

REGULATIONS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF ACADEMIC STAFF IN THE REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA ACT

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Chapter One GENERAL PROVISIONS

Art. 1. (1) (Amend. SG 19/2011, in force from 08.03.2011, previous text of Art.1 – SG 56/2018 in force from 06.07.2018). The Regulations shall govern the implementation of the Development of Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria Act (DASRBA).

(2) (New – SG 56/2018, in force from 06.07.2018). The minimum national requirements for the scientific, teaching and/or artistic-creative or sports activities of the candidates to acquire a scientific degree and to take the academic positions “Chief Assistant”, “Reader” and “Professor” shall be determined by these Regulations too.

Art. 1a. (New – SG 56/2018, in force from 06.07.2018 (1) The candidates to acquire a scientific degree and to take the academic positions “Chief Assistant“, “Reader” and “Professor” should meet the respective minimum national requirements for the scientific, teaching and/or artistic-creative or sports activities laid down in the Appendix by science areas and/or professional fields for each scientific degree and each academic position on the basis of the indicators under Art.2b, para 2 of DASRBA.

(2) Higher schools and scientific organizations may determine in their Regulations additional requirements too for the candidates to take academic positions provided DASRBA and these Regulations are observed.

(3) The additional requirements under para 2 may include the setting up of an additional group/groups of indicators and/or increase of the minimum required points by groups of indicators determined in Table 1 for each area of application.

Art. 2. (Amend. – SG 19/2011, in force from 08.03.2011, amend. - SG 56/2018, in force from 06.07.2018) (1) The assessment of the dissertation paper and of the candidates to take the academic positions “Chief Assistant”, “Reader” and “Professor” shall be made only for persons meeting the respective minimum national requirements.

(2) The assessment for compliance with the minimum national requirements and the additional requirements under Art.1a, para 2, as well as the assessment of the results, scientific contribution and originality of the presented works, dissertation papers for acquiring scientific degrees and of the candidates to take the academic positions “Chief Assistant”, “Reader” and “Professor” shall be made by a scientific panel, set up and functioning under the conditions and procedure of DASRBA and these Regulations.

(3) When electing a scientific panel one external and one internal reserve members shall be nominated too.

(4) No panel meetings may be held in reduced number of members. The refusal of a panel member to take part in a meeting for disrespectful reasons or the refusal to affix his signature on the Minutes shall be ascertained by the signatures of the attending panel members and it may not justify the suspension of the procedures. The respective reserve member shall take part in the meeting in place of the refusing member.

(5) Decisions of the panel may be made in absentia too, discussions and voting in such cases being carried out via appropriate technical means under the conditions and procedures laid down in the Regulations of the higher school or scientific organization.

Art. 3. (Amend. – SG 19/2011, in force from 08.03.2011, amend. – SG 62/2013, in force from 03.07.2013, amend. – SG 56/2018, in force from 06.07.2018) (1) The Minister of Education and Science shall, through the National Center for Information and Documentation (NCID), create and maintain a public register as an electronic database where the following shall be entered:

1. The persons having acquired the educational and scientific degree “Doctor” and/or the scientific degree “Doctor of Science” in a higher school or scientific organization in the Republic of Bulgaria.

2. The defended dissertation papers;

3. The habilitated persons and the other persons in academic positions in the Republic of Bulgaria.

4. The persons having acquired scientific degrees abroad, recognized under the legally established procedures.

(2) The electronic database under para 1 shall contain also information on the competitions for admission of regular and correspondent doctoral students, as well as on the taking of academic positions in the accredited by the National Evaluation and Accreditation Agency (NEAA) professional fields and subjects, which shall be sent for publishing to the National Center for Information and Documentation (NCID) not later than 7 days after the respective academic or scientific council decision to announce the competition.

Chapter Two

ACQUIRING OF EDUCATIONAL AND SCIENTIFIC DEGREE “DOCTOR” AND OF SCIENTIFIC DEGREE “DOCTOR OF SCIENCE” (TITLE AMEND. SG 19/2011, IN FORCE FROM 08.03.2011)

Section I.

Admission and tuition of doctoral students

Art. 4. (1) Persons having acquired the educational qualification degree “Master” may apply for doctoral studies.

(2) (Suppl. – SG 56/2018, in force from 06.07.2018). The tuition for acquiring educational and scientific degree “Doctor” shall be conducted in regular, correspondent, self-preparation or distant form of study. The regular and self-preparation form of study shall have a duration of up to 3 years, and the correspondent and distant ones – up to 4 years.

(3) Doctoral studies shall be conducted according to doctoral programmes accredited by NEAA by scientific subjects.

(4) (Amend. SG 56/2018, in force from 06.07.2018) Doctoral studies shall be conducted in a primary unit of a higher school or scientific organization having at least one habilitated person from the respective accredited professional field.

(5) The National Evaluation and Accreditation Agency shall accredit programmes for doctoral studies in one or several professional fields in all nine areas of higher education determined in the Classifier of Higher Education Areas and Professional Fields, adopted by Council of Ministers Decree No 125 of 2002 (prom. SG 64/2002; Resolution No 10827 of the Supreme Administrative Court of 2003 -106/2003; amend. and suppl. 32 and 94/2005.

(6)(New - SG 56/2018, in force from 06.07.2018). Educational and scientific degree “Doctor” can be acquired also under the conditions of the joint advisership of a Bulgarian

adviser from a higher school or scientific organization having received accreditation for tuition in educational and scientific degree “Doctor” from NEAA, and a foreign adviser from a higher school or scientific organization accredited by the respective state for tuition in educational and scientific degree “Doctor” or its corresponding degree under the conditions and procedure of DASRBA and these Regulations.

Art. 5 (1) Admission for regular or correspondent doctoral studies shall be done by competition to be conducted not earlier than one month from the expiry of the deadline for submission of the documents under Art. 3, para 2 of DASRBA.

(2) (Amend. – SG 19/2011, in force from 08.03.2011). The competition shall be announced in State Gazette and on the internet sites of the higher school or scientific organization.

Art. 6. (1) Admission of candidates to take part in the competition shall be performed by a Committee which shall include the head of the receiving structural unit, the head of the primary unit and a lecturer in the doctoral programme, and be appointed by Order of the Rector of the higher school or of the head of the scientific organization.

(2) The committee under para 1 shall review the documents of the candidates for compliance with the requirements for eligibility of DASRBA, of these Regulations and of the respective Regulations of the higher school or scientific organization and shall make a decision on the admission within 20 days from the expiry of the deadline for submission of documents.

(3) The head of the receiving structural unit shall notify the candidates in writing about the results from their admission to participate in the competition and show the reasons for non-admission for the non-admitted candidates.

(4) The admitted candidates shall be notified about the dates of the examinations, such notification containing also a list of the questions for the examination in the subject. The notification under para 3 shall be sent latest one month prior to the date of the first examination.

Art. 7. (1) Candidates not admitted for the competition may raise objections before the head of the receiving structural unit within 7 days.

(2) The head of the receiving structural unit shall assign to a new committee of 3 members - habilitated persons, to rule on the objection. On the basis of the report of the committee the head shall make a final decision within 10 days from receipt of the objection.

Art. 8. (Rev. – SG 19/2011, in force from 08.03.2011)

Art. 9. (1) The competition shall include an examination in the subject and in a chosen by the candidate foreign language. The candidates for doctoral degree in a foreign language and foreign literature shall pass an examination in a foreign language, other than the examination in the subject.

(2) The examinations shall be held under the procedure provided for in the Regulations of the respective higher school or scientific organization.

(3) (Amend. – SG 56/2018, in force from 06.07.2018). The faculty, respectively the scientific council of the higher school or scientific organization shall make a decision on the enrolment of candidates having passed the competition successfully. The decision shall name the science adviser of the doctoral student to be selected by proposal of the council of the primary unit. A habilitated person shall be elected as science adviser.

Art. 10. (1) The admission in self-education form of study of doctoral students who have prepared in its essential part a dissertation paper for awarding educational and scientific degree “Doctor” shall be done without examination during the whole academic year.

(2) The candidate shall submit to the primary unit the dissertation paper draft prepared in its essential part, as well as literature references.

(3) The submitted part of the dissertation paper shall be discussed by the primary unit council in the presence of the candidate. In case the primary unit council approves the paper of the candidate, the primary unit head shall make a proposal on the dissertation subject, the science area and the individual syllabus for the work of the doctoral student to the head of the receiving structural unit.

(4) On the basis of the proposal under para 3 the faculty, scientific council respectively shall make a decision within the framework of the meeting on the enrolment of the doctoral student and approve the subject of the dissertation paper and the individual syllabus of the doctoral student.

Art. 11. On the basis of the faculty or scientific council decision under Art. 9, para 3 and Art. 10, para 4 the Rector of the higher school or the head of the scientific organization shall issue an Order for the enrolment of the doctoral student. The Order shall specify the doctoral studies form, the primary unit to organize the studies in; the duration of studies; the dissertation paper subject; the science area or science areas, and in the cases under Art.9, para 3 – the science adviser too.

Art. 12. Persons having graduated from foreign higher schools may apply for doctoral studies after the higher education acquired by them has been recognized under the procedure of the Ordinance on the state requirements for recognition of higher education acquired and periods of studies completed in foreign higher schools adopted by Council of Ministers Decree No 168 of 2000 (prom. SG 69//2000; amend. and suppl. SG 25 and SG 79/2009 and SG 59/2010), under the conditions and procedure provided for in these Regulations and in the respective Regulations of the higher school or scientific organization.

Art. 13. (Amend. – SG 19/2011, in force from 08.03.2011). (1) Persons who are not Bulgarian citizens and are not citizens of another EU member state, of another state – party to the European Economic Area Agreement or of the Swiss Confederation may apply and get educated in doctoral studies:

1. In fulfilment of intergovernmental agreements on educational, cultural and scientific exchange;
2. According to Acts of the Council of Ministers;
3. (Amend. SG 15/2019) under the conditions of Art. 95, para 8 and 10 of the Higher Education Act.

(2) The candidates under para 1, p.1 and 2 shall be admitted under the conditions and procedure laid down in the respective agreement or in the Act of the Council of Ministers in coordination with the respective higher schools or scientific organizations.

(3) The persons under para 1, p.3 shall be admitted under the conditions and procedure laid down in the respective Regulations of the higher schools and scientific organizations.

(4) The persons under para 1 may apply for doctoral studies also under the conditions and procedure for admission of Bulgarian citizens, provided they:

1. Have the status of permanently resident on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria;
2. Have the status of refugees;

3. Are of Bulgarian nationality.

Art. 13a. (New – SG 19/2011, in force from 08.03.2011). The candidates for doctoral studies under Art. 13, para 1 shall submit the following documents:

1. A form or application containing short biographical data, foreign language proficiency, as well as the higher school or scientific organization they wish to get educated in;
2. A copy of the higher education document evidencing that the candidate is a holder of master degree;
3. Medical certificate issued one month prior to the date of application and certified by the respective authorities in the country the person applies from;
4. A list of the publications, if any;
5. Copy of the citizenship documents;
6. Certificate for recognized higher education, in case the diploma is issued by a foreign higher school;
7. Two photos.

