorize the granting of degrees, certificates of accomplishment, and other documents of successful program completion as the Board may direct.

(d.) To establish policy for and to administer all publicly-funded financial assistance for the postsecondary education of Commonwealth students pursuant to rules setting forth the criteria by which financial assistance will be awarded.

Amended Sept. 1995, PL 9-53, to read as follows:

(d) To review eligibility based on established policy or criteria and to establish awards for all publicly funded financial assistance for the postsecondary education of Commonwealth students within the Commonwealth.

(e.) To establish, amend, and repeal its bylaws.

Amended March 1993, PL 8-18 to read as follows:

(e) To adopt, amend, and repeal bylaws governing the conduct of its business and the performance of the powers and duties granted to or imposed upon it by law. Any action of the Board shall require a majority vote of the members present, a quorum being present.
Amended Pt. 1995, PL 9-53 to read as follows:

(e) To adopt, amend and repeal policies governing the conduct of its business and the performance of the powers and duties granted to or imposed upon it by law or the Constitution. Any action of the Board shall require a majority vote of the members present, a quorum being present.

(f.) To elect and to set the terms, within law of its own officers.

(g.) To acquire for use by the College any property whether real, personal, or mixed, whether tangible or intangible, or any interest therein, and to sell, lease, or otherwise dispose of the same for the good of the College; Provided, that any real property granted to the College without cost by any legal entity capable of receiving and holding public land shall revert to the Commonwealth government or the legal entity upon determination by the Board that the College will make no further use of the property.

(h.) To accept on behalf of the College gifts, grants, donations, bequests or other contributions and to deposit the same in a College Trust Fund for the exclusive use and expenditure of the College.

Amended March 1993, PL 8-18 to read as follows:

(h) To accept on behalf of the College gifts, grants, donations, bequests or other contributions and to deposit the same in a College Trust Fund for the exclusive use and expenditure of the College. The Board shall cause to be kept suitable books of account wherein shall be recorded each gift, grant, donation, bequest or other contribution the essential facts of the management thereof, and the expenditures of the income, and a statement of all trust funds shall be included in the annual report to the Governor and the Legislature.

Amended July 1999, PL 11-85 to read as follows:

(h) To accept on behalf of the College gifts, grants, donations, bequests, a United States Department of Agriculture Land Grant Endowment or other contributions and to deposit the same in a College Trust Fund for the exclusive use and expenditure of the College and for specific program purposes as stipulated by the requirements and regulations set forth by the Land Grant Endowment. The college fund shall be invested with care, skill, prudence and diligence in fixed income and/or equity holdings. The interest earned from such investments shall be used for payment of bonds and for other related purposes. The board shall cause to be kept suitable books of account wherein shall be recorded each gift, grant, donation, bequest, endowment, or other contribution, the essential facts of the management thereof, and the expenditures of the income, and statement of all trust funds shall be included in the annual report of the Governor and the Legislature.

(i.) To establish, and to oversee the activities of a Northern Marianas College Foundation as a private, nonprofit, tax exempt public corporation for the support of the College, and for the purpose of caring for such activities as those stated in subsections (g) and (h) of this Section.

(j.) To act as the State Board of Higher Education for the Commonwealth for purposes of federal law.

(k.) To serve as the official coordination agency of the Commonwealth for all postsecondary education within the Commonwealth, with power to license, limit and otherwise regulate consistent with the purposes of this Chapter any postsecondary educational activities offered by any public or private agency.

(l.) In consultation with the Governor, to approve the budget of the College and to have the budget submitted to the Legislature pursuant to 1 CMC Section 7206.
(m.) To set the salary for and to appoint and remove the President of the College for such term as the Board shall determine; Provided, that an initial appointment of any individual shall be for a period not to exceed two years and no appointment shall be for a period to exceed four years. Nothing in this Chapter shall preclude renewal of such appointment by the Board if it so wishes.

Amended March 1993, PL 8-18 to read as follows:

(m) To set the salary for and to appoint and remove the President of the College for such term as the Board shall determine; Provided, that an initial appointment of any individual shall be for a period not to exceed two years and no appointment shall be for a period to exceed four years. Nothing in this Chapter shall preclude renewal of such appointment by the Board if it so wishes.

