

## Chapter 15

### Nostrification of a foreign doctoral degree and a degree obtained through joint training with a foreign university

#### Section 23

- (1) Nostrification (recognition) of scientific degrees conferred by foreign universities can be requested by individuals who can certify their nationality and personal particulars by official certification issued by the authorities for this purpose as well as prove their address and residence in Hungary with an official certificate in effect at the time of handing in the request.
- (2) The request for nostrification shall be handed in the Dean's Office concerned in person, addressed to the Chair of the professionally competent HBDT. The application shall include (2 copies of) the following documents:
  - a) the request indicating the discipline and branch of science indicated in the degree certificate to be nostrificated;
  - b) a copy of the original degree certificate certified by Hungarian civil law notary (if required, the authenticated translation of the degree certificate, as well as an official publication on the doctoral procedure issued by the university conferring the degree and the authenticated translation thereof);
  - c) 1 hard copy and an electronic version of the doctoral thesis, in accordance with the guidelines on the Doctoral School's website;
  - d) a declaration stating that the printed and electronic versions of the delivered thesis are identical in all respects (2 copies);
  - e) professional curriculum vitae;
  - f) an MTMT link to a bibliography showing the applicant's scientific achievements;
  - g) brief description of the circumstances of defence (the subjects in which the exams were taken, whether there was any public disputation held on the dissertation, name of the Chair of committee suggesting the degree) as well as naming the doctoral school and the supervisor (if you obtained your degree in the form of organized education);
  - h) copies of the certificates of language proficiency;
  - i) declaration of the requestor that the given degree has been neither submitted for nostrification to nor nostrificated by any other Hungarian university.
  - j) dispatch-note supporting the payment of administrative fee. *The amount of the procedural fee is regulated in Annex 4 of Decree 12/2013 (II. 12.) of the Ministry of Human Capacities (EMMI).*

The copy of the original certificate of language proficiency and address and residence in Hungary shall be endorsed by the administrator of the Dean's Office.

- (3) If the HBDT cannot establish beyond reasonable doubt that the issuer institution is

eligible for conferring degrees, it shall seek the opinion of the Hungarian Equivalence and Information Centre (MEIK).

(4) When deciding on the nostrification, the HBDT shall examine whether the requestor's achievements fulfil the requirements specified at the University for the conferral of PhD degrees in the particular scientific discipline. The HBDT shall examine the following substantial requirements:

- a) meeting the publication requirements at the time of the application;
- b) creation of independent, new results. (Thesis booklet is not required but the thesis must clearly identify the Author's independent new achievements. They must fulfil the requirements set by the HBDT. If in doubt, the HBDT may ask the Author's declaration of the results included in the thesis that he/she claims to be his/her independent achievements);
- c) the way the doctoral degree award procedure is conducted, the composition of the committees involved, the degree awarded during the procedure;
- d) language competence according to § 17 (3).

(5) The HBDT may specify supplementary conditions if they are required to assure the matching between the contents. Pursuant to Section 15 (1a) of Act C of 2001, the EHBDT shall carry out the nostrification procedure without examining additional conditions if the foreign educational institution awarding the academic degree has been accredited by an organisation operating as a full member of the European Association for Quality Assurance in Higher Education and registered in the European Quality Assurance Register for Higher Education.

(6) The HBDT shall turn down the requests for nostrification if the difference between the contents of degree to be nostrified, on the one hand and the domestic scientific degree, on the second, is so extensive that it cannot be reconciled even by meeting the supplementary conditions. The requests shall also be turned down if the requestor refuses to fulfil the supplementary conditions.

(7) HBDT shall decide on the request for nostrification by ways of score voting. Any unfavourable decisions must be justified. The EHBDT shall decide on the request for nostrification on the recommendation of the HBDT by a simple majority achieved in voting by ballot (secret vote). The Chair of the EHBDT shall notify the candidate on the decision. In the case of a favourable decision, the resolution shall be forwarded to the Central Office of Studies (KTH). The University shall notify the requestor of the registration in writing within 8 days.

(8) The thesis should be made publicly available.<sup>58</sup> In the case of a favourable decision on the request for nostrification, the electronic versions will be uploaded by the staff of BME OMIKK to the BME MDA database. A bound & printed copy of the thesis shall be lodged at the BME OMIKK library.

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<sup>58</sup> NHEA section 53/A. (1)

## Section 24

- (1) Joint award degree programme with a university abroad shall be started<sup>59</sup> following the provisions of the written agreement on joint education and require the approval of the EHBDT and shall be countersigned by the Dean. Agreement can be set on condition that the foreign institution must also be entitled to independently confer doctoral degrees in the given scientific discipline (branch).
- (2) It is possible to issue one joint or two (identical) certificates on the doctoral degree earned in a single procedure in the frame of joint education, which will be registered by the participating universities by their own rules.<sup>60</sup>
- (3) In the doctoral procedures conducted jointly with a foreign university it is possible to derogate from the procedural rules subject to the approval of the EHBDT, but in any case, all degree requirements set forth in this Code – as well as additional provisions of the HBDTs in the particular fields – must be met in full.

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<sup>59</sup> HAC Decree No. 2013/6/III/1 Section IV.2.3.

<sup>60</sup> HAC Decree No. 2013/6/III/1 last Section on page 9