(2) The documents under para 1, p.2 and 3 should be legalized, translated and certified in accordance with the provisions of the international contracts of the Republic of Bulgaria with the state they are issued in, and in case of no such agreements – under the general procedure for legalization, translation and certification of documents and other papers.

(3) (Amend. – SG 62/2013, in force from 03.07.2013). The candidates under Art. 13, para 1, p.1 and 2 shall submit the documents under para 1 to the Ministry of Education and Science.

(4) The candidates under Art. 13, para 1, p.3 shall submit their documents under para 1 in a chosen by them higher school or scientific organization.

Art. 13b. (New – SG 19/2011, in force from 08.03.2011) (1) (Amend. – SG 62/2013, in force from 03.07.2013). The higher schools and the scientific organizations shall send to the Ministry of Education and Science the documents of the candidates approved by them under Art. 13, para 1, p.3 – citizens of states for which visa for long term residence in the Republic of Bulgaria is required, as well as information on:

1. Personal data of the candidate – names by passport in the roman script, date of birth, place of birth, citizenship;
2. Name of the scientific subject, educational and scientific degree, form and period of studies;
3. Information on the language and specialized training – proficiency in the Bulgarian language, name of the basic unit the training shall take place in, duration of studies;
4. Annual fees for the studies and for the language and specialized training;
5. Number of the banking account of the higher school or scientific organization the fees for the study or for the language or specialized training should be transferred to.

(2) (Amend. - SG 62/2013, in force from 03.07.2013, suppl. SG 60/2014, in force from 22.07.2014, amend. – SG 57/2015, in force from 28.07.2015, amend. SG 15/2019). The Ministry of Education and Science shall issue a certificate for admission of the candidates for study in the Republic of Bulgaria and it shall notify the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Migration Directorate of the Ministry of Interior thereof in writing.

(3) (Amend. – SG 15/2019) Persons, applying under the conditions of Art. 95, para 8 and 10 of the Higher Education Act shall pay their school fees after they have received type D visa and have arrived in the Republic of Bulgaria.

Art. 13c. (New – SG 19/2011, in force from 08.03.2011) (1) The Rector of the higher school or the head of the scientific organization shall issue an Order to enrol the candidate approved for doctoral studies under Art. 13, para 1.

(2) (Amend. SG 62/2013, in force from 03.07.2013) The higher school or scientific organization shall inform the Ministry of Education and Science of the doctoral students enrolled under para 1.

Art. 14. (1) The tuition of doctoral students shall include the following activities:

1. Science-research (artistic-creative) activity;
2. Attendance and participation in course work (seminars, tutorials at doctoral level);
3. Teaching and/or expert's activities, participation in science forums (national and/or international);
4. Examinations for doctoral minimum;
5. (Amend. –SG 56/2018, in force from 06.07.2018) working out of doctoral dissertation.

(2) The distribution by types of activities for the duration of the studies shall be done on the basis of the standard approved by the higher school or scientific organization by observing the compulsory requirements approved by the respective Regulations of the higher school or scientific organization.

Art. 15. (1) The training of doctoral students shall be conducted according to individual syllabuses.

(2) The syllabuses shall be prepared by the doctoral students and their science advisers and discussed and approved by the faculty, respectively scientific council.

(3) The individual syllabus shall determine the field of the doctoral studies and it shall consist of a general syllabus for the entire period of study and a working plan by years. The individual syllabus shall contain:

1. The subject of the dissertation paper;
2. The distribution of all activities by years;
3. The examinations and the deadlines for their passing;
4. The attendance at a certain cycle of lectures and exercises, participation in courses, seminars, conferences and other public scientific events;
5. The stages and deadlines for the preparation of the dissertation paper;

(4) (Amend. SG 56/2018, in force from 06.07.2018). Change of dissertation paper subject and science adviser shall be allowed by way of exception, however not later than 3 months prior to the date of the primary unit meeting for preliminary discussion. The change shall be done by Order of the higher school Rector or of the scientific organization head on the basis of the decision of the faculty, scientific council respectively by proposal of the primary unit council.

Art. 16. Doctoral students shall sit for examinations according to the individual syllabus before boards to be appointed by the head of the receiving structural unit and consisting of at least 3 habilitated persons with the participation of the science adviser of the doctoral student.

Art. 17. (1) Doctoral students shall be attested by the faculty, scientific council respectively at the end of each academic year.

(2) Doctoral students shall present to the primary unit council a report on the activities they perform, which shall contain a scientific part (reporting the results obtained) and a report on the fulfilment of the individual syllabus.

(3) The science adviser shall present to the primary unit council his written opinion on the work of the doctoral students.

(4) The science adviser shall propose, jointly with the doctoral students, a substantiation of the individual syllabus of the doctoral student for the next school year.

(5) The primary unit council shall approve:

1. Opinion on the fulfilment of the individual syllabus and assessment of the doctoral student activities;

2. Proposal on the attestation of the doctoral students;

3. Proposal on the substantiation of the individual syllabus for the next year;

4. Recommendations on the further development of the doctoral studies, and where necessary, it shall recommend substantiation of the subject or change of the science adviser.

(6) The proposal under para 5, p. 2 and 3 shall be approved by the faculty, scientific council respectively.

Art. 18. (1) Along with the reporting under Art. 17, regular doctoral students shall report on their work at the end of each quarter too by presenting to the receiving structural unit head a report on the fulfilment of their individual syllabuses. The following shall be attached thereto:

1. A report on the work done on the dissertation paper or a doctoral minimum certified by the science adviser and confirmed by evidencing material;

2. A report on the lecturer's work, certified by the receiving structural unit head.

(2) On the basis of the reports under para 1 the receiving structural unit head shall present to the higher school Rector or the scientific organization head a report on the regular doctoral students fulfilment of the compulsory requirements under Art. 14, para 2.

Art. 19. Additional conditions and procedures for the admission and tuition of doctoral students in them may be laid down in the Regulations of the higher schools and the scientific organizations.

Art. 20. Doctoral students shall have the right to suspend their studies and continue them under the conditions and procedure laid down in the Regulations of the higher schools and scientific organizations.

Art. 21. (1) (Amend. – SG 62/2013, in force from 03.07.2013). Every year the Ministry of Education and Science shall announce and hold competitions for the sending of doctoral students – Bulgarian citizens for doctoral studies abroad under the conditions laid down in the intergovernmental agreements on educational, cultural and science exchange and under additional conditions to be determined by the Ministry.

(2) For the studies under para 1 persons may apply who are enrolled in Bulgarian higher schools or scientific organizations for regular doctoral studies.

(3) (Amend. – SG 62/2013, in force from 03.07.2013). The Ministry of Education and Science shall notify the respective higher school or scientific organization about the doctoral students who shall continue their studies under the procedure of para 1.

Art. 22 (1) The higher school or scientific organization shall provide the material facilities and take the cost for the enrolment, studies, dissertation paper defence of regular and correspondent doctoral students, subsidized by the state in accordance with the differentiated regulatory norms for tuition of doctoral students as determined by the Council of Ministers.

(2) Organizations interested in the results of the respective dissertation paper may provide to the doctoral students the material facilities and funds, necessary to support its elaboration.

Art. 23. (1) The funds for the financial and material support of the dissertation papers being elaborated shall be approved by the higher school Rector, scientific organization head respectively on an yearly basis by types of costs – costs for subsistence of the tuition and social-living expenses.

(2) Experimental work financing for each dissertation paper shall be done under separate annual estimates to be approved by the higher school Rector, scientific organization head respectively.

Section II.

Conditions and procedure for acquiring educational and scientific degree “Doctor” (Title amend. – SG 19/2011, in force from 08.03.2011)

Art. 24. (1) (Amend. – SG 19/2011, in force from 08.03.2011) – previous text of Art.24, suppl. SG 56/2018, in force from 06.07.2018) The educational and scientific degree “Doctor” shall be awarded to persons holding the educational-qualification degree “Master” and meeting the minimum national requirements after their completion of doctoral studies and successful defence of dissertation paper under the conditions and procedure of DASRBA, of these Regulations and of the respective Regulations of the higher school or the scientific organization.

(2) (New – SG 56/2018, in force from 06.07.2018). Within one month from the expiry of the tuition period the primary unit shall propose to the faculty, scientific council respectively, to take the doctoral student off the list with or without right to defence.

(3) (New – SG 56/2018, in force from 06.07.2018) The doctoral student shall have the right to defence after his fulfilling the activities of the tuition, successful passing of the examinations determined in the individual syllabus and prepared to a significant extent dissertation paper.

(4) (New – SG 56/2018, in force from 06.07.2018). At its first meeting following the primary unit meeting the faculty, scientific council respectively shall rule on with a resolution on the proposal of the primary unit under para 2.

(5) (New – SG 56/2018, in force from 06.07.2018). The right to defence may be exercised within the period, determined in the Regulations of the respective higher school or scientific organization, however not later than 5 years from the resolution of the faculty, scientific council respectively under para 4.

(6) (New – SG 56/2018, in force from 06.07.2018) Doctoral students shall be taken off the list by Order of the higher school Rector or of the scientific organization head.

Art. 25. (Amend. SG 19/2011, in force from 08.03.2011, amend. SG 56/2018, in force from 06.07.2018). Doctoral students who have been taken off the list with right to defence and meet the minimum national requirements shall be admitted to dissertation paper defence for awarding the educational and scientific degree “Doctor”.

Art. 26. (Rev. – SG 56/2018, in force from 06.07.2018).

Art. 27. (1) (New – SG 19/2011, in force from 08.03.2011). The dissertation paper should contain scientific and applied science results representing an original contribution to science. The dissertation paper should make it evident that the candidate has profound

theoretical knowledge of the respective subject and the capability for independent scientific research.

(2) (Previous text of Art.27 – SG 19/2011, in force from 08.03.2011). The dissertation paper shall be presented in a form and volume meeting the specific requirements of the primary unit. The dissertation paper shall contain: a title page, contents, introduction, exposition, conclusion – summary of the obtained results with declaration for originality, literature references.

Art. 28. (1) (Suppl. DG 56/2018, in force from 06.07.2018). The doctoral student shall submit his dissertation paper to the science adviser who shall judge on its readiness for defence and be obligated to express his opinion within a period of one month from the submission of the dissertation paper. In case a positive judgement is given regarding the readiness of the doctoral student to defend his dissertation paper the science adviser shall propose to the primary unit council to open a procedure for preliminary discussion.

(2) (New – SG 56/2018, in force from 06.07.2018) In case of a negative judgement of the science adviser or no expression of an opinion within the period under para 1, the doctoral student may refer the matter for consideration to the primary unit council, which shall rule on with a final opinion on the readiness for defence.