The Board shall define the duties and responsibilities of the President by adopted rules.

(n.) To appoint and to terminate the officers, faculty, employees and staff of the College consistent with applicable rules and regulations of the Civil Service Commission and to specify their responsibilities and authority.

Amended March 1993, PL 8-18 to read as follows:

(n) To appoint and to terminate the officers, faculty, employees and staff of the College consistent with its adopted rules and regulations and to specify their responsibilities and authority.

Amended Sept, 1995, PL 9-53 to read as follows:

(n) To appoint and to terminate the President, officers, faculty, employees and staff of the College, and consistent with its adopted rules and regulations and to specify their responsibilities and authority, and to set their classifications and salaries.

Amended Dec. 1997, PL 10-77 to read as follows:

(n) To appoint and to terminated the President, officers, faculty employees and staff of the College, and consistent with its adopted rules and regulations, to specify their responsibilities and authority, and to set classifications and salaries.

(o.) To issue, in the name of the College, diplomas, certificates and other official documents indicating successful completion of courses of study established within the College.

(p.) With the advice of the President, to set and collect the tuition, fees, and other charges for college services and to deposit the same in the College Trust Fund.

Amended March 1993, PL 8-18 to read as follows:

(p) To set, charge and collect the tuition (resident and nonresident), fees, and other charges for college services and to deposit the same in the College Trust Fund. The tuition fee for nonresident students shall be not less than two times the tuition fee for resident students. The Board may enter into agreements with government and university officials of any other state or foreign country to provide for reciprocal waiver of the nonresident tuition differential. The Board shall adopt the necessary rules defining residence for tuition and fees herein; provided that the basic rule shall be that a student shall qualify for the resident tuition fee only if the adult student, or in the case of a minor student, the student's parents or guardians, has been a bona fide resident of this Commonwealth for at least twelve consecutive months next preceding the student's first day of officially scheduled instruction for any semester or term in which the student is enrolling at the College.

(q.) To hold at least one public hearing annually for the purpose of making the college's work known and investigating and assessing the needs and role of the College in the Commonwealth.
(r.) Whenever in this Chapter a power is vested in the Board, the Board by majority vote may adopt a rule delegating such power to any officer, employee, or committee as the Board may designate. The rule shall prescribe the limits of such delegation.

Amended March 1993, PL 8-18 to read as follows:

(r.) By the authority and power vested in the Board by the Constitution and this Chapter, the Board may delegate such power and authority to any officer, employee, or committee as the Board may designate by adopted rules. The rule shall prescribe the limits of such delegation.

Added new sections (s), (t), (u), (v), (w), (x), (y), (z), as enacted on March 1993, PL 8-18 to read as follows:

(s.) To enter into and perform such contracts, leases, cooperative agreements, or other transactions as may be necessary in the conduct of its business and on such terms as it may deem appropriate, with any agency or instrumentality of the United States, or with any state, commonwealth, territory, or possession, or with any political subdivision thereof, or with any person, firm, association, or corporation.

(t.) To determine the character of and the necessity for its obligations and expenditures, and the manner in which they shall be incurred, allowed, and paid, subject to provisions of law applicable to the College.

(u.) To execute, in accordance with its bylaws, all instruments necessary or appropriate in the exercise of any of its powers.

(v.) To expend funds appropriated by the Federal or Commonwealth government or donated to the College by any other entity.

Amended Sept. 1995, PL 9-53 to read as follows:

(v.) To establish procurement policies for the College, and to expend funds appropriated by the Federal or Commonwealth government or donated to the College by any other entity.

(w.) To take such actions as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the powers conferred upon it by law and Constitution.

(x.) To submit an annual budget for the operation and administration of the College to the Governor pursuant to 1 CMC Section 7206.

(y.) To submit to the Governor and the Legislature within 90 days after the end of the fiscal year an annual financial report of the operations, administration and activities of the College.

(z.) Nothing in this Chapter shall be construed to impair or diminish the power and authority of the Board as specified by the Constitution.