

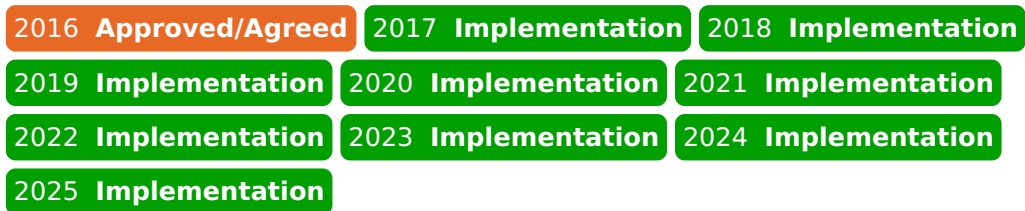
Procedure for awarding the teacher confirmation certificate (*Definitivat*)

POLICY DEVELOPMENT

PRACTICAL MEASURE/INITIATIVE

 ROMANIA

Timeline



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Background

All teacher candidates should pass a teacher confirmation examination. Since 2012, this has become a national examination based on the provisions of a framework methodology. This also applies to teachers and trainers in vocational education and training (VET).

The education ministry (its national examination commission) coordinates the methodology development for the examination. The examinations are organised by the school inspectorates that appoint the county examination commission, and by the general school inspector.

Objectives

To guarantee that teachers and trainers have the necessary competences for the teaching profession and can progress in their careers.

Description

In 2016, the Ministry of National Education changed the procedure for awarding the teacher confirmation certificate (*Definitivat* certificate). After completing a 1-year period of teaching, prospective teachers take a simplified teacher confirmation examination.

The written test consists of two parts instead of three: one part is focused on the subject in which the candidate specialises (60% of the total grade); the other is focused on the teaching methodology (30% of the total grade), while 10% is granted automatically. The minimum pass mark remains the same (eight). From 2017, the final mark has been calculated based on a formula that includes marks from inspections, marks obtained in the written test and the mark for a personal professional portfolio. This new procedure has been implemented since 2017.

2016 Approved/Agreed

2017 Implementation

2018 Implementation

The activity was carried out under the same conditions as in previous years.

2019 Implementation

The activity was carried out under the same conditions as in previous years.

2020 Implementation

In 2020, the methodology framework was adjusted, with a more flexible approach concerning two mandatory class inspections. The examinations calendar was also updated. The methodological framework for the 2021 examination session was published on the website of the education ministry.

Of the 6 776 teachers eligible to participate in the written test, 4 374 obtained the teacher certificate.

2021 Implementation

The methodology was slightly updated in 2021: there should be a minimum of 30 days between the two inspections. The registration of the candidate file to undergo the examination can be made electronically. 6 032 candidates successfully passed and obtained the certificate, granting the permanent right to teach in the pre-university education system.

2022 Implementation

Revised methodology for organisation of the national examination leading to the award of the award of teacher confirmation certificate (*Definitivat certificate*) was approved in 2022, by ministerial order No. 5722/2022. The revision of the framework methodology included the introduction of teacher digital competences to be assessed during the inspection activity.

From 8 615 teachers eligible to participate in the written test, 5 355 (including 293 from initial upper secondary VET) obtained the teacher certificate.

2023 Implementation

In 2023, provisions by the education ministry on the subjects of pre-university education were updated in the fields and specialisations of graduates enrolled in the national Definitivat exam to become a certified teacher (ministry order no 3656 from February 2023). 6089 candidates passed the exam in 2023.

In September 2023, the legal frame for the national exam was updated for the 2024 teacher candidates: keeping the same methodology, but updating the subjects of pre-university education, the fields and specialisations of graduates enrolled in the national exam to become a certified teacher and the specific calendar (ministry order no 6330).

2024 Implementation

The organisation of the national exam leading to the award of the teacher confirmation certificate (Definitivat) followed the methodology from 2022. Updated provisions were issued by the education ministry about pre-university education subjects in the fields and specialisations of graduates enrolled in the national Definitivat exam to become a certified teacher and on the calendar (ministry orders no 6663/ November 2023 and 4016 from March 2024). 5 991 candidates succeeded in the exam.

2025 Implementation

In 2025, 6 126 new teachers (61% of all candidates) were confirmed as permanent teachers (definitivat degree) following the exam, which was organised following an updated schedule.

Bodies responsible

- Ministry of Education
- Ministry of National Education (until 2021)

Target group

Education professionals

Teachers
Trainers
Adult educators

Thematic categories

Teachers, trainers and school leaders competences

Systematic approaches to and opportunities for initial and continuous professional development of school leaders, teachers and trainers

Attractiveness of the teaching and training profession/career

Supporting teachers and trainers for and through digital

Subsystem

IVET CVET

Further reading

[Order No 5.087/31.08.2016 regarding the approval of the Methodology for organising and conducting the national final examination in education and Order No. 5.223/19.09.2016 regarding the approval of the calendar of the final exam 2017](#)

[News on the teacher confirmation examination by the education ministry \(2017\)](#)

[Updated methodology for the organisation of the national examination for the award of Definitive degree as teacher \(2021\)](#)

[Revised methodology for organisation of national examination leading to the award of teacher confirmation certificate \(Definitivat Certificate\) approved in 2022, by Ministry of Education Order No 5722/2022](#)

[Ministry of Education \(2023\), Order No 3656/February 2023 on the subjects, fields and specializations of graduates to enroll in the national exam \(session summer 2023\)](#)

[Ministry of Education \(2023\), Order No 6330/ September 2023 on the calendar for teacher confirmation exam \(session summer 2024\)](#)

[Ministry of Education \(2023\), Order No 6663/November 2023 on the subjects, fields and specializations of graduates to enroll in the national exam \(session summer 2024\)](#)

Related policy developments

2025 Implementation

Teacher and trainer continuing professional development

The National Centre for TVET Development implemented several projects through which continuing teacher and trainer-in-companies training was offered.

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Type of development

Practical
measure/Initiative

Subsystem

IVET CVET

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