(3) (Previous para 2 – SG 56/2018, in force from 06.07.2018). The procedure for preliminary discussion shall be conducted before the primary unit council.

Art. 29 (1) (Amend. – SG 19/2011, in force from 08.03.2011). When conducting the procedure under Art. 28, para 2 the dissertation paper submitted by the doctoral student shall be discussed and a decision made by the primary unit council on the readiness for defence before the scientific panel.

(2) In case of positive decision on the readiness for defence the primary unit council shall discuss and make a proposal on the members of the scientific panel. The science adviser and the doctoral student shall be obligated to participate in the discussion about the scientific panel members and they may make their own proposals on the members.

(3) The primary unit head shall submit to the receiving structural unit a report on the decision made under para 1 and 2.

Art. 30. (1) Following the primary unit council positive decision on the readiness for defence the candidate shall submit documents for defence of the dissertation under the procedure laid down in the respective Regulations of the higher school or scientific organization.

(2) Based on the primary unit proposal the faculty, scientific council respectively shall, within a period not longer than one month from the primary unit proposal, determine the scientific panel and make a proposal to the higher school Rector or to the scientific organization head on the approval of its members and the date of defence.

(3) (Amend. – SG 19/2011, in force from 08.03.2011). Within 7 days from the proposal of the faculty, scientific council respectively under para 2 the higher school rector or the scientific organization head shall, by Order, approve the scientific panel and determine the date for the defence too.

Art. 31. (1) (Amend. – SG 19/2011, in force from 08.03.2011, amend. – SG 56/2018, in force from 06.07.2018). The scientific panel shall consist of five persons habilitated in the respective science area or science areas in the subject of the dissertation. At least one of the panel members shall be a professor. At least three of the panel members shall be external to

the higher school or scientific organization. The science adviser may not be a member of the panel.

(2) An internal member – a person holding an academic position from the staff of the higher school or scientific organization conducting the defence, shall be nominated as chairperson of the scientific panel.

Art. 32. (1) The panel members shall prepare two reviews and three opinions. It is compulsory to have one of the reviews prepared by a panel member, external to the respective higher school or scientific organization. The reviews and opinions shall be concluded with a positive or negative assessment and handed over to the primary unit within 3 months from the election of the scientific panel.

(2) (Amend. SG 19/2011, in force from 08.03.2011). The dissertation reviews, opinions and abstract shall be published on the internet site of the higher school or scientific organization.

Art. 33. (1) (Suppl. – SG 56/2018, in force from 06.07.2018) Within one month from the date of publishing the abstract, reviews and opinions the scientific panel shall hold an open meeting for the defence of the dissertation paper of the candidate admitted to defence.

(2) In the open meeting under para 1:

1. The scientific panel chairperson shall introduce the doctoral student;
 2. The doctoral student shall make a brief exposition of the main results from the dissertation paper;
 3. The scientific panel chairperson shall present the reviews and opinions of the scientific panel;
 4. The panel members and everyone attending the public defence may ask questions and make speeches;
 5. Each scientific panel member shall announce his assessment – positive or negative;
 6. The chairperson of the scientific panel shall announce the result from the defence.
- (3) A dissertation paper shall be deemed successfully defended provided it has received three or more positive assessments at the defence.

(4) (Amend. – SG 19/2011, in force from 08.03.2011, amend. – SG 56/2018, in force from 06.07.2018). The unsuccessfully defended dissertation shall be returned for reworking. If the candidate wishes, a new procedure for defence shall be opened not later than one year after the date of the return. The second procedure for defence shall be final.

Art. 34. (1) (Amend. SG 19/2011, in force from 08.03.2011). The educational and scientific degree “Doctor” shall be awarded from the day on which the dissertation paper has been defended successfully.

(2) Amend. – SG 19/2011, in force from 08.03.2011) The educational and scientific degree “Doctor” shall be certified by a diploma issued in the Bulgarian language and in case a request is made by the person a supplement in the English language shall be issued too.

(3) (Amend. – SG 19/2011, in force from 08.03.2011, amend. – SG 62/2013, in force from 03.07.2013). The diploma under para 2 shall be issued in a unified form approved by the Minister of Education and Science and sent for registration to the Ministry of Education and Science within three days from its issue.

(4) (Amend. – SG 19/2011, in force from 08.03.2011). The higher school or scientific organization shall send to the National Center for Information and Documentation information in electronic and paper form on the defended doctor’s dissertations together with copies thereof and the dissertation abstracts.

Section III.
Conditions and procedure for acquiring scientific degree “Doctor of science” (Title amend. – SG 19/2011, in force from 08.03.2011)

Art. 35. (Amend. SG 19/2011, in force from 08.03.2011, suppl. – SG 56/2018, in force from 06.07.2018). The scientific degree „Doctor of Science” shall be awarded to persons holding educational and scientific degree “Doctor”, meeting the respective minimum national requirements after the successful defence of a dissertation paper under the conditions and procedure of DASRBA, these Regulations and the respective Regulations of the higher school or scientific organization.

Art. 36 (Amend. SG 19/2011, in force from 08.03.2011). Under equal other conditions the persons having acquired the scientific degree “Doctor of Science” shall have primacy when taking academic positions.

Art. 37 (Amend. SG 19/2011, in force from 08.03.2011)(1) The dissertation paper for acquiring the scientific degree “Doctor of Science” shall contain theoretical conclusions and decisions of major science or applied science problems, which correspond to the contemporary achievements and represent a significant and original contribution to science.

(2) The dissertation paper under para 1 shall be prepared independently and it may not reproduce literally the subject and a significant part of the content of the paper presented for acquiring the educational and scientific degree “Doctor”.

Art. 38. (Amend. and suppl. – SG 19/2011, in force from 08.03.2011). The candidate shall propose his dissertation paper under Art.37 and the abstract to the primary unit for discussion to be held in his presence. In case the primary unit council approves the paper of the candidate the primary unit head shall propose to the faculty or scientific council to open a procedure for preliminary discussion.

Art. 39. (1) The preliminary discussion procedure shall be conducted before the primary unit council.

(2) When conducting the preliminary discussion procedure the candidate shall present his dissertation paper and the abstract for discussion.

(3) The primary unit council shall make a decision on the dissertation readiness for defence before a scientific panel.

(4) Following the primary unit council positive decision the candidate shall submit the dissertation defence documents under the procedure laid down in the respective Regulations of the higher school or scientific organization.

Art. 40. (1) (Amend. – SG 19/2011, in force from 08.03.2011). The defence of the dissertation paper shall be conducted in public before a scientific panel consisting of 7 habilitated persons. At least three of the members shall be professors. At least four of the members shall be persons external to the higher school or scientific organization.

(2) Nomination and approval of scientific panel members, as well as the setting of the date of defence, shall be done under the procedure of Art. 30.

(3) (New – SG 56/2018, in force from 06.07.2018). For dissertation paper defence shall be admitted candidates for acquiring scientific degree “Doctor of Science” who meet the respective minimum national requirements.

Art. 41. (1) Three members of the scientific panel, two of them being professors, shall prepare reviews. At least one of the reviews shall be by a person external to the higher school or scientific organization. The other members of the scientific panel shall prepare opinions.

(2) The reviews and opinions shall be concluded with a positive or negative assessment and handed over to the primary unit within 3 months from the scientific panel election.

(3) (Amend. – SG 19/2011, in force from 08.03.2011). Dissertation reviews, opinions and abstract shall be published on the internet site of the higher school or scientific organization.

Art. 42 (1) The provisions of Art. 33, para 1 and 2 shall be applied respectively for the defence.

(2) (Suppl. – SG 19/2011, in force from 08.03.2011). A dissertation paper having received at least four positive assessments, with each scientific panel member announcing his assessment in public, shall be deemed successfully defended.

(3) (Amend. – SG 19/2011, in force from 08.03.2011). Unsuccessfully defended dissertation papers shall be returned for reworking. In case the candidate wishes, a new procedure for defence shall be announced not later than within one year from the returning. The second procedure for defence shall be final.

Art. 43. (1) The scientific degree “Doctor of Science” shall be acquired from the day on which the dissertation paper has been successfully defended.

(2) (Suppl. SG 19/2011, in force from 08.03.2011, amend. SG 62/2013, in force from 03.07.2013, suppl. SG 56/2018, in force from 06.07.2018). The scientific degree “Doctor of Science” shall be certified by a diploma in a unified form approved by the Minister of Education and Science, which shall be issued under the conditions and procedure of Art. 34, para 2 and sent for registration to the Ministry of Education and Science through NCID within 3 days from its issue.

Chapter Three. TAKING ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Section I.

Conditions and procedure for taking academic position “Assistant” (Title amend. SG 19/2011, in force from 08.03.2011)

Art. 44 (1) A doctoral student who has been taken off the list with right to defence, however has not completed his dissertation paper defence procedure may be appointed to the position “Assistant”. The appointment shall be done by the higher school Rector or scientific organization head by proposal of the primary unit head in coordination with the receiving structural unit head and under employment contract for a duration not longer than two years.

(2) A person not holding the doctoral degree may be appointed to the position “Assistant” too. The appointment shall be done by the higher school Rector or the scientific organization head by proposal of the primary unit head in coordination with the receiving structural unit head and under employment contract for a duration not longer than four years.

(3) (Amend. SG 19/2011, in force from 08.03.2011). Within the duration of the contract the person holding the position “Assistant” shall undertake actions to acquire the educational and scientific degree “Doctor”.

(4) (New) – SG 19/2011, in force from 08.03.2011. A new fixed-term contract may not be concluded with the same person after the expiry of the duration of his contract.

(5) (Previous para 4 – SG 19/2011, in force from 08.03.2011). After his acquiring the educational and scientific degree “Doctor” the Assistant may participate in a competition to be announced by the higher school or scientific organization for taking the academic position “Chief Assistant” under the procedure of DASRBA, these Regulations and of the respective Regulations of the higher school or scientific organization.

Section II.

Conditions and procedure for taking academic position “Chief Assistant” (Title amend. – SG 19/2011, in force from 08.03.2011).

Art. 45. (1) (Amend. SG 19/2011, in force from 08.03.2011, amend. SG 56/2018, in force from 06.07.2018. The academic position “Chief Assistant” shall be taken only by a person meeting the minimum national requirements and the requirements under Art.1a, para 2 holding the educational and scientific degree “Doctor” which for the subjects of the regulated professions corresponds to the announced competition.

(2) (Rep. – SG 19/2011, in force from 08.03.2011.

(3) Academic position “Chief Assistant” shall be taken on the basis of a competition and election.

Art. 46 (1) (Amend. SG 19/2011, in force from 08.03.2011). The candidates for academic position “Chief Assistant” shall be assessed by the following requirements provided applicable for the respective area:

1. Educational work:

a) Classroom and out of classroom learning – use of electronic teaching;

b) Work with students and doctoral students – joint work with students in research and creative projects;

2. Research and/or creative work;

a) (Amend. SG 56/2018, in force from 06.07.2018) research work – participation in research projects completed with scientific results;

b) Creative work – creation of works of art with national recognition; membership in creative organization;

c) Scientific publications – printed, as well as electronic scientific publications, including such in the scientific electronic archive of the respective higher school or scientific organization;

d) Creative performances – at least one creative performance in an internationally recognized forum;

e) Work to a syllabus or course.

