

Pedagogical supervision and control

POLICY DEVELOPMENT

REGULATION/LEGISLATION

 POLAND

Timeline



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Background

Both the authorities providing pedagogical supervision of schools, especially the regional education authorities (*kuratoria oświaty*), and local governments (the entities operating the schools), have an important role in the education system, particularly for the quality of education.

The Minister for Education has perceived the need to increase the effectiveness of the pedagogical supervision authority. The existing forms of pedagogical supervision, such as external evaluation, are also considered by the minister to be inadequate, as well as creating an excessive bureaucratic burden for schools.

Objectives

Strengthen the role of the regional education authorities (*kuratoria oświaty*) responsible for the pedagogical supervision of schools.

Description

Changes to the pedagogical supervision and control of schools, including VET, have been introduced by the draft Act amending the Education Law, the Act on the Education System and other acts, and the regulation of the Minister for Education and Science of 1 September 2021 amending the regulation on pedagogical supervision.

The draft Act introduces changes in the following areas by:

- (a) strengthening the role of pedagogical supervision (regional education authorities);
- (b) strengthening the supervision of private schools;
- (c) delegating and appointing candidates to the position of school principal;
- (d) amending the composition of the recruitment committee appointed to select candidates for the position of school principal, including the principal of a newly established school;
- (e) assessing the work of a school principal;
- (f) recalling a teacher from the post of school principal and from other managerial positions in the school;
- (g) suspending the school principal from his/her duties;
- (h) amending school closure procedures;

- (i) creating a school complex;
- (j) introducing the possibility of establishing affiliated schools, such as public art schools, which only provide arts education;
- (k) introducing a school and pre-school organisation chart;
- (l) modifying the regulations governing the activities of military preparation units and recruitment to schools operated by the Minister for National Defence;
- (m) introducing solutions for distance learning classes, including solutions for learning during the COVID-19 pandemic).

To strengthen the role of pedagogical supervision, the following changes are foreseen:

- (a) the approval of the school superintendent will be required when hiring a school principal for a period shorter than 5 school years, and when dismissing a teacher from a managerial position during the school year without giving a period of notice;
- (b) increasing the number of representatives of the education superintendent in the recruitment committee for open competition for school principals;
- (c) enabling the education superintendent to issue a request to the school governing entity for the dismissal of a school principal who does not implement the recommendations resulting from pedagogical supervision, or for the suspension of a school principal in situations where the safety of learners in the school is threatened;
- (d) the approval of the school superintendent will be required before allowing an NGO to provide classes at schools and informing pupils' parents of the aims and content of the classes.

It is planned to eliminate the external evaluation of the school as a form of pedagogical supervision and to extend significantly the scope of control for appraising the quality of the school's work.

Pedagogical supervision can take three forms: through audit, support and monitoring.

2021 Legislative process

The legislative process of the draft Act amending the Education Law, the Act on the Education System, and other acts began on 21 July 2021. On 30 November 2021, the draft was submitted to parliament (the Sejm). The Act aims to strengthen the role of pedagogical supervision and external control over schools.

On 4 September 2021, the regulation of the Minister for Education of 1 September 2021, amending the regulation on pedagogical supervision, entered into force. External evaluation was deleted as a form of pedagogical supervision and the scope of control was further extended to other areas.

External evaluation served as an independent, standardised tool to assess the quality of education provided by schools, including VET institutions.

2022 Legislative process

The legislative process of the Draft Act amending the Education Law, the Act on the Education System continued. On 13 January, the Parliament (Sejm) passed the Draft Act. On 4 February, the Senate rejected the Act, but the Sejm overturned the rejection on 9 February and submitted it to the President and Marshal of the Senate. The President began extensive consultations on the Act with various stakeholders such as teachers and parents' associations, local governments, and on 2 March, has not approved the Draft. The Act aroused great interest in society.

On 3 May 2022 the regulation of the Council of Ministers of 27 April 2022 on the abolition of the Government Plenipotentiary for general education and pedagogical supervision entered into force.

2023 Implementation

The regulation on pedagogical supervision was in force.

The legislative process of the draft Act amending the Education Law, the Act on the Education System and other acts that began on 21 July 2021 was discontinued.

2024 Implementation

The education ministry regulation on pedagogical supervision was announced in its consolidated text and remained in effect unchanged.

2025 Implementation

The education ministry regulation on pedagogical supervision remained in effect unchanged.

Bodies responsible

- Ministry of Education and Science (from 2021 until 2024)
- Ministry of National Education
- Regional Education Authorities (Kuratoria Oświaty)

Target group

Education professionals

Teachers
Trainers
School leaders

Entities providing VET

VET providers (all kinds)

Thematic categories

Governance of VET and lifelong learning

Coordinating VET and other policies
Further developing national quality assurance systems

Subsystem

IVET

Further reading

[Draft Act of 2 July 2021 amending the Education Law, the Act on the Education System and other acts](#)

[Draft Act of 10 February 2021 amending the Education Law, the Act on the Education System and other acts, established after the Senate's resolution to reject the Act](#)

[Regulation of the Minister for Education and Science of 1 September 2021 amending the regulation on pedagogical supervision \(Journal of Laws 2021, item 1618\)](#)

[Regulation of the Council of Ministers of 27 April 2022 on the abolition of the Government Plenipotentiary for general education and pedagogical supervision \(Journal of Laws 2022, item 944\)](#)

Announcement by the Minister of Education of 27 December 2023 on the publication of the consolidated text of the Regulation of the Minister of Education on pedagogical supervision (Journal of Laws 2024, item 15)

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