

The list of legal entities whose evaluation reports for the purposes of assessing internal system compliance and its implementation with internal system standards (hereinafter referred to as "internal system assessment") are automatically recognized by the Agency:

THE LIST IS OPEN.

Number of legal entities in the list: 0

This list according to § 4 par. 2 letters c) point 2 of Act no. 269/2018 Coll. on ensuring the quality of higher education and amending Act no. 343/2015 Coll. on public procurement and on amendments to certain laws as amended (hereinafter referred to as the "Quality Assurance Act") is managed by the Slovak Accreditation Agency for Higher Education (hereinafter referred to as the "Agency"). When maintaining this list, the agency follows the act on quality assurance and also takes into account the Key considerations for cross-border quality assurance of the European quality assurance register for higher education (EQAR)¹ (hereinafter referred to as "EQAR considerations").

It is possible to include in the list a legal entity that is registered in the European Quality Assurance Register for Higher Education or is a member of the European Association for Quality Assurance in Higher Education and is also suitable, in accordance with the EQAR considerations, to implement external quality assurance of higher education, while respecting the requirements of the Quality Assurance Act in relation to the subsequent adoption of relevant decisions by the national regulator, which is the Agency.

If higher education institution is considering requesting the elaboration of an evaluation report for the purpose of mandatory assessment of internal system compliance and its implementation with internal system standards, we recommend contacting the agency.

The prerequisite for the automatic recognition of the evaluation report of a legal entity from the list is the fulfillment of the requirements of the Act on Quality Assurance and other related regulations:

- a) in accordance with § 21 par. 5 of the Act on Quality Assurance, the evaluation report is based on an expert examination and evaluation of documents, information obtained by visiting the higher education institution, available data and consultations with stakeholders,
- b) in accordance with § 21 par. 5 of the Act on Quality Assurance, in the evaluation report are stated the facts, which were the basis for its conclusions,
- c) in accordance with § 21 par. 5 of the Act on Quality Assurance, in the evaluation report is described the evaluation procedure applied when examining and evaluating the documentation,
- d) in accordance with § 21 par. 5 of the Act on Quality Assurance, in the evaluation report is specified the level of compliance with the individual [Standards for the internal quality assurance system of higher education](#) (hereinafter referred to as "standards for internal system"), while taking into account, in accordance with § 24 par. 9 of the Act on Quality Assurance, the fulfillment of the [Standards for the study program](#), and if the higher education

¹ Key Considerations for Cross-Border Quality Assurance in the European Higher Education Area

institution has been granted the accreditation for the habilitation proceedings or the accreditation for the inauguration proceedings, the fulfillment of the [Standards for habilitation proceedings and proceedings for the appointment of professors](#) is also taken into account.

- e) in accordance with § 21 par. 5 of the Act on Quality Assurance, in the evaluation report are listed identified deficiencies,
- f) in accordance with § 21 par. 5 of the Act on Quality Assurance, in the evaluation report are included recommendations for the higher education institution (the party to the proceeding),
- g) in accordance with § 21 par. 5 and § 25 par. 1 of the Act on Quality Assurance, in the evaluation report is included a proposal for an agency decision, in which it is stated whether the internal system and its implementation is or is not in compliance with the standards for the internal system including the fields of study (according to the Decree of the Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the Slovak Republic No. 244/2019 Coll. on the system of study fields of the Slovak Republic as amended) and the degrees in which the higher education institution is authorized to establish, implement and modify study programs; whereas in the event that the draft decision states a discrepancy between the internal system and its implementation with the standards for the internal system, the evaluation report includes a proposal for corrective measures pursuant to § 25 par. 2 of the Act on Quality Assurance, which are to be imposed on the higher education institution (§ 26 et seq. of the Act on Quality Assurance),
- h) in accordance with § 21 par. 5 on quality assurance, in the evaluation report are included the full names of the persons who elaborated the evaluation report,
- i) in accordance with § 24 par. 6 of the Act on Quality Assurance the evaluation report is delivered within the period determined by the agency after agreement with the higher education institution and the relevant legal entity,
- j) the evaluation report is delivered to the agency in the Slovak language.