(2) For scientific subjects in the area of arts the artistic creative work rather than the research work may be assessed.

(3) Additional criteria and indicators along with those under para 1 may be provided for in the Regulations of the higher schools and scientific organizations.

Art. 47. (1) (Amend. – SG 19/2011, in force from 08.03.2011, amend. – SG 56/2018, in force from 06.07.2018. The competition shall be announced under the conditions of Art. 3, para 1 of DASRBA.

(2) The candidates to participate in the competition shall submit their documents in accordance with the requirements of DASRBA, these Regulations and the requirements of the higher school or scientific organization.

(3) The deadline for submission of documents to participate in the competition shall not be shorter than two months from its announcement in State Gazette.

Art. 48. (Amend. - SG 19/2011, in force from 08.03.2011, amend. – SG 56/2018, in force from 06.07.2018). (1) Candidates meeting the legal requirements, including the minimum national requirements, and the requirements under Art. 1a, para 2 shall be admitted to participate in the competition.

(2) The admissibility requirements, except for the minimum national requirements and the requirements under Art. 1a, para 2 shall be verified by a committee which shall include the head of the receiving structural unit, for the needs of which the competition is, and the head of the primary unit which has made the proposal on the competition. The chairperson and the other committee members, as well as their total number shall be determined by Order of the higher school Rector or of the scientific organization head for the appointment of the committee.

(3) The compliance with the minimum national requirements and the requirements under Art. 1a, para 2 shall be verified by the scientific panel.

(4) Candidates shall be informed in writing about the results from the admission procedure within 14 days from the nomination of the panel under Art.49, para 1 and the non-admitted candidates shall be informed about the reasons for the refusal.

(5) Within the period under para 4 the admitted candidates shall be informed in writing about the date, time and place to hold the competition.

(6) The competition shall be held by documents not later than one month from the dispatch of the communication under para 4.

Art. 49. (1) (Amend. – SG 19/2011, in force from 08.03.2011). The competition shall be conducted by a scientific panel consisting of five habilitated persons. At least two of the panel members shall be external to the respective higher school or scientific organization. A panel member, external to the higher school or scientific organization, shall be elected as chairperson of the panel.

(2) The scientific panel members shall be nominated not later than two months from the announcement of the competition in State Gazette.

(3) (Amend. SG 19/2011, in force from 08.03.2011). The scientific panel shall be nominated by Order of the higher school Rector or scientific organization head by proposal of the primary unit and after approval of the faculty, scientific council respectively.

Art. 50. (Amend. – SG 56/2018, in force from 06.07.2018). (1) Each panel member shall assess the candidates with a positive or negative assessment.

(2) Each panel member shall assess the candidates separately on the basis of the fulfilment of the minimum national requirements and the requirements under Art 1a, para 2 whereby the panel members shall review the results and assess positively or negatively each candidate.

(3) At the beginning of the conclusive meeting the candidates shall make a short presentation on a subject to be chosen by them which shall correspond to the announced competition, and reply to questions asked by the panel members.

(4) No later than 7 days from the conducting of the competition the panel chairperson shall present to the faculty, scientific council respectively a summarized conclusive report on the competition results with a proposal for election. The report shall be signed by all panel members.

(5) In case more than one candidate has passed the competition in its report under para 4 the scientific panel shall make a motivated proposal on the election.

Art. 51. (1) - SG 19/2011, in force from 08.03.2011). The election of “Chief Assistant” shall be conducted by the faculty, scientific council respectively not later than 14 days after receipt of the proposal of the panel.

(2) (Amend. – SG 56/2018, in force from 06.07.2018). The election, including the manner in which the voting for the election is conducted, shall be carried out under the procedure laid down in the Regulations of the respective higher school or scientific organization. In the higher schools only faculty council members who are habilitated persons, holding the educational and scientific degree “Doctor” or the scientific degree “Doctor of Science” shall participate in the voting, and in the scientific organizations – the scientific council members respectively.

(3) Within 14 days from the holding of the election each candidate having sat for the competition examination shall be informed in writing about the result of the competition and the election.

Art. 52. (Amend. SG 19/2011, in force from 08.03.2011.) The elected candidates shall be appointed by the higher school Rector or the scientific organization head within one month from the communication about their election.

Section III.

Conditions and procedure for taking academic position “Reader” (Title amend. – SG 19/2011, in force from 08.03.2011.)

Art 53. (Amend. – SG 19/2011, in force from 08.03.2011). (1) Candidates to take academic position “Reader” shall meet the following conditions:

1. (Suppl. – SG 56/2018, in force from 06.07.2018). To have acquired the educational and qualification degree (Doctor”, which, for the subjects from the regulated professions, should be in the same subject.

2. For not less than two years:

- a) To have held the academic position “Assistant”, “Chief Assistant” or
- b) To have been lecturers, including part-time ones, or members of a science-research team in the same or another higher school or scientific organization.
- c) To have exercised artistic-creative activities or
- d) To have been specialists from the practice and to have evidenced achievements in their area;

3. To have presented a published monographic paper or publications of equal standing in specialized science editions or evidence for creative-artistic achievements of equal standing in the area of arts, which do not reproduce the ones presented for acquiring educational and scientific degree “Doctor” and for acquiring scientific degree “Doctor of Science”.

4. (New – SG 56/2018, in force from 06.07.2018). To meet the respective minimum national requirements and the requirements under Art. 1a., para 2;

5. (New – SG 56/2018, in force from 06.07.2018). To have no plagiarism evidenced under the legally established procedure in their scientific papers.

(2) (Rev. – SG 56/2018, in force from 06.07.2018).

Art. 54 (Rev. – SG 19/2011, in force from 08.03.2011, new – SG 56/2018, in force from 06.07.2018). (1) Candidates shall present a reference summary on their fulfilment of the minimum national requirements and the requirements under Art. 1a, para 2, as well as a

reference summary on their original scientific contributions with respective evidences attached thereto.

(2) Persons meeting the conditions of Art. 53 shall be admitted for assessment.

Art. 55. (1) Taking of academic position “Reader” shall be done on the basis of a competition and election.

(2) (Amend. – SG 19/2011, in force from 08.03.2011). The competition shall be opened, provided the respective lecturing or research work load can be ensured as provided for according to the Regulations of the higher school or scientific organization respectively.

(3) The lecturing workload in the higher school shall include class and out of class occupancy and science-research work. The allocation and ratio between them shall be determined by the respective Regulations of the higher school.

Art. 56. The provisions of Art. 47 and 48 shall be applied respectively for the announcement of the competition, the submission of documents and admission for participation.

Art. 57. (1) (Amend. – SG 19/2011, in force from 08.03.2011). The competition shall be conducted by a panel of seven members. At least three of the panel members shall be external to the higher school or scientific organization and at least three shall be professors. At its first meeting the scientific panel shall elect one of the members to be the chairperson.

(2) (Amend. – SG 19/2011, in force from 08.03.2011). The scientific panel shall be nominated by Order of the higher school Rector or of the scientific organization head by proposal of the primary unit after approval by the faculty, scientific council respectively.

(3) For preparation of reviews the scientific panel shall, within 14 days from the expiry of the deadline for submission of documents, determine two reviewers from among its members, at least one of them being a professor. The other members of the scientific panel shall prepare opinions. The reviews and opinions shall be ended with a positive or negative conclusion on the election of the candidate.

(4) (Amend. – SG 19/2011, in force from 08.03.2011). The scientific panel members shall present their reviews and opinions to the primary unit within two months from their nomination as members of the scientific panel.

Art. 57a. (New – SG 19/2011, in force from 08.03.2011). (1) Amend – SG 56/2018 in force from 06.07.2018). The scientific panel shall assess the candidates to take the academic position “Reader” depending on the fulfilment of the conditions under Art. 53 and in accordance with the results from the reference summary under Art. 54, para 1.

(2) (Amend. – SG 56/2018, in force from 06.07.2018). Under equal conditions under para 1 the scientific panel shall take into consideration also the overall assessment received from the assessing those from among the following additional indicators, which are applicable for the respective area.

1. Related to the learning activity:

a) Class and out of class learning; innovations in the teaching methods, ensuring learning activities in a practical surrounding outside the higher school or scientific organization;

b) Work with students and doctoral students, including joint work with students and doctoral students in science-research and artistic-creative projects;

2. Related to the science-research activities:

a) Membership in a reputable creative and/or professional organization in the respective science area;

- b) Results from practical research applied in practice; inventions and other intellectual property products;
- 3. Related to the artistic-creative and sports activities:
 - a) Participation in projects; membership in a creative or sports organization;
 - b) Creation of works of art or sports achievements with international recognition.
- (3) (Suppl. – SG 56/2018, in force from 08.07.2018). For science subjects in the area of arts the artistic-creative activity rather than the science-research one may be assessed in accordance with the minimum national requirements.
- (4) (Amend. – SG 56/2018, in force from 06.07.2018). Additional indicators and criteria, in addition to those under para 2 may be provided for in the higher school Regulations.

Art. 58. (1) (Amend. – SG 19/2011, in force from 08.03.2011). The competition and the election shall be held under the procedure laid down in Art. 27 and 27a of DASRBA and in the Regulations of the higher school or scientific organization.

(2) Each candidate admitted for participation in the competition shall be informed in writing about the results within 14 days from the conducting of the election.

(3) The elected Reader shall make a public academic speech before the academic community in the respective higher school or scientific organization.

Art. 59. The employment relationship between the higher school, the scientific organization respectively, and the person having won the competition, shall be established from the day of approval of the election by the Rector, the scientific organization head respectively. The employment contract shall be concluded within one month from the approval of the election.

Section IV.

Conditions and procedure for taking academic position “Professor” (Title amend. – SG 19/2011, in force from 08.03.2011)

Art. 60. (Amend. – SG 19/2011, in force from 08.03.2011) (1) Candidates to take academic position “Professor” shall meet the following conditions:

1. To have acquired the educational and scientific degree “Doctor”;
2. To have held academic position “Reader” in the same or another higher school or scientific organization for not less than two academic years or not less than five years:
 - a) To have been lecturers, including part-time ones, or members of science-research teams in the same or another higher school or scientific organization, or
 - b) To have exercised artistic-creative activities, or
 - c) To have been specialists from the practice and to have evidenced achievements in their area;
3. To have presented a published monographic paper or publications of equal standing in specialized science editions or evidence for artistic-creative achievements of equal standing in the area of arts, which do not reproduce the ones presented for acquiring educational and scientific degree “Doctor” and for acquiring scientific degree “Doctor of Science” and for taking academic position “Reader”.
4. To have presented other original science-research papers, publications, inventions and other science and applied science developments or artistic-creative achievements, which are assessed in their entirety.
5. (New – SG 56/2018, in force from 06.07.2018) To meet the minimum national requirements and the requirements under Art. 1a, para 2;

6. (New – SG 56/2018, in force from 06.07.2018). To have no legally evidenced plagiarism in their science papers.

