Recognition of foreign HE qualifications – the case of University of Ljubljana

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Recognition of Foreign qualifications for the purpose of further study in Slovenia - Legal framework

International
- Lisbon recognition Convention – LRC and subsidiary documents
- Other international and bilateral agreements

National
- Assessment and Recognition of Education Act - Zakon o vrednotenju in priznavanju izobraževanja (Uradni list RS, št. 87/11, 97/11 – popr. in 109/12)
- University of Ljubljana Statutes - Statut UL - ČISTOPIS, neuradno prečiščeno besedilo z dne 25. 7. 2020
- Rules on forms, documents and costs in procedures for the assessment and recognition of education - Pravilnik o obrazcih, dokumentaciji in stroških pri vrednotenju in priznavanju izobraževanja (Uradni list RS, št. 103/11, 91/15 in 90/20)
- Call for enrolment applications – yearly publication
HEI (and other institutions of learning) are legal authorities in procedures of recognition of foreign qualifications as stipulated by the Recognition Act Article 11. Procedures are conducted in close relation to the selection of applicants for study and the entry requirements to study respective programmes. Applicants with foreign entry qualifications for study at any HEI in Slovenia are liable to recognition procedures, whereby the foreign entry qualifications are measured against the criteria in the Act on recognition and recognised as fulfilling entry requirements of a specific study programme of the applicants' choice. THE QUALIFICATIONS ARE CONSIDERED INDIVIDUALLY AND DECISIONS ISSUED TO CANDIDATES RESPECTIVELY.
University of Ljubljana

- Among **top 3%** in the world
- **37,615** students
  - 3,094 international students
  - 2,110 incoming exchange students
- **8,745** graduates
- **6,093** employees
University of Ljubljana

- Established in 1919 with 5 member faculties
- At present the University of Ljubljana consists of 23 faculties and 3 arts academies
- **Study fields:** Art, Fine Arts, Natural Science, Technology and Engineering, Social Sciences, Humanities, Medicine, Health Sciences, Sport
University of Ljubljana Members

1. Academy of Fine Arts and Design
2. Academy of Music
3. Academy of Theatre, Radio, Film and Television
4. Biotechnical Faculty
5. Faculty of Public Administration
6. Faculty of Architecture
7. Faculty of Arts
8. Faculty of Chemistry and Chemical Technology
9. Faculty of Civil and Geodetic Engineering
10. Faculty of Computer and Information Science
11. School of Economics and Business
12. Faculty of Education
13. Faculty of Electrical Engineering
14. Faculty of Health Sciences
15. Faculty of Law
16. Faculty of Maritime Studies and Transport
17. Faculty of Mathematics and Physics
18. Faculty of Mechanical Engineering
19. Faculty of Medicine
20. Faculty of Natural Sciences and Engineering
21. Faculty of Pharmacy
22. Faculty of Social Sciences
23. Faculty of Social Work
24. Faculty of Sport
25. Faculty of Theology
26. Veterinary Faculty
Applications for recognition of foreign HE qualifications – preuniversity education

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Ba and Ma processing of applications for study for candidates with foreign qualifications – 
BEFORE - interdependent, but separated procedures (Administrative procedures act, UL Statutes)
Ba and Ma processing of applications for study for candidates with foreign qualifications – *AFTER* – partially integrated procedures

- Application for study and application for recognition of foreign entry qualifications
  - Request for completion of application
  - Rejected application for study and recognition
  - Completed documentation
  - Recognition decision
  - Information on selection for individual candidates
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Rejected application for study and recognition

Completed documentation

Recognition decision

Information on selection for individual candidates
Future plans for application and recognition procedures

- Common ICT support
- Common base of applicants’ personal data
- Common candidates’ portfolio
- Common ICT platform for communication with applicants
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