

Admission to Studies, European Bacculaureate (Zulassungsregelung Europäische Abiturprüfung)

The Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research herewith makes known the legal state on the recognition of the European Bacculaureate for the purpose of admission to studies in Austria:

1. According to art. 5 para. 2 of the Convention defining the Statute of the European Schools, BGBl. III No. 173/2005, holders of the European Bacculaureate shall enjoy, in the Member State in which they are nationals, all the benefits attaching to the possession of the diploma or certificate awarded at the end of secondary school education of that country; moreover, they shall be entitled to seek admission to any university in the territory of any Member State on the same terms as nationals of that Member State with equivalent qualifications.
2. The general university entrance qualification should be assessed as follows:
 - The European Bacculaureate is a certificate according to art. 64 para. 1 subpara. 3 of the Universities Act 2002 – UG, BGBl. I No. 120/2002, and art. 4 para. 3 subpara. 3 of the Universities of Applied Sciences Act – FHG, BGBl. No. 340/1993, as amended. The equivalence with an Austrian secondary school is given on the basis of the Convention defining the Statute of the European Schools.
3. The special university entrance qualification should be assessed as follows:
 - According to art. 124a UG, the provisions of the University Entrance Qualification Decree – UBVO 1998, BGBl. II No. 44/1998, as amended apply, analogously to art. 65 para. 2 UG, to European Bacculaureates.
 - In the exceptional case that the holder is not a national of an EU or EEA country, he or she shall, according to art. 65 para. 2 UG, furnish proof of the fulfilment of any subject-specific admission requirements, including those for the right to direct admission to the studies in question in the country of issue of the European Bacculaureate.
4. It is important to draw the attention to the requirement of an adequate knowledge of the German language according to art. 63 para. 10 UG and, possibly, art. 4 para. 7 FHG. In case that German is included in the European Bacculaureate, the adequate knowledge

of the German language is evident. Otherwise the knowledge has to be made evident without doubt (e.g. German as mother tongue), or it has to be proved by other means.

5. For the purpose of admission to studies, it is recommended to all applicants to get into contact with the university or the management of the university of applied sciences at which admission is sought, as soon as possible.