(2) In case the candidates have not held the academic position “Reader” they should present one more published monographic paper or publications of equal standing in specialized science editions or corresponding thereto evidences for artistic-creative achievements in the area of arts, which do not reproduce the ones presented for acquiring educational and scientific degree “Doctor” and scientific degree “Doctor of Science”.

(3) (New – SG 56/2018, in force from 06.07.2018). Candidates shall present a reference statement about the fulfilment of the minimum national requirements, the requirements under Art. 1a, para 2, as well as a reference summary about the original scientific contributions with respective evidences attached thereto.

(4) (Previous para 3 – SG 56/2018, in force from 06.07.2018). Other conditions too may be provided for in the Regulations of the respective higher school or scientific organization.

Art. 61. (Amend. – SG 19/2011, in force from 08.03.2011, amend – SG 56/2018 in force from 06.07.2018). (1) The scientific panel shall assess the candidates for academic position “Professor” according to the fulfilment of the conditions under Art. 60, para 1 and in accordance with the information from the reference summaries under Art. 60, para 3.

(2) Persons meeting the conditions of Art. 60, para 1 and 2 shall be admitted for assessment.

(3) In case of equal conditions under para 1 the scientific panel shall take into consideration also the overall assessment received from the assessing of those of the following indicators which are applicable for the respective area.

1. Related to the learning activity;

a) Class and out of class learning – sharing of experience in the teaching and in the courses and supervision and consulting of colleagues; ensuring of learning in practical surrounding outside the respective higher school or scientific organization; teaching the subject in a foreign language.

b) Activities with students and doctoral students, including as adviser of doctoral students, appointed in lecturer positions in a higher school or scientific organization;

2. Related to the science-research activities:

a) Management of science-research projects; creation of a science group of lecturers; membership in reputable creative and/or professional organization in the respective science area. Creditable feedback; creation of a new direction in science; setting up of a science school; delivery of lectures in foreign universities;

b) Applied in practice results from science researches; inventions and rationalizations;

3. Related to the artistic-creative or sports activities:

a) Membership in a creative organization; setting up of a creative school; delivery of lectures in foreign universities; artistic-creative or sports performances, including creative or sports performances in internationally recognized forums;

b) Creation of works of art with international recognition.

Art. 62. (Amend. – SG 56/2018, in force from 06.07.2018). (1) The taking of academic position “Professor” shall be done on the basis of a competition and election to be conducted under the conditions and procedure of Chapter Three, Section IV of DASRBA.

(2) The faculty, scientific council respectively may rule on the procedures for taking academic position “Professor” only provided at least one third of the council members with

right to vote consists of persons holding academic position “Professor” or possessing scientific degree “Doctor of Science”.

(3) For the purposes of the election the council members under para 2 shall include on a compulsory basis the members of academic staff of the respective faculty or scientific organization who hold academic position “Professor” or possess scientific degree “Doctor of Science”.

(4) In case it is impossible to fulfil the condition under para 2 for participation in the concrete procedure for taking academic position “Professor” external members meeting the requirements under para 2 can be attracted too.

Further provisions

§ 1. Within the meaning of the Regulations:

1. "Primary unit" shall be a department in a Faculty of a higher school or a its corresponding structure in a scientific organization.

2. "Receiving structural unit" shall be a Faculty in a higher school or its corresponding structural unit in a scientific organization where doctoral students shall be received and trained or a competition conducted for acquiring a scientific degree or for taking an academic position.

3. (New – SG 9/212) “External members” shall be the persons, who, as of the date of the approval of the scientific panel or at least five years before such date, did not exercise any teaching or scientific activity under employment contract relationship with the higher school or scientific organization.

§ 2. The professional fields and science areas within the meaning of the Regulations shall be determined in accordance with the higher education areas and professional fields defined in the Classifier of Higher Education Areas and Professional Fields, adopted by Council of Ministers Decree No 125 in 2002.

§ 3. The ratio of those holding academic positions “Assistant”, “Chief Assistant”, “Reader” and “Professor” in each higher school or scientific organization shall be regulated in the respective Regulations of the higher school or scientific organization.

§ 4. The provisions of the Regulations shall be applied by the higher military schools in as far as they do not contradict The Defence and Armed Forces Act of the Republic of Bulgaria, the Regulations on the implementation of The Defence and Armed Forces Act of the Republic of Bulgaria and their foundation acts.

§ 5. Materials under Art. 32, para 2 and Art. 41, para 3 which do not contain classified information shall not be published on the internet site of the higher school or scientific organization and in such cases meetings of the scientific panels under Art. 33, para 1 shall be under closed doors.

Transitional and concluding provisions

§ 6. The Regulations shall be adopted on the basis of § 9, para 2 of the Development of Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria Act.

§ 7. (Rev. – SG 19/2011, in force from 08.03.2011).

Concluding provisions

TO DECREE No 44 of 25 FEBRUARY 2011 ON THE AMENDMENT AND SUPPLEMENT OF THE REGULATIONS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF ACADEMIC STAFF IN THE REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA ACT

(PROM. – SG 19/2011, IN FORCE FROM 08.03.2011)

§ 51. The Decree shall come in force from the day of its promulgation in State Gazette.

Transitional and concluding provisions

TO DECREE No 142 OF 8 JULY 2013 ON THE ADOPTION OF RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AND SPORTS

(PROM. – SG 62/2013, IN FORCE FROM 03.07.2013)

§ 71. Wherever used in the Regulations on the implementation of the Development of Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria Act, adopted by Council of Ministers Decree No 202 of 2010 (prom. SG 75/2010, amend. and suppl. SG 19/2011 and SG 9/2012) the words “education, youth and science” shall be replaced with “education and science”.

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§ 91. The Decree shall come in force from 3 July 2013.

Transitional and concluding provisions

TO DECREE No 207 OF 18 JULY 2014 ON THE ADOPTION OF REGULATIONS ON THE STRUCTURE AND ACTIVITY OF THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR

(PROM. – SG 60/2014, IN FORCE FROM 22.07.2014)

§ 44. The Decree shall come in force from the day of its promulgation in State Gazette.

Concluding provisions

TO DECREE No 191 OF 22 JULY 2015 ON AMENDMENT AND SUPPLEMENT OF THE REGULATORY ACTS OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

Concluding provisions

(PROM. – SG 57/2015, IN FORCE FROM 28.07.2015)

§ 32. The decree shall come in force on the day of its promulgation in State Gazette.

Concluding provisions

TO DECREEE No 122 OF 29 JUNE 2018 ON AMENDMENT AND SUPPLEMENT OF THE REGULATIONS ON THE IMPELEMENATION OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF ACADEMIC STAFF IN THE REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA ACT

(PROM. – SG 56 OF 2018, IN FORCE FROM 06.07.2018)

§ 31. The Decree shall come in force from the date of its promulgation in State Gazette.

Annex to Art. 1a, para 1

(New – SG 56/2018, in force from 06.07.2018, amend. and suppl. – SG 15/2019)

Minimum national requirements for the scientific, teaching and/or artistic-creative or sports activities of the candidates to take academic positions “Chief Assistant”, “Reader” and “Professor” by science areas and/or professional fields

Area 1. Pedagogical sciences

Professional field 1.1 Theory and management of education, 1.2. Pedagogics, 1.3 Pedagogics of the training in ...

Table 1. Minimum required points by groups of indicators for the different scientific degrees and academic positions

Group of indicators	Contents	Doctor	Doctor of Science	Chief Assistant	Reader	Professor
A	Indicator 1	50	50	50	50	50
B	Indicator 2	-	100	-	-	-
C	Indicator 3	-	-	-	100	100
D	Sum of indicators from 4 to 10	30	100	-	200	200
E	Sum of indicators from 11 to 13	-	100	-	50	100
F	Sum of indicators from 14 to the end	-	-	-	-	100

Table 2. Number of points by indicators

Group of indicators	Indicator	Number of points
A	1. Dissertation paper for awarding educational and scientific degree “Doctor”	50
B	2. Dissertation paper for awarding scientific degree “Doctor of Science”	100
C	3. Habilitation work – monograph	100
D	4. Published monograph, not presented as main habilitation work	100
	5. Published book on the basis of defended dissertation paper for awarding educational and scientific degree “Doctor” or for awarding scientific degree “Doctor of Science”	75

Table 2. Number of points by indicators

Group of indicators	Indicator	Number of points
	6. Articles and reports published in science editions, referenced and indexed in world renowned databases with scientific information	30/n
	7. Articles and reports published in not referenced journals with scientific reviewing or published in edited collective volumes	10/n
	8. Studies, published in science editions, referenced and indexed in world renowned databases with scientific information	45/n
	9. Studies published in not referenced journals with scientific reviewing or published in edited collective volumes	15/n
	10. Published chapter from a collective monograph	20/n
E	11. Citations or reviews in science editions, referenced and indexed in world renowned databases with scientific information or in monographs and collective volumes	15
	12. Citations in monographs and collective volumes with scientific reviewing	10
	13. Citations or reviews in not referenced journals with scientific reviewing	5
F	14. Acquired scientific degree "Doctor of Science"	40
	15. Advisership of a successfully defended doctoral student (n is the number of co-advisers of the respective doctoral student)	40/n
	16. Participation in a national scientific or educational project	15
	17. Participation in international scientific or educational project	20
	18. Management of a national science or educational project	30
	19. Management of an international science or educational project	40
	20. Published university textbook or textbook used in the school network	40/n
21. Published university teaching aids or a teaching aids used in the school network	20/n	

Area 2. Humanities

Professional field 2.1. Philology, 2.2. History and archaeology, 2.3. Philosophy, 2.4. Religion and theology

Table 1. Minimum required points by groups of indicators for the different scientific degrees and academic positions

Group of indicators	Contents	Doctor	Doctor of Science	Chief Assistant	Reader	Professor
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B	Indicator 2	-	100	-	-	-
C	Indicator 3	-	-	-	100	100
D	Sum of indicators from 4 to 11	30	100	-	200	200
E	Sum of indicators from 12 to 14	-	100	-	50	100
F	Sum of indicators from 15 to end	-	-	-	-	100

