



*Translation from Bulgarian*

## CHAPTER 2. ADMISSION OF PhD STUDENTS WHO HOLD FOREIGN CITIZENSHIP

**Article 29.** (1) Persons who are not Bulgarian citizens and are not citizens of another EU member state, of another country which is a party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, or of the Swiss Confederation, may apply for and enrol in training for PhD studies:

1. in execution of the international treaties for educational and scientific exchange;
2. in compliance with the instruments of the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Bulgaria;
3. in compliance with the provisions of Article 95, paragraph 7 of the Higher Education Act (HEA).

(2) The persons as per paragraph 1 may also apply for PhD studies according to the terms and procedures for admission of Bulgarian citizens if they:

1. are holders of status of permanent residents on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria;
2. are holders of refugee status;
3. are of Bulgarian nationality.

**Article 30.** (1) Applicants submit, personally or by courier, the following documents to the Department of Science (DS):

- an application form to the Rector, a European format CV, a foreign language proficiency certificate, specifying the department and the accredited PhD programme they would like to study in;
- a copy of a document of higher education which evidences that the applicant is a holder of educational and qualification degree MASTER;
- a certificate of recognised higher education if the diploma is issued by a foreign school of higher education;
- a medical certificate issued within one month prior to the date of application, certified by the relevant authorities in the country of application;
- a list of publications, if any;
- a copy of the citizenship documents – for applicants holding dual citizenship, one of which is Bulgarian.

(2) The documents as per paragraph 1 must be legalised, translated and certified in compliance with the provisions of the international agreements of the Republic of Bulgaria with the country in which they are issued, and in case of absence of such – according to the general procedure of legalisation, translation and certification of documents and other papers.

(3) Applicants must also submit the documents specified above to the Ministry of Education, Youth and Science, as well as any additional documents in case of any statutory requirement for such documents.

**Article 31.** If the training is to be conducted in Bulgarian language, foreign PhD applicants must have Bulgarian language proficiency, which shall be ascertained after sitting for an exam before a commission consisting of lecturers at the Department of Language and Special Training (DLST) of MU – Plovdiv. If the training is to be conducted in a foreign language, applicants must present an internationally recognised certificate of proficiency in the relevant language or must sit for an exam before a commission consisting of lecturers at DLST of MU – Plovdiv.

**Article 32.** The Rector appoints a commission for receipt and consideration of documents, consisting of: chairperson – a Vice-Rector for Scientific and Research Activity (SRA), and

members – Vice-Dean for SRA of the relevant faculty, the Head of Department in which the studies will be held, a lecturer at DLST and a qualified lawyer.

**Article 33.** Following the consideration of submitted documents and on the grounds of the decision made, the Rector issues an order for enrolment in PhD studies without sitting for an entrance exam. A copy of the order must be sent to the head of the relevant main unit of MU – Plovdiv.

**Article 34.** (1) The defence of dissertation works for the educational and scientific degree DOCTOR is held publically in Bulgarian language, or in the language in which the studies were conducted.

(2) Foreign citizens enrolled in PhD studies and working on dissertations in a foreign language may defend their works under the following conditions:

- a translation of the abstract of the dissertation must be provided in Bulgarian language;
- the presentation must be made in the language in which the studies were conducted;
- the defence announcement must specify whether it will be conducted in Bulgarian or in a foreign language.

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