

Accredited Examination Centres in VET and AL

POLICY DEVELOPMENT

REGULATION/LEGISLATION

 HUNGARY

Timeline



ID number 36543

Background

In the context of output-based regulation in VET and adult education, there is a need to standardise examination procedures and to establish their organisational independence from training delivery.

Objectives

The establishment of examination centres operating independently of vocational and adult training providers aims to enable the uniform and standardised assessment and evaluation of the requirements set out in the programme and outcome requirements.

Description

An important innovation of the Act on VET LXXX of 2019 is that final vocational examinations will be delivered by AECs instead of VET institutions and AL providers. The centres will run the exams for both (full or partial) VET qualifications listed in the national register of vocational occupations and vocational qualifications offered in adult training.

2019 Approved/Agreed

The Act on VET defined the main criteria of the accreditation:

- (a) The examination centre has to be prepared to organise examinations in the full range of the related education field – according to the Standard classification system of education fields (*Képzési Területek Egységes Osztályozási Rendszere* KEOR), operated by the Hungarian Statistical Office (*Központi Statisztikai Hivatal*);
- (b) The examination centre must satisfy the requirements of the conformity assessment of bodies operating the certification of learners based on the related harmonised international standards (MSZ EN ISO/IEC 17024). During the transition period, until the full implementation of the regulations provided for by the 2019 Act on VET, IVET schools are considered to be accredited examination centres

until 31 December 2025 for IVET qualifications listed in the national register of vocational occupations and for partial IVET qualifications (defined in the qualifications standards of qualifications listed in the national register).

The final IVET qualification exams must be taken in front of a three-member examination committee of the AEC, whose function is to ensure the impartiality and independence of the committee. The examination consists of an interactive test (the content of which is defined by the Minister for Vocational Education and Training) and a project-based task assessing learning outcomes.

If an exam to acquire a (full or partial) vocational qualification cannot be organised by an AEC, an IKK Innovative Training Support Centre, a new State VET administrative body, is appointed to organise them.

2020 Implementation

On 16 April 2020, the National Accreditation Authority published on its website a roadmap for the accreditation of examination centres:

- (a) first milestone - acquaintance with the related legislation;
- (b) second milestone - supervision and amendment of the National Accreditation Authority's existing regulations;
- (c) third milestone - identification of the competences needed by the new qualified examination experts;
- (d) fourth milestone - training
- (e) fifth milestone - receiving applications for accreditation; initiation of the accreditation procedure

With regard to the first milestone, in line with the MSZ EN ISO/IEC 17024 standard and the new programme and outcome requirements (*Képzési és Kimeneti Követelmények - KKK*) and programme curricula (*programtantervek, PTT*), accreditation requirements for each education field have been prepared and after a process of adoption were adopted.

Schools started to provide adult training programmes from 1 September 2020.

2021 Implementation

Since examination experts have a key role in the accreditation procedure, the National Accreditation Authority organised training for its experts. The first preparatory training related to the accreditation of the examination centres took place in February 2021.

The accreditation body accredits an examination centre based on the national standards published by the Hungarian Standards Institution (Magyar Szabványügyi Testület). The witness examination (*megfigyelő vizsga*) is a part of the accreditation and supervisory review procedure in order to evaluate that the activity of the applicant complies with the requirements. The aim of the witness examination for each requested field of bodies' conformity assessment - in line with the MSZ EN ISO/IEC standard - is to provide sufficient evidence on the competences of the examination centre related to the accredited education fields.

The Decree 24/2021 (VI. 7) of the Minister responsible for innovation and technology issued by the Ministry of Innovation and Technology on the amendment of the Decree 45/2015 (XII.30.) issued by the Ministry of National Economy (predecessor of MIT) on the administration service fee paid for the procedures of the National Accreditation Authority, regulates the accreditation fees based on the staff number of the examination centre and the number of education fields.

Government Decree No 12/2020 on the implementation of the VET Act (published on 7 February 2020) regulates further the financial conditions to be fulfilled by an institution when applying for the accredited examination centre status. One condition of the accreditation, applying to non-State funded institutions, is that the institution has been operational as a financial entity for the Tax Office for at least two years and had in

each financial year at least EUR 27 800 (HUF 10 million) profit before taxation.

The documentation describing the operational model for the accredited examination centres was prepared within the framework of GINOP-6.1.10-VEKOP-19 project.

In 2021, all VET Centres have submitted their accreditation applications and many accredited examination centres already started their activity. The development of the electronic system supporting final examination is on course.

Based on the amendment of the implementing Decree of the VET Act effective from 1 September 2021, an accredited examination centre publishes the name, date and venue of the vocational examination and qualification examination it organises - together with the announcement of the vocational examination and qualification examination - on its website and on the website operated within the framework of the VET Information Centre (IKK Zrt's website).

