RULES OF ADMISSION OF FOREIGNERS TO STUDIES AT THE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION IN WROCŁAW

General rules

- 1. A foreigner is any person who does not have Polish citizenship. A person who has Polish citizenship and citizenships of another country or several other countries is treated as a Polish citizen in the territory of the Republic of Poland.
- 2. This Annex lays down the conditions of admission to first-cycle studies, long-cycle master studies and second-cycle studies.
- 3. Studies at the University School of Physical Education in Wrocław are conducted in the Polish language.

Document proving education as a basis for admission to studies

- 4. To first-cycle or long-cycle master studies may be accepted a person who has (pursuant to the Article 69, Paragraph 2 of the Act of 20 July 2018 the Law on Higher Education and Science):
 - a. a secondary school leaving examination certificate or a secondary school leaving certificate and a certificate confirming the results of the secondary school leaving examination in relevant subjects referred to in the regulations on the educational system,
 - b. a secondary school leaving examination certificate and a diploma confirming vocational qualifications in the vocation taught at the secondary vocational education level, referred to in the regulations on the educational system,
 - c. a secondary school leaving examination certificate and a certificate confirming the results of the secondary school leaving examination in relevant subjects and a diploma confirming vocational qualifications in the profession taught at the secondary vocational education level, referred to in the regulations on the educational system,
 - d. a certificate or other document recognised in the Republic of Poland as a document entitling to apply for admission to university studies in accordance with the Article 93, Paragraph 3 of the Act of 7 September 1991 on the Educational System (Journal of Laws of 2018, items 1457 and 1560),
 - e. a certificate and other document or diploma referred to in the Article 93, Paragraph 1 of the Act referred to in point 4,
 - f. a certificate or diploma recognized in the Republic of Poland as a document entitling to apply for admission to higher education studies in accordance with a bilateral agreement on mutual recognition of education,
 - g. a certificate or other document recognized as equivalent to the Polish secondary school leaving examination certificate on the basis of the regulations in force until 31 March 2015.
- 5. To second-cycle studies may be admitted a person who has a graduation diploma (pursuant to Article 69, Paragraph 3 of the Act of 20 July 2018). If a diploma confirming the completion of studies abroad entitles its holder to continue education

- at second-cycle studies in the country in which the higher education institution that issued the diploma operates, the diploma entitles its holder to continue education at second-cycle studies in the Republic of Poland (in accordance with the Article 326, Paragraph 2 of the Act of 20 July 2018 the Law on Higher Education and Science).
- 6. A detailed list of required recruitment documents has been included in the document "Documents required in the recruitment process for foreigners and Polish citizens with foreign documents confirming the education entitling to start studies at the University School of Physical Education in Wrocław".

Recognition of documents confirming education

- 7. Foreigners may undertake and pursue studies (pursuant to the Article 323, Paragraph 1 of the Act of 20 July 2018 the Law on Higher Education and Science) on the basis of:
 - a. international agreements, under the provisions of those agreements,
 - b. agreements concluded by higher education institutions with foreign entities, according to the provisions of those agreements,
 - c. decision of the minister,
 - d. decision of the Director of the Polish National Agency for Academic Exchange (NAWA) with regard to its grantees,
 - e. decision of the Director of the National Science Centre (NCN) on awarding funds for implementation of basic research in the form of research project, internship or scholarship, qualified for funding through an open call for research projects,
- 8. Recognition of certificates and diplomas by operation of law (i.e. automatically):
 - a. Certificates and other documents issued by a school or educational institution operating in the education system, and diplomas issued by an authorized university operating in the higher education system of a European Union Member State, OECD, EFTA - parties to the agreement on the European Economic Area, entitling to apply for admission to higher education in these countries or entitling to continue education in the country in whose higher education system the university that issued the document operates.
 - Applies to: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Chile, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Greece, the Netherlands, Spain, Ireland, Iceland, Israel, Japan, Canada, South Korea, Lichtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Latvia, Malta, Mexico, Germany, Norway, New Zealand, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Switzerland, Sweden, Turkey, USA, Hungary, Great Britain, Italy.
 - b. **Certificates and diplomas covered by international agreements** List of international agreements <u>https://www.archiwum.nauka.gov.pl/uznawanie-wyksztalcenia/akty-prawne.html#Umowy_miedzynarodowe</u>
 - c. **IB diplomas** issued by the International Baccalaureate Organization in Geneva entitling to apply for admission to higher education,
 - d. EB diplomas issued by European Schools in accordance with the Convention defining the Statute of the European Schools, drawn up in Luxembourg on 21 June 1994 (Journal of Laws of 2005, No. 3, item 10) entitling to apply for admission to higher education,

