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State Ordinance
Amending the Comprehensive School Regulations and the State Ordinance on the
Upper Secondary Level
(Mainz Study Level)
Effective July 1, 2025

Pursuant to Section 10(5), sentence 8, and Section 53(1), in conjunction with Section 45(4), sentence 1, no. 4 of the School Act of March 30, 2004 (GVBl. p. 239), last amended by Article 73 of the Act of December 20, 2024 (GVBl. p. 473), BS 223-1, the following is enacted in consultation with the State Parents' Council:

Article 1

The Comprehensive School Regulations of June 12, 2009 (GVBl. p. 224), last amended by Article 75 of the Act of December 20, 2024 (GVBl. p. 473), BS 223-1-35, is amended as follows:

1. In § 65(2), sentence 2, no. 1, sentence 1, and § 74(1), no. 2, sentence 1, the words “, with the exception of the required course in computer science” shall be inserted after the word “exist” in each instance.
2. The following § 109 is inserted after § 108:

Transitional Provision Regarding the
Compulsory Subject of Computer Science

(1) Until August 1, 2028, the annex regarding the compulsory subject of computer science applies only to students at schools that have voluntarily introduced the compulsory subject of computer science upon application by the school principal with the participation

the school’s governing bodies and with the approval of the competent ministry.

(2) As of August 1, 2028, the compulsory subject of computer science shall be introduced in accordance with the annex.

(3) The introduction of the compulsory subject of computer science pursuant to paragraphs 1 and 2 shall take place progressively, always beginning in grade 7.”

3. The Annex is amended as follows:

- a) The parenthetical addition “(regarding § 35(1) and § 64(2))” is replaced by the parenthetical addition “(regarding § 35(1), § 64(2), and § 109).”
- b) In the required subjects of the Realschule plus (grades 5 through 10) and in the required subjects of the Integrated Comprehensive School (grades 5 through 10), the subject “Computer Science (grades 7 through 10)” is inserted after the subject “Biology (grades 7 through 10)” in each case.
- c) For the required subjects in the Gymnasium (grades 5 through 10 in the nine-year program, grades 5 through 9 in the eight-year program), the subject “Computer Science (Grades 7 through 9/10)” is inserted.

4. The table of contents is amended in accordance with paragraph 2 above.

Article 2

The State Ordinance on the Upper Secondary Level (Mainz Study Level) of July 21, 2010 (GVBl. p. 235), last amended by Article 4 of the Ordinance of January 31, 2024 (GVBl. p. 56), BS 223-1-6, is amended as follows:

In Section 7(7)(2), first sentence, the words “the required course in computer science starting in grade 7 or” are inserted after the word “if.”

Article 3

This regulation shall enter into force on August 1, 2025.

Mainz, July 1, 2025 The
Minister of Education Sven
Teuber

First State Regulation
Amending the State Regulation on Academic Accreditation Effective
July 1, 2025

Pursuant to Section 2 of the State Act on the State Treaty on Study Program Accreditation of December 5, 2017 (GVBl. p. 317, BS Annex I 162), the following is enacted in agreement with the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of the Interior and Sports:

Article 1

The State Ordinance on Study Program Accreditation of June 28, 2018 (GVBl. p. 187), as amended by Section 151 of the Act of September 23, 2020 (GVBl. p. 461), BS 223-45, is amended as follows:

1. Section 3 is amended as follows:
 - a) The words “, recognition, and credit transfer” are added to the heading.
 - b) The following paragraph 4 is added:
 “(4) The institution shall implement the federal and state legal provisions governing the recognition of competencies, qualifications, and academic achievements earned at a higher education institution, as well as the transfer of competencies and qualifications acquired outside of higher education institutions.”
2. Section 4(1) is amended as follows:
 - a) Sentence 1 is amended to read as follows: “Master’s programs may be distinguished according to an ‘application-oriented’ or ‘research-oriented’ profile.”
 - b) In sentence 4, the words “The respective profile is” are replaced by the words “If the institution of higher education defines a profile, this is.”
3. In § 5(1), sentence 2, the words “as a rule” are deleted, the period is replaced by a semicolon, and the following clause is added: “In justified exceptional cases, deviations are possible for individual students.”
4. Section 7 is amended as follows:
 - a) Paragraph 1 is amended as follows:
 - aa) In sentence 1, the words “intended learning outcomes and” are inserted after the word “of.”
 - bb) In the first clause of sentence 2, the word “content” is replaced by the words “intended learning outcomes and course content.”
 - b) Paragraph 2 is amended as follows:
 - aa) In item 1, the words “content and qualification objectives” are replaced by the words “intended learning outcomes and course content.”
 - bb) Number 4 is deleted.
 - cc) The previous items 5 through 9 become items 4 through 8.
 - c) The second sentence of paragraph 3 is deleted.
5. Section 10 is amended as follows:
 - a) In the heading, the term “Joint-Degree-Programs” is replaced by the term “Joint-Programs”.
 - b) Paragraph 1 is amended as follows:
 - aa) The introductory sentence is replaced by the following:
 “A ‘Joint Program’ is a multi-level degree program that is coordinated and offered by a domestic institution of higher education in coordination with one or more higher education institutions in foreign countries within the European Higher Education Area, leading to a joint degree, a double degree, or a multiple degree, and exhibiting the following additional characteristics:”.
 - bb) The following sentences are added:
 “Paragraph 2 and Sections 16 and 33 apply. The implementation of the characteristics described in sentence 1 shall be reviewed.”
 - c) The following sentence is added to paragraph 2:
 “Furthermore, Sections 3 through 9 do not apply to the degree programs referred to in paragraph 1.”
 - d) In paragraph 3, sentence 1, the term “joint degree program” is replaced by the words “such a program.”
6. Section 11 is amended as follows:
 - a) In paragraph 1, sentence 1, the words “, publicly accessible” are inserted after the word “formulated.”
 - b) In paragraph 3, sentence 1, the words “or artistic” are inserted after the word “scientific.”
7. Section 12 is amended as follows:
 - a) Paragraph 1 is amended as follows:
 - aa) In the third sentence, the words “forms of teaching and learning” are replaced by the words “forms of teaching, learning, and examination.”
 - bb) The following sentence is added:
 “Degree programs, course of study, examination requirements, module descriptions, and admission requirements, including provisions for compensating for disadvantages for students with disabilities or chronic illnesses, shall be documented and published.”
 - b) Paragraph 5, sentence 2, item 4 is amended to read as follows:
 “4. An adequate and workload-appropriate examination frequency and organization, which is coherently justified in an examination concept and whose workload appropriateness is regularly evaluated with student input as part of the program’s further development pursuant to § 14; modules shall have a scope of at least five ECTS credits.”
 - c) The following paragraph 7 is added:
 “(7) A degree program may be designated and advertised as ‘dual’ if the learning locations—at least the university and the company—are systematically integrated with one another in terms of content, organization, and contractual arrangements.”
8. Section 13 is amended as follows:
 - a) In paragraph 2, the word “teacher training” is replaced by the word “teacher education.”
 - b) Paragraph 3, sentence 2, is amended to read as follows:
 “Exceptions to sentence 1, nos. 1 and 2, are permitted for teacher training at vocational schools and for master’s degree programs for career changers.”

9. Section 15 is amended as follows:
- a) The word “diversity” is added before the heading.
 - b) The words “to take diversity into account” are inserted after the word “concepts.”
10. Section 16 is amended as follows:
- a) In the heading, the term “Joint-Degree-Programs” is replaced by the term “Joint-Programs”.
 - b) Paragraph 1, sentence 1, is amended as follows:
 - aa) The term “Joint-Degree-Programme” is replaced by the term “Joint-Programmes”.
 - bb) The period is replaced by a semicolon, and the following clause is added: “In all other respects, §§ 11 through 15 and 17 through 21 do not apply.”
 - c) In paragraph 2, sentence 1, the term “Joint-Degree-Program” is replaced by the words “such a program.”
11. Section 17 is amended as follows:
- a) In the heading, the words “of system-accredited universities” are inserted after the word “quality management system.”
 - b) Paragraph 1 is amended as follows:
 - aa) Sentence 1 is amended to read as follows:

“The institution has central educational objectives for teaching that are reflected in the institution’s mission statement and in the curricula of the degree programs.”
 - bb) The following sentences are added:

