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Estonian national level implementation of the LRC – national legislation and regulations

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National legislation

- **Lisbon Recognition Convention Act (1998)**
 - ratification
- **Education Act (1992)**
 - mandate for recognition of foreign qualifications
- **Regulations concerning the assessment and academic recognition of foreign educational qualifications and the use of the names of foreign qualifications (Government Regulation, 2006)**
 - Implementation of the Lisbon Recognition Convention

Government Regulation (2006)

- **Implementation of LRC provisions of main text and the following subsidiary texts:**
 - Recommendation on Criteria and Procedures for the Assessment of Foreign Qualifications (revised 2010)
 - Code of Good Practice in Provision of Transnational Education (revised 2007)
 - Recommendation on the Recognition of Joint Degrees (revised 2016)
 - Recommendation on Recognition of Qualifications Held by Refugees, Displaced Persons and Persons in a Refugee-like Situation (2017)

Government Regulation (2006)

- **Subjects of the Regulation**

- **Assessment and recognition principles**

- General consideration, definitions, applicant, purpose of assessment and recognition, etc

- **Nomination of competent assessment authorities**

- Estonian ENIC/NARIC (not obligatory, HEI/employer may assess in case they have knowledge and experience)

- **Nomination of competent recognition authorities**

- HEI or employer

- **Role and tasks of the Estonian ENIC/NARIC**

- Assessment of foreign qualifications, comparison and recommendation

- **Principles, criteria and procedure on assessment of foreign (and transnational) higher education qualifications, qualifications giving access to higher education and periods of study**

- See the Estonian ENIC/NARIC activities

- **Use of the name of foreign educational degrees (titles, and other qualifications)**

- Right to use original title or in transliteration

Government Regulation (2006)

- INCLUDES:
 - Access qualifications
 - Higher education qualifications
 - Periods of study (higher education)
- **Foreign and TNE qualifications**

Government Regulation (2006)

- **Criteria and procedure**

- Developed on the basis of the Recommendation on Criteria and Procedures (LRC subsidiary text)

- Includes:**

- Who may apply
 - The purpose of assessment
 - Required documents
 - Assessment procedure
 - Criteria
 - The outcome of the assessment – corresponding Estonian qualification
 - Status of the evaluation report
 - Fees (free of charge)
 - Application processing deadlines (30 days)

Government Regulation (2006)

- Same criteria and procedure to the **qualifications from all countries of the world.**
- In Estonia the system of assessment and recognition of foreign qualification, and principles of the Lisbon Recognition Convention (LRC) **applies to all countries,** not only to the Parties of the LRC.

Government Regulation (2016)

- Competence of authorities:
 - Assessment authority
 - Estonian ENIC/NARIC(not obligatory, HEI/employer may assess in case they have knowledge and experience)
 - Recognition authority
 - HEI/employer

Government Regulation (2016)

- Recognition of undocumented refugees qualifications
 - Right to apply in case the file is incomplete or no documents
 - Background Paper completed by the Estonian ENIC/NARIC
 - Time limit – 60 days
 - HEI or employer has a right for an additional test, interview, etc to assess learning outcomes

What is not regulated by the Government Regulation (2006)

- **‘Substantial differences’**
 - It is according to the individual case. No standards.
 - There is no sense to regulated on this way that „substantial difference is in case the difference is substantial...”
 - Regulating a list of samples is a risk for interpretation, etc
- **Right to appeal**
 - It is a regulation by Administrative Law
 - Appeal of the Estonian ENIC/NARIC evaluation report is regulated by internal terms of reference.

Thank you!

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