e. To second-cycle studies may be admitted a person who holds a graduation diploma – the diploma should entitle its holder to continue education in the country where the university that issued it operates,

Recognition of diplomas by operation of law does not take place when:

- the university or study programme has no accreditation,
- the university does not operate in the higher education system of any country,
- the study programme or its part was not implemented in accordance with the regulations of the country where it was conducted,
- 9. Recognition of certificates and diplomas by administrative decision:
 - a. Unless international agreements provide otherwise, certificates and other documents issued abroad by schools or educational institutions recognized by the state in whose territory or system they operate, may be recognized through an administrative decision as a document confirming education in the Republic of Poland – the administrative decision is issued by the Education Superintendent (Kurator Oświaty),
 - b. If it is not possible to recognize the diploma by operation of law, this is done through the recognition procedure (nostrification).

Detailed regulations concerning the recognition of certificates are included in the Act on Education System, the Act – the Law on Higher Education and Science, and relevant ordinances of the Minister of Education and the Minister of Science and Higher Education in this matter.

Tuition fees and scholarships

- 10. University may charge fees for educational services (in accordance with the Article 79, Paragraph 1 of the Act of 20 July 2018 the Law on Higher Education and Science) with respect to:
 - a. undertaking part-time studies,
 - b. repeating specific courses in full-time studies due to unsatisfactory academic performance,
 - c. undertaking studies in a foreign language,
 - d. taking courses not included in the curriculum,
 - e. undertaking education by foreigners in full-time studies programme conducted in the Polish language.
- 11. University determines the tuition fees before the start of the recruitment (in accordance with the Article 80, Paragraph 2 of the Act of 20 July 2018 the Law on Higher Education and Science).
- 12. No fees shall be charged for full-time studies programmes (in accordance with the Article 324, Paragraph 2 of the Act of 20 July 2018 the Law on Higher Education and Science) from:
 - a. a foreigner a citizen of a European Union Member State, the Swiss Confederation or a member state of the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) a party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area and their family members residing in the territory of the Republic of Poland,
 - b. a foreigner who has been granted a **permanent residence permit** or a **long-term** resident of the European Union,

- c. a foreigner who has been granted a temporary residence permit due to the circumstances referred to in the Article 159, Paragraph 1 or the Article 186, Paragraph 1, Subparagraph 3 and 4 of the Act of 12 December 2013 on foreigners (Journal of Laws of 2017, item 2206 and 2282 and of 2018, item 107, 138 and 771),
- d. a foreigner who has the status of a refugee granted in the Republic of Poland or received temporary protection or subsidiary protection in the territory of the Republic of Poland,
- e. a foreigner holder of a certificate of Polish as a foreign language, referred to in the Article 11a paragraph 2 of the Act of 7 October 1999 on the Polish language (Journal of Laws of 2018, item 931), at least at the **C1 language proficiency level,**
- f. a holder of the **Polish Card** (Karta Polaka) or a person to whom a **decision on determination of Polish origin** has been issued,
- g. a foreigner who is a spouse, ascendant or descendant of a citizen of the Republic of Poland residing in the territory of the Republic of Poland.
- 13. A foreigner not mentioned in point 12 b-g cannot apply for a social scholarship or a student loan.