“The university shall establish provisions regarding validity periods and deadlines in accordance with §§ 26 and 27; in doing so, it may set shorter validity periods and deadlines. If a quality management system provides for the formation of groups, § 30(1) shall apply mutatis mutandis with respect to group sizes.”
12. Section 18 is amended as follows:
- a) The words “by system-accredited universities” are added to the heading.
 - b) In paragraph 1, sentence 1, the words “internal and external” are replaced by the words “internal to the institution and external to the institution,” the period is replaced by a semicolon, and the following clause is added:

“The institution may independently assess the formal criteria.”
 - c) Paragraph 4 is amended to read as follows:

“(4) The institution shall document the evaluation of its degree programs conducted under its internal quality management system, including the opinions of external stakeholders, as well as the measures taken, and shall inform the institution’s members, its governing body, and the competent ministry thereof. For the information of the public, it shall make the accreditation decisions and a brief summary of the quality assessment available to the Accreditation Council for publication. Section 29, sentence 2, applies accordingly.”
13. In § 22 (2), sentence 1, the word “written” is replaced by the word “electronic.”
14. Section 24 is amended as follows:
- a) In paragraph 3, sentence 1, clause 2, after the word “inspection report,” the words “before forwarding it to the Accreditation Council” are inserted.
 - b) In paragraph 5, sentence 1, the words “as a rule on site” are inserted after the word “panel of experts.”
 - c) The following paragraph 6 is added:

“(6) If the expert opinion contains recommendations regarding conditions, the institution of higher education and the agency may agree on an additional procedural step to address the issues identified in the expert opinion even before submitting the application to the Accreditation Council.”
15. Section 25 is amended as follows:
- a) In paragraph 1, sentence 3, first clause, the words “teacher training” are replaced by the word “teacher training.”
 - b) In paragraph 5, no. 2, the term “Joint-Degree-Programs” is replaced by the term “Joint-Programs.”
16. Section 26 is amended as follows:
- a) Paragraph 2 is amended as follows:
 - aa) Sentence 1 is amended to read as follows:

“Before the expiration of the accreditation period, an application for reaccreditation must be submitted, which, if successful, shall immediately follow the previous accreditation.”
 - bb) The following new sentences 2 and 3 are inserted:

“If an application is submitted in a timely manner as defined herein, the accreditation shall be extended for the duration of the administrative proceedings. The reaccreditation shall take effect no later than the beginning of the second semester or trimester following the announcement of the accreditation decision.”
 - b) Paragraph 3 is amended to read as follows:

“(3) The validity period of the accreditation may be extended for a total period of up to two years if

 1. in the case of program accreditation, the institution is preparing an application for bundle or system accreditation that includes the respective degree program, or
 2. the institution applies for an extension of the deadline in justified exceptional cases that are wholly or partly beyond the institution’s control; the extraordinary extension of the deadline in individual cases shall be credited toward the next accreditation period.

If an application for system accreditation has been submitted, the accreditation of degree programs whose accreditation expires during the proceedings may be extended for the duration of the proceedings plus one year. If an accredited degree program is discontinued, the accreditation may be extended for students who are still enrolled at the time the accreditation period expires.
17. Section 29, sentence 3, is deleted.
18. Section 30(2) is amended to read as follows:

“(2) Bundles containing more than four degree programs must be approved by the Accreditation Council prior to submission of the application. This applies to combined degree programs regardless of the size of the bundle.”

19. In § 31(3), second sentence, the words “teacher training” are replaced by the word “teacher education.”
20. In § 32(2), second sentence, the words “pursuant to § 12(5)” are inserted after the word “feasibility.”
21. Section 33 is amended as follows:
- a) In the heading, the term “Joint-Degree-Programs” is replaced by the term “Joint-Programs”.
 - b) Paragraph 1 is amended as follows:
 - aa) In sentence 1, the term “Joint-Degree-Programs” is replaced by the term “Joint-Programs”.
 - bb) Sentence 2 is amended as follows:
 - aaa) In the introductory sentence, the words “for joint-degree programs pursuant to Parts 2 and 3” are replaced by the words “for “joint programs” pursuant to Sections 10 and 16.”
 - bbb) In paragraph 2, the term “Joint-Degree-Program” is replaced by the term “Joint Programmes”
 - ccc) In paragraph 4, the words “joint degree programs in Parts 2 and 3” are replaced by the words “joint programs in Sections 10 and 16.”
 - ddd) In paragraph 5(a), the term “joint-degree program” is replaced by the term “joint programs”.
 - eee) Paragraph 7 of shall read as follows:

“7. The Agency has published at least a summary of the expert opinion, including the evaluation and justification, on its website in English.”
 - cc) The following new sentence 4 is inserted:

“If the accreditation decision is not made in accordance with sentence 1, in deviation from § 22, the provisions of §§ 10 and 16 for joint programs within the meaning of § 10(1) shall nevertheless apply mutatis mutandis.”
 - dd) In the current sentence 5, the term “Joint-Degree-Programme” is replaced by the term “Joint-Programmes”
- c) In paragraph 2, the term “Joint-Degree-Program” is replaced by the words “such a program.”
22. In § 34(5), sentence 2, the reference “§ 26(3) sentence 3” is replaced by the reference “§ 26 (3) sentence 2”.
23. Section 36 is amended to read as follows:
- “§ 36
Evaluation
- This regulation shall be reviewed regularly and within a reasonable period of time.”
24. The table of contents is amended in accordance with the foregoing provisions.

Article 2

(1) If, in the case of an application submitted before August 1, 2025, a condition is imposed pursuant to Section 12(5), sentence 2, no. 4 of the State Ordinance on Study Program Accreditation, a condition pursuant to Section 27 of the State Ordinance on Study Program Accreditation, the Accreditation Council may require, as a condition, a demonstration of the appropriateness of the workload within the framework of the assessment concept pursuant to Section 12(5), sentence 2, no. 4 of the State Ordinance on Study Program Accreditation, as amended effective August 1, 2025.

(2) For applications submitted by the end of March 31, 2026, the following apply:

1. Section 11(1), first sentence, Section 15, and Section 30(2) of the State Ordinance on Program Accreditation, as in force until the end of July 31, 2025, shall continue to apply,
2. Section 12(1), sentence 6, and Section 17(1), sentences 5 and 6, of the State Ordinance on Program Accreditation, as amended effective August 1, 2025, shall not apply.

(3) For applications submitted on or after April 1, 2026, the State Ordinance on Study Program Accreditation, as amended effective August 1, 2025, shall apply.

Article 3

This Regulation shall enter into force on August 1, 2025.

Mainz, July 1, 2025 The
Minister for Science
and Health Clemens H
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**Second State Ordinance
Amending the State Ordinance
Implementing Provisions of the State Law on the
Upbringing, Education, and Care of Children in Daycare
Facilities and in Family Daycare
July 8, 2025**

Pursuant to Section 21(8) and Section 25(6) of the State Law on the Upbringing, Education, and Care of Children in Daycare Facilities and in Family Daycare dated September 3, 2019 (GVBl. p. 213, BS 216-7), the following is enacted:

Article 1

The State Ordinance Implementing Provisions of the State Law on the Upbringing, Education, and Care of Children in Daycare Facilities and in Child Day Care of March 17, 2021 (GVBl. p. 165, BS 216-7-1), as amended by the Regulation of July 20, 2022 (GVBl. p. 279), is amended as follows:

1. The following § 2a is inserted after § 2:

“§ 2a

Substitute Pool

(1) In accordance with § 21(6) of the Childcare Act (KiTaG), operators of daycare facilities are authorized to employ one or more substitute staff members (substitute pool) as a compensatory measure in the event of the absence of qualified childcare staff within the scope of §§ 21 and 22 of the Childcare Act (KiTaG).

(2) In accordance with labor law provisions, multiple operators may establish a joint substitute staff pool.

(3) The proportional reimbursement of eligible personnel costs shall take place in accordance with Section 25(2), sentence 3 of the KiTaG and based on the actual deployment of the substitute staff member in each individual case.

(4) In the area of administrative services pursuant to § 23 KiTaG, paragraphs 1 through 3 shall apply mutatis mutandis in accordance with § 25(2), sentence 3, KiTaG.”

2. Section 3 is amended as follows:

a) Paragraph 2, sentence 3, is amended to read as follows:

“An update of the allocation share pursuant to sentence 1 shall take place for the first time following the evaluation pursuant to § 29 KiTaG and shall take effect for the calendar year two years following the announcement of the update, but with at least eighteen months’ notice.”

b) Paragraph 5 is amended to read as follows:

“The local public youth welfare agency shall review its description of the social space and the concept at its own discretion on a regular basis and in accordance with paragraph 4. A review must be conducted following the announcement of the update pursuant to paragraph 2, sentence 3.”