Table 2. Number of points by indicators

Group of indicators	Indicator	Number of points
A	1. Dissertation paper for the awarding educational and scientific degree “Doctor”	50
B	2. Dissertation paper for awarding scientific degree “Doctor of Science”	100
C	3. Habilitation work – monograph	100
D	4. Published monograph, which is not presented as main habilitation work	100
	5. Published book on the basis of a defended dissertation paper for awarding educational and scientific degree “Doctor” or awarding scientific degree “Doctor of Science”	75
	6. Articles and reports published in science editions, referenced and indexed in world renowned databases with scientific information	30/n
	7. Articles and reports published in not referenced journals with scientific reviewing or published in edited collective volumes	10/n
	8. Studies, published in science editions, referenced and indexed in world renowned databases with scientific information	45/n
	9. Studies published in not referenced journals with scientific reviewing or published in edited collective volumes	15/n
	10. Published chapter from a collective monograph	20/n
	11. Compiling of dictionaries (only for 2.1)	40/n
E	12. Citations or reviews in science editions, referenced and indexed in world renowned databases with scientific information or in monographs and collective volumes	15
	13. Citations in monographs and collective volumes with scientific reviewing	10
	14. Citations or reviews in not referenced journals with scientific reviewing	5
F	15. Acquired scientific degree “Doctor of Science”	40

Table 2. Number of points by indicators

Group of indicators	Indicator	Number of points
	16. Advisership of a successfully defending doctoral student (n is the number of co-advisers of the respective doctoral student)	40/n
	17. Participation in a national science or educational project	15
	18. Participation in an international science or educational project	20
	19. Management of a national science or educational project	30
	20. Management of an international science or educational project	40
	21. Published university textbook or textbook used in the school network	40/n
	22. Published university teaching aids or teaching aids used in the school network	20/n

Area 3. Social, economic and law sciences

Professional field 3.1. Sociology, anthropology and science of culture, 3.2. Psychology, 3.3. Political sciences, 3.4. Social activities, 3.5. Public communications and information sciences, 3.6. Law, 3.7. Administration and management, 3.8. Economics, 3.9. Tourism

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B	Indicator 2	-	100	-	-	-
C	Indicator 3	-	-	-	100	100
D	Sum of indicators from 4 to 10	30	100	-	200 (100 for PF 3.6)	200 (100 for PF 3.6)
E	Sum of indicators from 11 to 13	-	100	-	50	100
F	Sum of indicators from 14 to end	-	-	-	-	100

Table 2. Number of points by indicators

Group of indicators	Indicator	Number of points
A	1. Dissertation paper for awarding educational and scientific degree “Doctor”	50
B	2. Dissertation paper for awarding scientific degree “Doctor of Science”	100
C	3. Habilitation work – monograph	100
D	4. Published monograph not presented as main habilitation work	100
	5. Published book on the basis of a defended dissertation paper for awarding educational and scientific degree “Doctor” or for awarding scientific degree “Doctor of Science”	75
	6. Articles and reports, published in science editions, referenced and indexed in world renowned databases with scientific information	30/n
	7. Articles and reports published in not referenced journals with scientific reviewing or published in edited collective volumes	10/n
	8. Studies published in science editions, referenced and indexed in world renowned databases with scientific information	45/n
	9. Studies published in not referenced journals with scientific reviewing or published in edited collective volumes	15/n
E	10. Published chapter from a collective monograph	20/n
	11. Citations or reviews in scientific editions, referenced and indexed in world renowned databases with scientific information or in monographs and collective volumes	15
	12. Citations in monographs and collective volumes with scientific reviewing	10
E	13. Citations or reviews in not referenced journals with scientific reviewing	5
	14. Acquired scientific degree “Doctor of Science”	40
	15. Advisership of a successfully defending doctoral student (n is the number of co-advisers of the respective doctoral student)	40/n
	16. Participation in a national science or educational project	15
	17. Participation in an international science or educational project	20
	18. Management of a national science or educational project	30
	19. Management of an international science or educational project	40
	20. Published university textbook or a textbook used in the school network	40/n
	21. Published university teaching aids or teaching aids used in the school network	20/n

Area 4. Natural sciences, mathematics and informatics

Professional field 4.1. Physical sciences, 4.2. Chemical sciences, 4.3. Biological sciences, 4.5. Mathematics, 4.6. Informatics and computer sciences

Table 1. Minimum required points by groups of indicators for the different scientific degrees and academic positions

Groups of indicators	Contents	Doctor	Doctor of Science	Chief Assistant	Reader	Professor
A	Indicator 1	50	50	50	50	50
B	Indicator 2	-	100	-	-	-
C	Indicator 3 or 4	-	-	-	100	100
D	Sum of indicators from 5 to 10	30	100	-	200	200
E	Sum of points in indicator 11	-	100	-	50	100
F	Sum of indicators from 12 to end	-	-	-	-	150 (100 for PF 4.5 и PF 4.6)

Table 2. Number of points by indicators:

Group of indicators	Indicator	Number of points
A	1. Dissertation paper for awarding educational and scientific degree "Doctor"	50
B	2. Dissertation paper for awarding scientific degree "Doctor of Science"	100
C	3. Habilitation work – monograph or 4. Habilitation work – science publications in editions referenced and indexed in world renowned databases with scientific information (Web of Science и Scopus)*	100 for monograph 25 for publ. in Q1 20 for publ. in Q2 15 for publ. in Q3

Group of indicators	Indicator	Number of points
		12 for publ. in Q4 10 for publ. in an edition with SJR without IF 6 for other# publ.
D	5. Published monograph not presented as main habilitation work	30
	6. Published book on the basis of a defended dissertation paper for awarding educational and scientific degree “Doctor” or for awarding scientific degree “Doctor of Science”	20
	7. Science publication in editions referenced and indexed in world renowned databases with scientific information (Web of Science and Scopus), outside the habilitation paper*	25 for publ. in Q1 20 for publ. in Q2 15 for publ. in Q3 12 for publ. in Q4 10 for publ. in A edition with SJR without IF 6 for other# publ.
	8. Published chapter from a book or collective monograph	15
	9. Invention, patent or useful model for which a protection document is issued under the due procedure	25
	10. Published application for patent or useful model	15
E	11. Citations in science editions, monographs, collective volumes and patents,	2

Group of indicators	Indicator	Number of points
	referenced and indexed in world renowned databases with scientific information (Web of Science and Scopus)*	1 in other [#] publ.
F	12. Acquired scientific degree “Doctor of Science”	75
	13. Advisership of a successfully defending doctoral student (n is the number of co-advisers of the respective doctoral student).	50/n**
	14. Participation in a national science or educational project	10
	15. Participation in an international science or educational project	20
	16. Management of a national science or educational project	20
	17. Management of the Bulgarian team in an international science or educational project	50
	18. External financing under projects managed by the candidate	1 point for each BGN 5000
	19. Published university textbook or a textbook used in the school network	40/n
	20. Published university teaching aids or teaching aids used in the school network	20/n

Q1, Q2, Q3 and Q4 designate the four quartiles (quarters) where science journals having an impact factor (IF) in each science area are grouped by *Journal Citation Reports* (JCR) of *Web of Science*. In case a publication is reported in a journal appearing in more than one science area in the database of Web of Science the highest quartile for the respective journal is used for the year of publishing. In case for a given publication no quartile is present for the journal in the year of publishing the quartile present for the closest year is used.

Scimago Journal Rank (SJR) designates the metrics of the science editions referenced in *Scopus*.

In case a publication is reported which has more than 30 (thirty) co-authors the candidate should have evidenced significant contribution. A significant contribution in a

science publication shall be evidenced in at least one of the following ways: (1) the candidate is first on the list of co-authors, (2) the candidate is shown in the publication as author for correspondence (3) the candidate presents a letter by the author for correspondence of the article or by the announced in public head of the scientific team which has prepared the article, where the concrete significant contribution of the candidate in this publication is certified. The existence of letters, certifying a significant contribution in articles by more than thirty co-authors shall be verified during the procedure for verification of candidates eligibility. The compliance of the content of the letter with the content of the respective publication shall be certified in writing in the reviews of the scientific panel members.

*Only for PF 4.5 and PF 4.6 the following additional factors are introduced for multiplying the points when reporting the respective indicator:

For indicators C4 and D7 – factor 3.

For indicator E11 – factor 4.

*Only for PF 4.1, PF 4.2 and PF 4.3 the quartiles (quarters) Q1, Q2, Q3 and Q4 shall be used too according to the SJR metrics (<https://www.scimagojr.com/>). When reporting a publication in a journal appearing both in the JCR quartiles and in the SJR quartiles for the respective year the higher quartile shall be used.

#Only for PF 4.5 and PF 4.6 points for “other” science publications shall be given (for indicators C4 and D7), which should be referenced and indexed in at least one of the following databases with scientific information: Zentralblatt, MathSciNet, ACM Digital Library, IEEE Xplore and AIS eLibrary, as well as points for the indicator (E11) cited in “other” science editions, monographs and collective volumes, which are referenced and indexed in at least one of these databases.

Professional field 4.4. Earth Sciences

Table 1. Minimum required points by groups of indicators for the different scientific degrees and academic position

Group of indicators	Contents	Doctor	Doctor of Science	Chief Assistant	Reader	Professor
A	Indicator 1	50	50	50	50	50
B	Indicator 2	-	100	-	-	-
C	Indicators 3 or 4	-	-	-	100	100
D	Sum of indicators from 5 to 9	30	100	-	200	200
E	Sum of indicators from 10 to 12	-	100	-	50	100

Group of indicators	Contents	Doctor	Doctor of Science	Chief Assistant	Reader	Professor
F	Sum of indicators from 13 to end	-	-	-	-	150

Table 2. Number of points by indicators

Group of indicators	Indicator	Number of points
A	1. Dissertation paper for awarding educational and scientific title “Doctor”	50
B	2. Dissertation paper for awarding scientific degree “Doctor of Science”	100
C	3. Habilitation work - monograph	100
	4. Habilitation work – science publications (not less than 10) in editions, which are referenced and indexed in world renowned databases with scientific information	60/n for each publication
D	5. Published monograph, which is not presented as main habilitation work	30
	6. Published book on the basis of a defended dissertation paper for awarding educational and scientific degree “Doctor” or for awarding scientific degree “Doctor of Science”.	30
	7. Science publication in editions referenced and indexed in world renowned databases with scientific information	40/n or allocated in a ratio based on the protocol on contribution
	8. Science publication in not referenced journals with scientific reviewing or in edited collective volumes	20/n or allocated in a ratio based on the protocol on contribution
	9. Published chapter from a collective monograph	10/n

Group of indicators	Indicator	Number of points
E	10. Citations or reviews in science editions, referenced and indexed in world renowned databases with scientific information or in monographs and collective volumes	5
	11. Citations in monographs and collective volumes with scientific reviewing	3
	12. Citations or reviews in not referenced journals with scientific reviewing	2
F	13. Acquired scientific degree "Doctor of Science"	40
	14. Advisership of a successfully defending candidate (n is the number of co-advisers of the respective doctoral student)	40/n
	15. Participation in a national science or educational project	10
	16. Participation in an international science or educational project	20
	17. Management of a national science or educational project	20
	18. Management of an international science or educational project	40
	19. External finance for projects managed by the candidate	1 point for each BGN 5000
	20. Published university textbook or textbook used in the school network	40/n
	21. Published university teaching aids or teaching aids used in the school network	20/n
	22. Published application for a patent or useful model	20
	23. Recognized application for useful model, patent or copyright certificate	40

