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of the Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the Slovak Republic

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stipulating the details of awarding a government scholarship

The Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the Slovak Republic (“Ministry”) hereby stipulates the following under Section 10 (12) of Act No. 392/2015 Coll. on Development Cooperation and on amendment of certain acts (“Act”):

Section 1

Notification of the conditions for awarding a government scholarship for an academic year contains

- a) the names of the fields of studies with academic programs eligible for awarding a government scholarship,
- b) the number of natural persons who can be awarded a government scholarship,
- c) the term for submitting an application to award a government scholarship (“application”),
- d) the term for the Ministries of Foreign Affairs in partner countries contained in the focus area as defined in Section 3 (3) of the Act to notify suitable applicants for a government scholarship, and
- e) the website via which the application and all attachments are submitted electronically.

Section 2

(1) A template application is attached.

(2) Attachments to the application include

- a) a record of the highest level of education attained,
- b) a completion certificate from a secondary school if attached to an application for language education for studies in a first-level academic program or an academic program combining the first and second-levels or studies in such an academic program; otherwise, a transcript of university studies is required,
- c) an acceptance letter if attached to an application for studies at university,
- d) birth certificate,
- e) a photograph measuring 3.5 cm x 4 cm showing the person’s full face, with no glasses with dark lenses, with the face height from the eyes to the chin of at least 13 mm; minimum resolution of 350 x 400 pixels is required for digital images,

f) recommendations

1. from two educational staff members of the secondary school issuing the completion certificate under letter b) above if attached to an application for language education for studies in a first-level academic program or an academic program combining the first and second-levels or studies in such an academic program, or
2. from two university instructors from the university issuing the transcript under letter b) above if attached to an application for language education for studies in a second-level academic program or a third-level academic program or studies in such an academic program,

g) a signed curriculum vitae,

h) bibliographical details of publication activities in the scope of the name, author and publisher details with respect to language education for studies in a third-level academic program or studies in such an academic program,

i) a copy of the pages of a passport (travel document) containing the personal details of the holder.

(3) If an applicant attained their highest level of education outside of the Slovak Republic, authentication of the signatures and the stamp of the school issuing proof of education is required by the state authority issuing such record or the state authority at the school's location responsible for such authentication unless an international treaty stipulates otherwise. A certified translation is required of any record confirming the highest level of attained education or a birth certificate completed in any language other than Slovak, Czech, English, French or Spanish; such certified translation may be completed into any of these languages.¹⁾

(4) The applicant shall submit the application along with the required attachments in electronic form annually using the website defined by the Ministry by 30 May at the latest.

(5) Attachments to the application

a) Files defined in Section 2 (a) to (e), (g) and (i) are submitted in any of the supported file formats:

1. Portable Document Format (.pdf),
2. Joint Photographic Experts Group (.jpg),
3. Portable Network Graphics (.png) or
4. Graphics Interchange Format (.gif),

b) Files defined in Section 2 (f) and (h) are submitted in any of the supported file formats:

1. Text Format (.txt) in UTF-8 coding under applicable technical standards²⁾ or
2. Office Open XML (.docx) in the version under the applicable technical standard.³⁾

Section 3

(1) The Ministry sends notice of award of a government scholarship or non-award of a government scholarship to applicants in electronic form using the email address provided by each applicant in the application by 15 July.

(2) The Ministry delivers notice of award of a government scholarship to applicants awarded a scholarship in written form to the mailing address provided by the applicant in the application within five working days after their entry into the territory of the Slovak Republic.

(3) The Ministry shall provide notification of revocation of a government scholarship and notice of a halt in

awarding a government scholarship electronically and in writing.

Section 4

The Ministry provides a government scholarship on a monthly basis through universities at which the recipient is a student or is participating in language education. The university shall pay out a government scholarship in the full monthly amount by the tenth day of the given calendar month to a bank account held in the Slovak Republic in a bank or foreign bank branch using the account number reported by the student to the given university.

Section 5

This Decree enters into force on 1 January 2016.

Juraj Draxler

1) Section 21 of Act No. 382/2004 Coll. on Experts, Interpreters and Translators and on amendment of certain acts as amended.

Section 10a (1)(j) of Act No. 151/2010 Coll. on Foreign Service and on amendment of certain acts as amended by Act No. 325/2014 Coll.

2) RFC 2046: Multipurpose Internet Mail Extensions (MIME) format. Part 2: Media types, RFC 3629:UTF-8 transformation UCS (universal character set), ISO/IEC 10646 - Information technologies Universal character set (UCS).

3) ISO/IEC 29500 Office Open XML file formats.