

# Recognising international foreign language tests as matura exams

POLICY DEVELOPMENT

REGULATION/LEGISLATION

 LATVIA

## Timeline

2015 **Approved/Agreed**

2020 **Approved/Agreed**

2021 **Implementation**

2022 **Completed**

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## Description

Since 2015, legislation has allowed secondary education students to choose between nationally organised centralised state exams in foreign languages and recognised international foreign language exams.

### 2015 Approved/Agreed

### 2020 Approved/Agreed

In March 2020, the Cabinet of Ministers approved an amendment to the existing regulation. Another internationally approved testing institution was added to the list.

### 2021 Implementation

The measure is operational and runs as a regular practice.

### 2022 Completed

In 2022, the government renewed the regulations on the replacement of a centralised examination of a foreign language with an examination of an international testing institution. The changes updated the list of foreign diplomas/institutions that can be considered and aligned the regulations with the updated system of the school centralised exams.

## Bodies responsible

- Ministry of Education and Science
- National Centre for Education (VISC)

## Target group

Learners

Learners in upper secondary, including apprentices

## Thematic categories

### Modernising VET offer and delivery

Acquiring key competences

## Subsystem

IVET

## Further reading

[Regulations on the replacement of a centralised examination of a foreign language with an examination of an international testing institution \(2022, in Latvian\)](#)

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