Area 5. Technical sciences

Professional field 5.1. Mechanical engineering, 5.2. Electrical engineering, electronics and automation, 5.3. Communication and computer equipment, 5.4. Power engineering, 5.5. Transport, navigation and aviation, 5.6. Materials and material science, 5.7. Architecture, construction and geodesy, 5.8. Exploration, extraction and processing of minerals, 5.9. Metallurgy, 5.10. Chemical technologies, 5.11. Biotechnologies, 5.12. Food technologies, 5.13. General engineering

Table 1. Minimum required points by groups of indicators for the different scientific degrees and academic positions

Group of indicators	Contents	Doctor	Doctor of science	Chief Assistant	Reader	Professor
A	Indicator 1	50	50	50	50	50
B	Indicator 2	-	100	-	-	-
C	Indicator 3 or 4	-	-	-	100	100
D	Sum of indicators from 5 to 11	30	100	-	200	200
E	Sum of indicators from 12 to 15	-	100	-	50	100
F	Sum of indicators from 16 to end	-	-	-	-	150

Table 2. Number of points by indicators

Group of indicators	Indicator	Number of points
A	1. Dissertation paper for awarding educational and scientific degree "Doctor"	50
B	2. Dissertation paper for awarding scientific degree "Doctor of Science"	100
C	3. Habilitation work – monograph	100
	4. Habilitation work – science publications (not less than 10) in editions referenced and indexed in world renowned databases with scientific information	60/n for each publication
D	5. Published monograph which is not presented as main habilitation work	30
	6. Published book based on defended dissertation paper for awarding educational and scientific degree "Doctor" or for awarding scientific degree "Doctor of Science"	30

Table 2. Number of points by indicators

Group of indicators	Indicator	Number of points
	7. Science publication in editions referenced and indexed in world renowned databases with scientific information	40/n or allocated in a ratio based on the protocol on contribution
	8. Science publication in not referred journals with scientific reviewing or in edited collective volumes	20/n or allocated in a ratio based on the protocol on contribution
	9. Published chapter from a collective monograph	10/n
	10. Implemented author's projects in the field of architecture or design	30/n
	11. Leading (individual) creative performance in the field of architecture or design	35
E	12. Citations or reviews in science editions, referenced and indexed in world renowned databases with scientific information or in monographs and collective volumes	10
	13. Citations in monographs and collective volumes with scientific reviewing	3
	14. Citations or reviews in not referenced journals with scientific reviewing	2
	15. Reviews for realized author's products in specialized editions in the field of architecture or design	10
F	16. Acquired scientific degree "Doctor of Science"	40
	17. Advisership of a successfully defending doctoral student (n is the number of co-advisers of the respective doctoral student)	40/n
	18. Participation in a national science or educational project	10
	19. Participation in an international science or educational project	20
	20. Management of a national science or educational project	20
	21. Management of an international science or educational project	40
	22. External financing for projects managed by the candidate	1 point for each BGN 5000
	23. Published university textbook or textbook used in the school network	40/n
	24. Published university teaching aids or teaching aids used in the school network	20/n
	25. Published application for patent or useful model	20

Table 2. Number of points by indicators

Group of indicators	Indicator	Number of points
	26. Recognized application for useful model, patent or copyright certificate	40
	27. Awards from competitions for architecture or design given by national professional forums and organizations	10
	28. Awards from competitions for architecture or design given by professional forums and organizations abroad	20

Area 6. Agrarian sciences and veterinary medicine

Professional field 6.1. Horticulture, 6.2. Plant protection, 6.3. Livestock breeding, 6.4. Veterinary medicine, 6.5. Forestry

Table 1. Minimum required points by groups of indicators for the different scientific degrees and academic positions

Group of indicators	Contents	Doctor	Doctor of Science	Chief Assistant	Reader	Professor
A	Indicator 1	50	50	50	50	50
B	Indicator 2	-	100	-	-	-
C	Indicators 3 or 4	-	-	-	100	100
D	Sum of indicators from 5 to 12	30	100	-	200	200
E	Sum of indicators from 13 and 15	-	100	-	50	100
F	Sum of indicators from 16 to end	-	-	-	-	100

Table 2. Number of points by indicators

Group of indicators	Indicator	Number of points
A	1. Dissertation paper for awarding educational and scientific degree “Doctor”	50
B	2. Dissertation paper for awarding scientific degree “Doctor of Science”	100
C	3. Habilitation work – monograph	100
	4. Habilitation work – science publications (not less than 10) in editions referenced and indexed in world renowned databases with scientific information	60/n for each publication
D	5. Published monograph which is not presented as main habilitation work	100
	6. Published book on the basis of a defended dissertation paper for awarding educational and scientific degree “Doctor” or for awarding scientific degree “Doctor of Science”	40
	7. Articles and reports published in science editions, referenced and indexed in world renowned databases with scientific information	30/n or allocated in a ratio on the basis of the protocol on contribution
	8. Articles and reports published in not referenced journals with scientific reviewing or published in edited collective volumes	10/n or allocated in a ratio on the basis of the protocol on contribution
	9. Studies published in science editions referenced and indexed in world renowned databases with scientific information	45/n or allocated in a ratio on the basis of the protocol on contribution
	10. Studies published in not referenced journals with scientific reviewing or published in edited collective volumes	15/n or allocated in a ratio on the basis of the protocol on contribution
	11. Published chapter from a collective monograph	20/n
	12. Created lines and kinds, breeds/races of animals with n participants	50/n

Table 2. Number of points by indicators

Group of indicators	Indicator	Number of points
E	13. Citations or reviews in science editions, referenced and indexed in world renowned databases with scientific information or in monographs and collective volumes	15
	14. Citations in monographs and collective volumes with scientific reviewing	10
	15. Citations or reviews in not referenced journals with scientific reviewing	5
F	16. Acquired scientific degree “Doctor of science”	40
	17. Advisership of a successfully defending doctoral student (n is the number of co-advisers of the respective doctoral student)	40/n
	18. Participation in a national science or educational project	15
	19. Participation in an international science or educational project	20
	20. Management of a national science or educational project	30
	21. Management of an international science or educational project	40
	22. Published university textbook or textbook used in the school network	40/n
	23. Published university teaching aids or teaching aids used in the school network	20/n
	24. Patents, inventions, technologies with n participants	50/n

Area 7. Healthcare and sports

Professional field 7.1. Medicine, 7.2. Dentistry, 7.3. Pharmacy, 7.4. Public health, 7.5. Health care services, 7.6. Sports

Table 1. Minimum required points by groups of indicators for the different scientific degrees and academic positions

Group of indicators	Contents	Doctor	Doctor of Science	Chief Assistant	Reader	Professor
A	Indicator 1	50	50	50	50	50
B	Indicator 2	-	100	-	-	-

C	Indicators 3 or 4	-	-	-	100	100
D	Sum of indicators from 5 to 9	30	100	-	200 (160 for PF 7.6)	200 (180 for PF 7.6)
E	Sum of indicators from 10 to 12	-	100	-	50	100
F	Sum of indicators from 13 to end	-	-	-	-	100 (80 for PF 7.6)

Table 2. Number of points by indicators

Group of indicators	Indicator	Number of points
A	1. Dissertation paper for awarding educational and science degree “Doctor”	50
B	2. Dissertation paper for awarding scientific degree “Doctor of Science”	100
C	3. Habilitation work – monograph	100
	4. Habilitation work – science publications (not less than 10) in editions which are referenced and indexed in world renowned databases with scientific information	60/n for each publication
D	5. Published monograph not presented as main habilitation work	100
	6. Published book on the basis of defended dissertation paper for awarding educational and scientific degree “Doctor” or for awarding scientific degree “Doctor of Science”	40
	7. Publications and reports published in science editions, referenced and indexed in world renowned databases with scientific information	60/n or allocated in a ratio on the basis of the protocol on
	8. Publications and reports published in not referenced journals with scientific reviewing or published in edited collective volumes	30/n or allocated in a ratio on the basis of the protocol on contribution
	9. Published chapter from a collective monograph	20/n
E	10. Citations or reviews in science editions, referenced and indexed in world renowned databases with scientific information or in monographs and collective volumes	15

Table 2. Number of points by indicators

Group of indicators	Indicator	Number of points
	11. Citations in monographs and collective volumes with scientific reviewing	10
	12. Citations or reviews in not referenced journals with scientific reviewing	5
F	13. Acquired scientific degree “Doctor of Science”	40
	14. Advisership of a successfully defending doctoral student (n is the number of co-advisers of the respective doctoral student)	40/n
	15. Acquired medical speciality	40
	16. Participation in a national science or educational project	15
	17. Participation in an international science or educational project	20
	18. Management of a national science or educational project	30
	19. Management of an international science or educational project	40
	20. Published university textbook or textbook used in the school network	40/n
	21. Published university teaching aids or teaching aids used in the school network	20/n
	22. Training of trainees, post-graduate students and doctoral students	30
	23. Insignia of honour won from national sports competitions (for PF 7.6 Sports)	10
24. Insignia of honour won from international sports competitions (for PF 7.6 Sports).	20	

Area 8. Arts

Professional field 8.1. Theory of arts, 8.2. Fine arts, 8.3. Musical and dancing art, 8.4. Theatre and film art

Table 1. Minimum required points by groups of indicators for the different scientific degrees and academic positions

Group of indicators	Contents	Doctor	Doctor of Science	Chief Assistant	Reader	Professor
A	Indicator 1	50	50	50	50	50
B	Indicator 2	-	100	-	-	-

Area 8. Arts

Professional field 8.1. Theory of arts, 8.2. Fine arts, 8.3. Musical and dancing art, 8.4. Theatre and film art

Table 1. Minimum required points by groups of indicators for the different scientific degrees and academic positions

Group of indicators	Contents	Doctor	Doctor of Science	Chief Assistant	Reader	Professor
C	Sum of indicators from 3 to 5	-	-	-	100	100
D	Sum of indicators from 6 to 15	30	60	-	120	150
E	Sum of indicators from 16 to 19	-	50	-	40	80
F	Sum of indicators from 20 to end	-	-	-	50	120

Table 2. Number of points by indicators

Group of indicators	Indicator	Number of points
A	1. Dissertation paper for awarding educational and scientific degree “Doctor”	50
B	2. Dissertation paper for awarding scientific degree “Doctor of Science”	100
C	3. Habilitation work – published monograph in the respective science area	100
	4. Realized author’s product in the area of arts (film, spectacle, exhibition, concert and others)	50
	5. Leading (individual) creative performance in the area of arts	35
D	6. Published monograph which is not presented as main habilitation work	100
	7. Published book on the basis of defended dissertation paper for awarding educational and scientific degree “Doctor” or for awarding scientific degree “Doctor of Science”	75
	8. Articles and reports published in science editions, referenced and indexed in world renowned databases with scientific information	30/n
	9. Articles and reports published in specialized editions in the area of arts	15/n

