

Italy, University Entrance Qualification on the Basis of a Maturity Diploma of a Four-Years Teacher Training College

The Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research here with informs on the fact that the Maturity Diploma (*Reifediplom*) of an Italian four-years Teacher Training College (*Lehrerbildungsanstalt*) principally does not qualify for access to university studies and therefore is, generally speaking, not a qualification as defined by Art. IV.1 of the Convention on the Recognition of Qualifications concerning Higher Education in the European Region („Lisbon Recognition Convention“), BGBl. III No. 71/1999.

There exists, however, according to information of the Studies Information Service (*Studieninformationsdienst*) of the Provincial Administration of the Southern Tyrol an exception for study programmes in Education and in Languages.

Insofar the Maturity Diploma of an Italian four-years Teacher Training College gives a general university entrance qualification in Austria which is restricted to the following fields of studies, and with regard to these fields it is considered a qualification as defined by the Lisbon Recognition Convention:

- Dutch Studies (*Nederlandistik*)
- Education (*Pädagogik*)
- English and American Studies (*Anglistik und Amerikanistik*)
- Finno-Ugric Studies (*Finno-Ugristik*)
- German Philology (*Deutsche Philologie*)
- Psychology and Philosophy (Secondary School Teacher Accreditation)
(*Lehramtsstudium (Unterrichtsfach Psychologie und Philosophie)*)
- Romance Studies (*Romanistik*)
- Scandinavian Studies (*Skandinavistik*)
- Slavic Studies (*Slawistik*)

This provision does not apply to the field Translation and Interpretation (*Übersetzen und Dolmetschen*).