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ACCREDITATION REGULATIONS FOR THE ACCREDITATION OF STUDY PROGRAMMES AND THE INSTITUTIONAL ACCREDITATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF DEFENCE

#### PART ONE BASIC PROVISIONS

### Article 1 Basic Provisions

The Accreditation Regulations for the Accreditation of Study Programmes and for the Institutional Accreditation of the University of Defence (hereinafter referred to as "the Regulations") sets out general rules for the creation, approval, and alteration of study programmes, details on the submission and discussion of proposals in connection with the accreditation of a study programme, area or areas of education, and rules for the appointment and dismissal of study programme guarantors<sup>1</sup>.

#### Article 2 General Provisions

The authorization of the University of Defence (hereinafter referred to as "the University") or its components for the provision of a study programme results from the accreditation of the study programme or institutional accreditation under the conditions set out in Act No. 111/1998 Coll., on Higher Education Institutions and Amendments and Supplements to Other Acts (hereinafter referred to as "the Higher Education Act"). Institutional accreditation grants the university the right to independently create a specified type or types of study programmes in a specified field or specified fields of education.

#### PART TWO STUDY PROGRAMME

#### Article 3 Submitter

In the case of the creation, approval or accreditation of a study programme, the submitter or submitters for the study programme provided is/are:

- a) the Vice Rector determined by the Rector when provided by the University<sup>2</sup>,
- b) the Dean of the relevant faculty when provided by a faculty<sup>3</sup>
- c) the Deans of the relevant faculties when provided by more faculties or by more faculties at the same time<sup>4</sup>,
- d) when provided through the means specified in letters a) through c) of the higher education institution besides the above-listed persons also the director of the relevant higher education institution.

### Article 4 Creation of a study programme

(1) The creation of a study programme is initiated through the submission of a preparatory study of the study programme for approval.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> § 44 (6) of Act No. 111/1998 Coll., on Higher Education Institutions and on Amendments and Supplements to Other Acts.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Article (19)(3)(a) of the Statute of the University of Defence as Amended by 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Article (19)(3)(a) of the Statute of the University of Defence as Amended by 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Letters (a) and (c) of Article (19)(3) of the Statute of the University of Defence as Amended by 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment.

- (2) The preparatory study of the study programme is approved by the Rector. The Rector decides in which of the Rector's advisory bodies the preparatory study of the study programme shall be discussed prior to approval.
- (3) The submitter submits the preparatory study of the study programme for approval or prior discussion within the Rector's advisory body.
- (4) Part of the preparatory study of the study programme includes, among other things, a proposal for the appointment of an academic staff member as guarantor of the study programme. Other requirements of the preparatory study of the study programme and its binding parameters, which cannot be deviated from after the approval of the preparatory study, are determined by the Rector through their measure.
- (5) If the preparatory study of the study programme is approved by the Rector, the submitter shall immediately
  - a) ensure, in cooperation with the guarantor of the study programme, that the proposal of the study programme is processed in the required scope<sup>5</sup> with the understanding that the binding parameters of the approved preparatory study of the study programme cannot be deviated from,
  - b) submit the appropriate request for the issuing of a consent opinion to the Rector for authorization in the case of a study programme the completion of which immediately fulfils the professional prerequisites for the conducting of a regulated profession<sup>6</sup>, or a study programme aimed at the training of experts in the field of security of the Czech Republic<sup>7</sup>.

### Article 5 Approval of a Study Programme

- (1) If the preparatory study of the study programme is approved by the Rector and if the proposal of the study programme is prepared in accordance with Article 4 (5) of these Regulations, the applicant shall immediately ensure
  - a) submission of the proposal of the study programme through the Rector for comment to the academic senate of the university<sup>8</sup> if it is a study programme provided by the university,
  - b) in other cases, submission of the proposal of the study programme for comment to the Academic Senate of the relevant faculty or faculties<sup>9</sup> and for approval by the scientific council of the relevant faculty or faculties<sup>10</sup>.
- (2) If the proposal of the study programme is discussed in the relevant self-governing bodies according to paragraph 1, the proposer shall immediately ensure that this proposal is submitted for approval to the research board of the University<sup>11</sup>.

### Article 6 Application for Study Programme Accreditation

(1) If it is a study programme that shall not be provided within the framework of institutional accreditation, if the study programme has been approved by the research board of

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> § 44(2) of the Higher Education Act.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Act No. 18/2004 Coll., on the Recognition of Professional Qualifications and Other Competencies of Nationals of Member States of the European Union ("the Recognition of Professional Qualifications Act"), as amended.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> § 78(6) of the Higher Education Act.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> § 9 (2)(a) of the Higher Education Act.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> § 27 (2)(a) of the Higher Education Act.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> § 30 (1)(b) of the Higher Education Act.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> § 12 (1)(b) of the Higher Education Act.

the University, and if the research board of the University has also approved the intention to submit an application for accreditation of this study programme<sup>12</sup>, the applicant shall submit an application for the accreditation of this study plan, conforming to the Higher Education Act<sup>13</sup>, to the Rector for authorization immediately following the approval of this plan.

