

The recognition of the foreign college/university education in the countries that signed a bilateral equivalence agreement with the Czech Republic

SLOVAKIA

The validity of college diplomas issued in Slovakia is governed by the Agreement of the Czech Republic and Slovak Republic on the mutual recognition of proofs of education issued in the Czech Republic and Slovakia, published with the reference No. 23/2015 Coll., effective as of March 28, 2015 (hereinafter “the Agreement”). The agreement implies that all diplomas issued by colleges/universities in the Slovak Republic are recognized without further ado in the Czech Republic as equivalent. For additional study on Charles University in Prague, the certificate of equivalence is not required. The holders of the certificate can, however, apply for the recognition of foreign college education (e.g. if their employers require so) at a public college in the Czech Republic (in case of Charles University in Prague, at the relevant faculty). Certified copies of the proofs of study must be attached to the application; no translation to the Czech language is necessary.

Pursuant to section 11, par. 3 b) of the agreement, the agreement doesn't concern Slovak proofs of college/university education obtained from colleges/universities in Slovakia by graduating from the bachelor's, master's, engineer's, doctoral or postgraduate study programme, realized outside the territory of Slovakia.

For this reason, the rector asks the graduates from the colleges/universities based in Slovakia, providing the education in their affiliates in the Czech Republic, to present certificates issued by the relevant Slovak college/university, stating the country where the study was realized.

This request is especially relevant to the graduates from Paneurópska vysoká škola, Vysoká škola Danubius and Vysoká škola zdravotníctva a sociálnej práce sv. Alžbety.

If the application complies with all requirements, Charles University rector will approve to the request, and issue the recognition certificate.

POLAND, HUNGARY, SLOVENIA

Holders of Hungarian, Polish and Slovenian certificates, which are covered by equivalence agreements, can use the certificates in the Czech Republic directly, without having to present the certificate of recognition of the foreign college/university education, issued by a public college/university in the Czech Republic. For additional study at other colleges/universities in the Czech Republic, the certificate of equivalence is not required. If, however, a holder of a foreign certificate still deems it suitable and necessary, he/she can apply for the recognition at the public college/university offering similar study programme in terms of contents. If the application complies with all requirements, Charles University rector will approve to the request, and issue the recognition certificate. The equivalence agreement with Slovenia does not cover Slovenian bachelor degree diplomas; for these documents the general nostrification, or if applicable, the assessment by the faculty during the admission process, is needed.

GERMANY

Holders of university qualifications issued in Germany apply, in accordance with the Agreement signed by the governments of the Czech Republic and Federal Republic of Germany on the mutual recognition of proofs of college/university education (Prague, March 23, 2007) – No. 60/2008 Coll., for the recognition at the public college/university offering similar study programme in terms of contents. If the application requires the recognition of German college/university education certificates (i.e. diplomas) proving the completion of an accredited study programme in order to enable further study, and provided the application complies with all requirements, the rector will approve to the request, and issue the recognition certificate.

In case the purpose of the recognition is not further study, the equality of the education will be assessed in accordance with the Agreement – if major differences between the compared study programmes will be found, the rector may reject the application.