

- (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.

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

(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) 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.