- (2) If the creation of the study programme and its approval have been properly executed, and if the intention to accredit the study programme has been properly discussed and approved, the Rector shall authorize the application for accreditation of the study programme.
- (3) The Rector informs the research board of the University about the contents of the decision of the National Accreditation Office for Higher Education regarding the application for the accreditation of the study programme.

### Article 7 Special Procedures

(1) If the Higher Education Act requires the signing of a cooperation agreement for the implementation of a study programme<sup>14</sup>, the submitter shall prepare a draft of the relevant agreement so that it can be concluded by the Rector no later than the tenth working day following the approval of the study programme by the University's research board.

### Article 8 Guarantor of the Study Programme

- (1) The guarantor of the study programme is appointed by the Rector at the proposal of the submitter. In the event that the study programme is provided out by several components of the university, and the submitter is not the head of the component of which the proposed study programme guarantor is a member, the proposer is obliged to submit, together with the proposal according to the previous sentence, the written consent of the head of the University component of which the proposed study programme guarantor is a member.
- (2) The guarantor of the study programme is dismissed by the Rector.
- (3) The Rector appoints the guarantor of the study programme immediately following the approval of the preparatory study of the study programme.
- (4) The Rector shall recall the guarantor of the study programme, namely
  - a) if the guarantor of the study programme ceases to meet the conditions set by the Higher Education Act<sup>15</sup> and related legal regulations,
  - b) if the guarantor of the study programme ceases to properly perform the basic duties of a study programme guarantor, as specified by the Higher Education Act<sup>16</sup>,
  - c) at the request of the study programme guarantor.
  - d) on the basis of the suggestion of the head of the University component providing or partaking in the provision of the execution of the study programme.

 $<sup>^{12}</sup>$  § 12 (1)(c) of the Higher Education Act.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> § 79 (2) of the Higher Education Act.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> § 47a (2), Section (93), and § (95) (4) of the Higher Education Act.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> § 44 (6) of the Higher Education Act.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> § 44 (77) of the Higher Education Act.

- (5) The Rector shall dismiss the guarantor of the study programme according to paragraph 4(c) or 4(d) only if their dismissal shall not have a fundamental effect on the implementation of the study programme.
- (6) The Rector shall give a reason for the dismissal of the guarantor of the study programme.
- (7) The submitter is obliged to immediately inform the Rector of all facts that could affect the dismissal of the guarantor of the study programme.
- (8) If the guarantor of the study programme is dismissed by the Rector, or if they cease to be a legal person, the submitter shall submit a proposal for the appointment of a new guarantor of the study programme to the Rector immediately, but no later than within 30 days from the day of the occurrence of this fact. The Rector shall appoint a new study programme guarantor no later than 60 days from the date of the submission of the proposal for the appointment of a new study programme guarantor; the Rector is not bound by the submitter's proposal for the appointment of a new study programme guarantor.

### PART THREE INSTITUTIONAL ACCREDITATION

#### Article 9 Submitter

In the case of institutional accreditation, the Vice Rector determined by the Rector is the submitter.

## Article 10 Application for Institutional Accreditation

- (1) If the intent to submit an application for institutional accreditation has been approved by the research board University<sup>17</sup>, the applicant shall, immediately following the approval of this intent, submit an application for institutional accreditation prepared in accordance with the Higher Education Act<sup>18</sup> to the Rector for authorization.
- (2) If the intent to submit an application for institutional accreditation has been properly discussed and approved, the Rector shall authorize the application for institutional accreditation.
- (3) The Rector informs the research board of the University of the contents of the decision of the National Accreditation Office for Higher Education regarding the application for institutional accreditation.

#### PART FOUR JOINT, TRANSITIONAL, AND FINAL PROVISIONS

#### Article 11 Joint Provisions

- (1) The provisions of Part Two, with the exception of Article 6, apply to the creation and approval of a study programme taking place within the framework of institutional accreditation, and to the procedures related to the creation and approval of this study programme.
- (2) The procedures set forth in this regulation for the creation and approval of a study

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> § 12 (1)(d) of the Higher Education Act.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> § 81a (2) of the Higher Education Act.

programme, its accreditation, and institutional accreditation shall also be used appropriately for the creation and approval of changes to a study programme, the extension of the validity period of study programme accreditation, changes to study programme accreditation, and changes to institutional accreditation.

### Article 12 Final Provisions

- (1) This measure enters into effect the day of its signing by the Rector.
- (2) This measure enters into effect 1 February 2022.

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