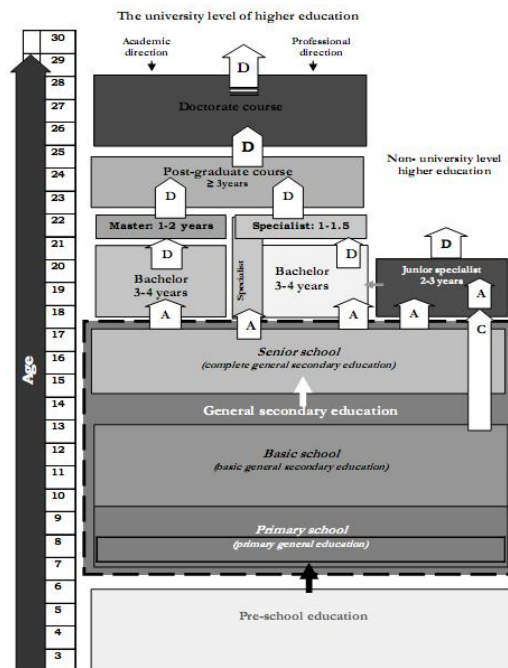


RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN QUALIFICATIONS IN UKRAINE

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Ukrainian education system structure



Note: C – Certificate A – Attestation D – Diploma
Source: Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine.

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HE Cycles and degrees

The Law of 2002	The draft law of 2010	EHEA and SR
Educational and qualification levels		Cycles
Junior specialist	Junior specialist	Short cycle
Bachelor	Bachelor	First cycle
Specialist		
Master	Master	Second cycle
Scientific degrees	Educational and scientific level + scientific degree	
Candidate of sciences	Doctor of Philosophy	Third cycle
	Scientific degree	
Doctor of Sciences	Doctor of Sciences	

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Legal documents on foreign educational qualifications recognition

- Convention on the Recognition of Qualifications concerning Higher Education in the European Region (Lisbon, 1997), ratified by Ukraine in 2000.
- Bilateral agreements on reciprocal recognition and equivalency of higher education and academic degrees documentation.
- Recommendations of the II Session of Lisbon Recognition Convention Committee (Riga, 2001)
- Regulations of recognition of foreign education documents, adopted by the MESU in 2003

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Procedure of foreign educational qualifications recognition in Ukraine

- Recognition of diplomas (including master's level) is carried out by the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine via nostrification after fulfilling the following requirements:
- Submission of a standardized set of documents
- Personal visit to the Ministry
- Waiting time for the results from 4 to 6 months
- The correspondence of curricula with the Ukrainian higher education standards
- The recognition fee is up to 180€

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Procedures of academic degrees recognition in Ukraine

- Foreign academic degrees are recognized by the Higher Attestation Committee of Ukraine:
- A person seeking recognition has to defend his/her thesis according to the national legislation
- All the requirements to dissertations defended in Ukraine have to be fulfilled
- A rather complicated recognition procedure for those teachers who received their PhD degrees in foreign universities

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Causes of system shortcomings

- Uncompleted reforms in the Bologna joining process
- Long-term traditions of autarchy and mutual distrust
- Response to the restrained approach of Europe in Ukrainian higher education assessment
- Post soviet ambitions in higher education system (“soviet higher education is the best in the world”)

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Simplification of recognition for further studying

- Nostrification is held only after the student is accepted to the higher educational institution
- Since 2010 higher education documents are not subject to nostrification
- Academic certificates mostly do not need nostrification
- Submission of documents for nostrification is carried out by the HEI and not the student himself

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European choice of Ukraine

- There is a social consensus as to the joining the EU that stipulates the existence of political will for proper reforms (especially when dealing with the foreign educational qualifications recognition)
- Ukraine is gradually implementing the documents of the Bologna process
- Beginning 2010 Ukrainian HEI will issue Diploma Supplement in compliance with the European requirements
- The Ministry appeals to HEIs for increase in the number of foreign students

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Thank you for attention!

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