

University Access Recommendation Ukraine 2022

The Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research, in its function as ENIC NARIC AUSTRIA, recommends the following procedure for assessing the general university entrance qualification of Ukrainian applicants:

1. Starting situation

Due to the Ukraine War, no regular state examinations are taking place in Ukraine this year, and displaced persons cannot regularly complete their school year. However, the aim is not to disadvantage Ukrainian applicants with regard to access to higher education in Austria.

2. Ukrainian applicants with a secondary-school leaving certificate

In Ukraine, the secondary-school leaving examination regularly takes place after eleven school years. Pupils receive a “certificate of full general secondary education” (Свідоцтво про здобуття повної загальної середньої освіти – Svidotstvo pro zdobuttia povnoi zagalnoi serednioi osviti / until 2018: Аттестат про повну загальну середню освіту), to which the annual grades as well as the results of the state examinations (Державна підсумкова атестація – Derzhavna pidsumkova attestatsia (DPA)) are attached. Due to the shorter secondary education compared to Austria, the requirement of two supplementary examinations is recommended for proof of the general university entrance qualification.

According to current information, secondary-school leaving certificates will also be issued in the school year 2021/22. However, due to the suspension of the state examinations, only the annual grades are attached. Instead of the results of the state examinations, the note “exempted” (“звільнено”) is attached. Corresponding qualifications should be treated as complete Ukrainian secondary-school leaving certificates. Accordingly, the requirement of two supplementary examinations is also recommended for proof of the general university entrance qualification in Austria.

3. Ukrainian applicants without a secondary-school leaving certificate

If the last school year could not be completed regularly due to the Ukraine War, other formal qualifications (acquired in the eleventh school year) can be taken into account as a subsidiary basis for the assessment of the general university entrance qualification, provided that the qualification proves a general education at a higher secondary school level (e.g. half-year report of the eleventh school year). Corresponding qualifications can be treated as

regular Ukrainian secondary-school leaving certificates. In these cases, the requirement of two supplementary examinations is recommended for proof of the general university entrance qualification in Austria as well. In order to compensate for further deficits (e.g. lack of general education content), up to two additional supplementary examinations may be foreseen.

In general, the greatest possible flexibility is recommended with regard to the extraordinary situation beyond the sphere of influence of Ukrainian applicants.

4. Forbearance in case of incomplete documents

Furthermore, the university is entitled to waive the obligation to submit documents if it is satisfied that it would be impossible or excessively difficult to furnish them within a reasonable period, and that the supporting documentation submitted is a sufficient basis for a decision.