Table 2. Number of points by indicators

Group of indicators	Indicator	Number of points
	10. Studies, published in science editions referenced and indexed in world renowned databases with scientific information	45/n
	11. Studies published in specialized editions in the area of arts	30/n
	12. Realized short author's product in the area of arts	30/n
	13. Leading (or individual) creative performance in the area of arts which is not a main habilitation work	35
	14. Supporting creative performance or participation in a collective product in the area of arts	10
	15. Published chapter of a collective monograph	20/n
E	16. Citations or reviews in science editions referenced and indexed in world renowned databases with scientific information or in monographs and collective volumes	15
	17. Citations in monographs and collective volumes with scientific reviewing	10
	18. Citations or reviews in not referenced journals with scientific reviewing	5
	19. Reviews of realized author's products or creative performances in specialized editions in the area of arts	10
F	20. Acquired scientific degree "Doctor of Science"	40
	21. Advisership of a successfully defending doctoral student (n is the number of co-advisers of the respective doctoral student)	40/n
	22. Participation in a national science, educational or artistic-creative project	15
	23. Participation in an international science, educational or artistic-creative project	20
	24. Management of a national science, educational or artistic-creative project	30
	25. Management of an international science, educational or artistic-creative project	40
	26. Published university textbook or a textbook used in the school network	40/n
	27. Published university teaching aids or teaching aids used in the school network	20/n
	28. Supervision of master class, studio or workshop in the area of arts	20
	29. Creative performance in a master class, studio, workshop in the area of arts	5
	30. Prizes from competitions for creativity and performance awarded by national professional forums and organizations	10

Table 2. Number of points by indicators

Group of indicators	Indicator	Number of points
	31. Prizes from competitions for creativity and performance awarded by professional forums and organizations abroad	20

Area 9. Security and defence

Professional field 9.1. National security, 9.2. Military science

Table 1. Minimum required points by groups of indicators for the different scientific degrees and academic positions

Group of indicators	Contents	Doctor	Doctor of Science	Chief Assistant	Reader	Professor
A	Indicator 1	50	50	50	50	50
B	Indicator 2	-	100	-	-	-
C	Indicator 3	-	-	-	100	100
D	Sum of indicators from 4 to 10	30	100	-	200	200
E	Sum of indicators from 11 to 13	-	100	-	50	100
F	Sum of indicators from 14 to end	-	-	-	-	100

Table 2. Number of points by indicators

Group of indicators	Indicator	Number of points
A	1. Dissertation paper for awarding educational and scientific degree “Doctor”	50
B	2. Dissertation paper for awarding scientific degree “Doctor of Science”	100
C	3. Habilitation work – published monograph in the respective science area	100
D	4. Published monograph which is not presented as main habilitation work	100
	5. Published book on the basis of defended dissertation paper for awarding educational and scientific degree “Doctor” or for awarding scientific degree “Doctor of Science”	75

Table 2. Number of points by indicators

Group of indicators	Indicator	Number of points
	6. Articles and reports published in science editions referenced and indexed in world renowned databases with scientific information	30/n
	7. Articles and reports published in not referenced journals with scientific reviewing or published in edited collective volumes or in specialized editions for classified information	10/n
	8. Studies published in science editions referenced and indexed in world renowned databases with scientific information	45/n
	9. Studies published in not referenced journals with scientific reviewing or published in edited collective volumes or in specialized editions for classified information	15/n
	10. Published chapter from a collective monograph	20/n
E	11. Citations or reviews in science editions referenced and indexed in world renowned databases with scientific information or in monographs and collective volumes	15
	12. Citations in monographs and collective volumes with scientific reviewing	10
	13. Citations or reviews in not referenced journals with scientific reviewing	5
F	14. Acquired scientific degree "Doctor of Science"	40
	15. Advisership of a successfully defending doctoral student (n is the number of co-advisers of the respective doctoral student)	40/n
	16. Participation in a national science or educational project	15
	17. Participation in an international science or educational project	20
	18. Management of a national science or educational project	30
	19. Management of an international science or educational project	40
	20. Published university textbook or textbook used in the school network	40/n
	21. Published university teaching aids or teaching aids used in the school network	20/n
	22. Participation in teams for the elaboration of strategic and doctrinal documents in the area of security and defence	30/n

Remarks:

1. Fulfilment of the minimum national requirements is only a condition for admittance to participate in the procedures under DASRBA.

2. Because of the requirement of Art.24, para 1, p.3 of DASRBA for the availability of a "monographic paper or publications of equal standing" the table contains a formula to equate the

monograph to an equivalent number of publications – articles or studies. Articles and studies replacing the monograph shall be excluded from the number of publications assessed by other indicators.

When applying Art.24, para 1, p.3 of DASRBA in certain professional fields (for instance some humanitarian and social sciences) depending on their specifics only monographic work shall be admitted without it being equated to a number of publications of equal standing in specialized science editions. The significance of the monographs in the humanitarian and social sciences is taken into account. For such sciences highest recognition is received through monographs published in the country and abroad and not through articles or studies in journals.

3. The Ministry of Education and science shall, through NCID, maintain a List of contemporary Bulgarian science editions, referenced and indexed in world renowned databases with scientific information and make respective inquiries regarding the foreign science editions, referenced and indexed in world renowned databases with scientific information.

NCID shall determine the world renowned databases with scientific information relevant for the respective professional field.

4. (Suppl. – SG 15/2019) The Ministry of Education and Science shall, through NCID, create and maintain a National reference list of contemporary Bulgarian science editions with scientific reviewing. On the basis of such list publications and citations in editions with scientific reviewing which are not referenced and indexed shall be reported, the publications and citations being reduced to the publications and citations in referenced and indexed editions through respective numerical values of compliance. Foreign science editions which are not referenced and indexed in world renowned databases with scientific information shall, at the discretion of the scientific panel or the faculty, scientific council respectfully, be equated to Bulgarian science editions with reviewing.

5. As regards monographs with more than one author a protocol of division among the authors should be existent on a compulsory basis, where, in order to recognize the paper as monographic, the author should have a number of pages of his own which shall comply with the definition for monograph. In case the author has a lower number of pages the respective author participation shall be deemed to be a study/article.

6. (Amend. – SG 15/2019). Different treatment of articles with one author and several co-authors shall be applied in the different professional fields.

In most fields the factor for the article should be divided equally among the co-authors and their number designated with “n”.

Exception shall be made for professional field 4.4. Earth Sciences, from area 4 and areas 5, 6 and 7, where the leading contribution shall play an important role. In case the authors have signed a protocol on determining their contributions to the publication the points shall be allocated on the basis of the ratio in the protocol. Letters from all co-authors shall also be accepted as a protocol determining the contribution.

7. The system makes it possible to sum up the factors within the frames of one group of indicators (A, B, C, D, E, F), so that an internal compensation is made and insufficient points of one indicator are filled up with points from another one.

8. Specific requirements for establishing the indicators for the different academic positions:

a) "Chief Assistant"- no fulfilment of additional indicators after acquiring educational and scientific degree “Doctor” is required;

b) "Reader" – evidences (publications and others) by the different indicators presented for acquiring educational and scientific degree "Doctor" and for acquiring scientific degree "Doctor of Science"(Art. 29, para 1, p.3 of DASRBA) may not be reproduced;

c) "Professor" - evidences (publications and others) by the different indicators presented for acquiring educational and scientific degree "Doctor" and for acquiring scientific degree "Doctor of Science", and for taking academic position "Reader" (Art. 29, para 1, p.3 of DASRBA) may not be reproduced;

d) When a candidate takes academic position "Professor" without having held academic position "Reader" prior to that (Art. 29, para 1, p.2 of DASRBA), the minimum national requirements for academic position "Reader" shall be added to the minimum national requirements for taking academic position "Professor" whereby educational and scientific degree "Doctor" shall be included only once;

e) In the procedures under p. "b" and "c" the points for published book on the basis of defended dissertation paper for awarding educational and scientific degree "Doctor" or for awarding scientific degree "Doctor of Science" may be used too.

9. (Suppl. – SG 15/2019). From the total number of citations these shall be deducted where the cited and citing publication have at least one common author (i.e. the self-citations). Each cited publication shall be counted only once for a given citing publication no matter how many times it is mentioned in the text of the citing publication. Citations from all works of the candidate may be presented, whereby those presented for the purposes of one procedure may not be used in another one. A review for one publication is equalled to one citation of the same publication. Into account shall be taken only reviews for publications of the candidate, and no reviews written by the candidate.

10. Articles, studies, monographs and other accepted for printing in editions having ISSN or ISBN shall be accepted with a certificate of the respective publisher.

11. In case of international projects only finances raised for use by the Bulgarian scientists included in the project and finances spent on the territory of Bulgaria shall be taken into account.

12. Habilitation work shall be the monograph or its equivalent articles, presented under the procedure of Art. 24, para 1, p.3 or of Art. 29, para 1, p. 3 of DASRBA.

In case of procedures for taking academic position "Reader" or "Professor" with formula to equate the monograph to an equivalent number of articles attached shall be also a Habilitation Comprehensive Summary of the Scientific Contributions, representing a brief statement where the candidate describes the place of the research done in the respective science area and his personal contributions. The Habilitation Summary shall contain: 1. Introduction, describing briefly the essence of the researched scientific problems and their place among the researches of other researchers in that area; 2. Main scientific contributions where the candidate describes in detail and comprehensively the specific original scientific contributions he is applying for the competition with. 3. Literature references where the articles the candidate participates in the competition with are clearly distinguished from the other articles of the candidate and from the articles of other authors.

13. For area 8. "Arts":

a) "Realized author's product" shall be performed in public or officially distributed in a movie network, by radio, TC, CD, DVD, VOD, VR, AR, WWW and other platforms author's theatrical/dancing/musical/audio-visual artistic product (for a producer, dramatist, director, composer, choreographer, cameraman, designer, artist, scenographer, costume designer, sound director, animator); individual artistic/scenography/photography exhibition/installation/album;

b) "Leading (individual) creative performance" is the performance of a leading role (solo or camera concert, one-man spectacle) in a theatrical/musical/dancing/audio-visual artistic product;

c) "Realized short author's product" shall be a performed in public or officially distributed in a movie network, by radio, TV, CD, DVD, VOD, VR, AR, WWW and other platforms short author's theatrical /dancing/musical/audio-visual artistic product (for a producer, dramatist, director, composer, choreographer, cameraman, designer, artist, scenographer, costume designer, sound director, animator);

d) "Supporting creative performance or participation in a collective product" is the performance of a supporting role in a theatrical/musical/dancing/audio-visual artistic product (group concert, solo in an orchestra work, participation with author's product in common artistic/scenography/ photography exhibition/installation/album.

14. (New – SG 15/2019) No dividing of the number of co-advisers of the doctoral student shall be done in case they are from different science areas.