The IKK Zrt.'s own examination centre (*IKK Vizsgaközpont*) was established on 20 April 2021. In cooperation with the National Office for VET and AL (NOVETAL) that developed interactive examination tasks, the centre developed an online application platform for the exams.

2022 Implementation

In 2022, an operational model for the operation, financing and accreditation system of examination centres was developed (GINOP-6.1.10).

The developments aimed at the creation of a national examination centre started in 2022 in the framework of RRF-2.2.3 project, which is to be carried out by IKK Zrt. together with its consortium partner, the NOVETAL.

The number of accredited examination centres has been steadily increasing in 2022. 63 examination centres have been registered by 31 December 2022. The examination centres are published on the website of IKK Zrt. and their website is also accessible from there. The IKK platform lists those examination centres that have both accreditation and a successful certification examination. All VET Centres have submitted their accreditation applications.

2023 Implementation

A 2023 amendment to the VET Act designated the IKK Innovative Training Support Centre as the national central accredited examination centre. The amendment also stipulated that candidates may request accredited vocational examination centres to issue a Europass Supplement upon successful completion of a final vocational or qualification examination.

2024 Implementation

A 2024 amendment to the VET Act changed the designation of 'accredited examination centre' to 'accredited vocational examination centre'. The VET Act, as amended in 2024 stipulates that accredited vocational examination centres shall conduct final vocational and qualification examinations using a quality management system as of 1 January, 2025.

The 2024 amendment to the VET Decree on the implementation of the VET Act, effective 1 July 2024, transferred responsibility for the electronic registration, licencing, and control of examination centres to the Directorate for Licencing and Control of Accredited Vocational Training Examination Centres (within the National Office for VET and Adult Learning, *NSZFH*), replacing the National Accreditation Authority.

According to the VET decree as amended in 2024, accredited vocational examination centres must use NOVETAL's (*NSZFH*) electronic examination platform. This platform registers data needed for final qualification examinations and issuing certificates based

on those results.

2025 Implementation

The IKK Plc is implementing the construction and related renovation activities necessary for establishing the building of the National Central Accredited Examination Centre, as well as the procurement of modern equipment required to ensure high-quality professional examinations for both the members of the national network of examination centres and the central facility itself.

These activities are being carried out within the framework of the RRF-2.2.3 project titled 'Establishment of the National Accredited Examination Centre Network'.

Based on the approved construction and renovation plans, the facility will include written examination rooms accommodating 20–35 candidates each, 15 practical workshop laboratories, the necessary storage areas, and administrative and service offices required for its operation. The construction works commenced on 5 May 2025.

Bodies responsible

- Ministry of Culture and Innovation
- IKK Innovative Training Support Center (IKK Nonprofit Plc.)
- National Accreditation Authority
- Hungarian Institute for Transport Sciences and Logistics (KTI)
- National Office for Vocational Education and Training and Adult Learning (NOVETAL)

Target group

Education professionals

Adult educators

Entities providing VET

VET providers (all kinds)

Thematic categories

Governance of VET and lifelong learning

Further developing national quality assurance systems

Modernising VET offer and delivery

Modernising VET standards, curricula, programmes and training courses

Transparency and portability of VET skills and qualifications

Comprehensive national qualification frameworks

Developing and applying qualifications smaller/shorter than full

European priorities in VET

VET Recommendation

VET as an attractive choice based on modern and digitalised provision of training and skills

Osnabrück Declaration

Establishing a new lifelong learning culture - relevance of continuing VET and digitalisation

Subsystem

IVET CVET

Further reading

[VET Act No LXXX of 2019 \(entering into force on 1 January 2020\)](#)

[Government Decree No 12/2020 on the implementation of the VET Act \(published on 7 February 2020\)](#)

[IT ministry: New Hungarian vocational training system aims to boost competitiveness](#)

[Decree on the administration service fee paid for the procedures of the National Accreditation Authority](#)

[Accredited Examination Centres on IKK Zrt's website](#)

[RRF-2.2.3-2-2022-00001 development project](#)

Related policy developments

2025 Implementation

Supporting Lifelong Learning (LLL) in the adult education and training framework

The VET Act of 2019 differentiates vocational education and vocational training. Vocational education can be provided within the IVET framework on the basis of programme and outcome requirements (KKKs) and in formal school-based adult education.

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Type of development

Regulation/Legislation

Subsystem

IVET CVET

2024 Completed

Mid-term VET policy strategy 4.0

The government has accepted, by government Decision No 1168/2019. (III.28.), the new 'Mid-term VET policy strategy for the renewal of VET and adult education (AE), the VET system's answer to the challenges of the fourth Industrial Revolution'.

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Type of development

Strategy/Action
plan

Subsystem

IVET CVET

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