At its 151st session on 21 May 2020, the Council of the Slovenian Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education has, on the basis of indent three of paragraph eleven of Article 51.h of the Higher Education Act (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia [Uradni list RS], Nos [32/12](http://www.uradni-list.si/1/objava.jsp?sop=2012-01-1406) – official consolidated version, [40/12](http://www.uradni-list.si/1/objava.jsp?sop=2012-01-1700) – ZUJF, [57/12](http://www.uradni-list.si/1/objava.jsp?sop=2012-01-2410) – ZPCP-2D, [109/12](http://www.uradni-list.si/1/objava.jsp?sop=2012-01-4320), [85/14](http://www.uradni-list.si/1/objava.jsp?sop=2014-01-3443), [75/16](http://www.uradni-list.si/1/objava.jsp?sop=2016-01-3209), [61/17](http://www.uradni-list.si/1/objava.jsp?sop=2017-01-2917) – ZUPŠ and [65/17](http://www.uradni-list.si/1/objava.jsp?sop=2017-01-3065)), adopted the following

**ACT AMENDING THE**

**CRITERIA FOR THE ACCREDITATION AND EXTERNAL EVALUATION OF HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS AND STUDY PROGRAMMES**

Article 1

After paragraph one of Article 3 of the Criteria for the Accreditation and External Evaluation of Higher Education Institutions and Study Programmes (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia, Nos [42/17](http://www.uradni-list.si/1/objava.jsp?sop=2017-01-2150), 14/19 and 3/20; hereinafter: the Accreditation Criteria), a new paragraph two shall be inserted to read as follows:

“In accordance with the Criteria and on the basis of an application by an international federation of universities, the Agency shall also decide on the accreditations of study programmes of an international federation of universities based in the Republic of Slovenia (hereinafter: international federation of universities) adopted by competent bodies determined in the statutes or other basic act of this federation of universities.”

The current paragraph two shall be renumbered paragraph three.

Article 2

In Chapter II.2.2 – External Evaluation of a Study programme, the following sentence shall be added after the full stop in paragraph one:

“An external evaluation of a study programme of an international federation of universities accredited in accordance with the Criteria shall be carried out as an evaluation of a sample of study programme at least every five years, and may be carried out as part of the procedure of external evaluation of a study programme.”

Article 3

After paragraph four of Article 31, a new paragraph five shall be added to read as follows:

“An international federation of universities may apply for an accreditation of a study programme in accordance with the Criteria. In the process of accreditation of a study programme of an international federation of universities, the Agency Council shall assess whether the international federation of universities meets all quality standards for accreditation from the Criteria and the provisions of the ZViS on study programmes, professional, scientific and research and artistic work, higher education teachers and assistants, premises and equipment necessary for the implementation of the study programme, and the library.”

Article 4

Point one in Chapter III.2.2 – Accreditation of a Study Programme shall be supplemented by the following text added after the word “programme”:

“or a decision by the competent body of an international federation of universities determined in the statutes or other basic act of this federation.”

Article 5

Article 45 shall be amended as follows:

- in indent one of point 1 of paragraph two, the following text shall be added after the word “accredited”: “or from which stem its accredited study programmes”,

- a new paragraph three shall be added after paragraph two to read as follows:

“All major deficiencies or non-compliances in connection with the external evaluation and evaluation of a sample of study programme shall be also identified in the international federation of universities, except for non-compliances under point 8 of paragraph two of this Article."

* the current paragraph two shall be renumbered paragraph three.

Article 6

After paragraph one of Article 49a, a new paragraph two shall be inserted to read as follows:

“After two years from the finality of the decision and in the manner determined in paragraph one of this Article, the international federation of universities must report for the study programmes granted accreditation on the basis of the Criteria whether the need for reporting arose from extraordinary evaluation.”

The current paragraphs two and three shall be renumbered paragraphs three and four.

Article 7

In Article 50, a new paragraph three shall be added after paragraph two to read as follows:

"Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph two of this Article, the Agency Council shall include study programmes of the international federation of universities accredited in accordance with these criteria in the evaluation sample at least every five years.”

The present paragraphs three, four, five, six and seven shall be renumbered paragraphs four, five, six, seven and eight.

Article 8

In point B. GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROGRAMME in Article 53, the text in the box after the text *Date of adoption of the study programme at the higher education institution: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .”* shall be amended so as to read:

“

*Please attach the decision of the senate of the university or independent higher education institution or competent body of the international federation of universities regarding the adoption of the study programme.*

”

Article 9

This Act shall enter into force on the day following its publication in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia.

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