3. In § 6(7), sentence 3, first clause, the date “March 31” is replaced by the date “May 15”.
4. Section 8 is deleted.
5. The current Section 9 becomes Section 8.

Article 2

This regulation shall enter into force on the day following its promulgation, with the exception of Article 1, No. 3. Article 1, No. 3 shall enter into force on March 31, 2025.

Mainz, July 8, 2025 The
Minister of Education Sven
Teuber

Second State Regulation
Amending the State Regulation on Competencies for Vocational Training under
the Vocational Training Act and the Crafts Code of July 9, 2025

Pursuant to Section 7(1), sentence 1, and (2), sentence 1, of the Promulgation Act of December 3, 1973 (GVBl. p. 375), as amended by Article 23 of the Act of February 7, 1983 (GVBl. p. 17), BS 114-1,

Section 47(4), second sentence, and (5), second sentence, Section 82(2), first sentence, and Section 104 of the Vocational Training Act, as amended on April 16, 2025 (Federal Law Gazette 2025 I No. 117, 129), the State Government hereby enacts:

Article 1

The State Ordinance on Competencies for Vocational Training pursuant to the Vocational Training Act and the Crafts and Trades Regulation of March 4, 2009 (GVBl. p. 108), as amended by the Ordinance of September 9, 2022 (GVBl. p. 342), BS 806-2, is amended as follows:

1. Section 1 is amended as follows:
 - a) In paragraph 1, sentence 1, the word “Bar Association” is replaced by the word “Bar Associations.”
 - b) The following new paragraph 3 is added after paragraph 2:

“(3) With regard to the occupational field of home economics, the Chamber of Agriculture shall perform the duties specified in the first sentence of paragraph 1.”
2. Section 2 is amended to read as follows:

“§ 2

The competent authority for vocational training in home economics is the Chamber of Agriculture.”
3. Section 4 is amended as follows:
 - a) The following new paragraph 2 is inserted:

“2. the appointment of members and alternate members pursuant to § 82(2), sentence 1, and (3) of the Vocational Training Act (BBiG).”
 - b) The previous items 2 and 3 become items 3 and 4.
4. Section 5 is amended to read as follows:

“Section 5

The competent authority for the appointment of members and alternate members of the vocational training committee

pursuant to § 77 (2) and (5) of the Vocational Training Act (BBiG) and § 43 (2), sentence 2, and (5) of the Crafts and Trades Regulation Act (HwO), as well as the appointment of members and alternate members of the subcommittees pursuant to

§ 80, sentences 2 and 3, of the Vocational Training Act (BBiG) and § 44b, sentence 3, of the Crafts and Trades Regulation Act (HwO) is

1. for teachers at vocational schools, with the exception of teachers in agricultural professions and in the profession of home economics teacher, the Supervisory and Service Directorate,
 2. in all other cases, the highest state authority responsible for supervising the relevant agency.
- If the appointment of members involves several highest state authorities, it shall be made by mutual agreement.”

5. Section 7(3) is amended to read as follows:

“(3) The authority granted to the state government under § 47(5), first sentence, in conjunction with § 71(8) of the Vocational Training Act (BBiG) to issue examination regulations by statutory order in the field of non-agricultural home economics is transferred to the Chamber of Agriculture.”
6. Section 8 is amended to read as follows:

“Section 8

The competent supreme state authority pursuant to Section 71(9), second sentence, of the Vocational Training Act (BBiG) for the approval of an agreement on cooperation between competent bodies is the ministry that exercises supervision over the respective competent body to which the performance of tasks is assigned under the agreement. Approval shall be granted in consultation with the other relevant highest state authorities, insofar as a competent authority transfers the performance of tasks to another competent authority pursuant to the agreement.”

Article 2

This regulation shall enter into force on the day following its promulgation, with the exception of Article 1(1)(b), (2), and (5). Article 1(1)(b), (2), and (5) shall enter into force on August 1, 2025.

Mainz, July 9, 2025 The
 Minister-President
 Alexander S c h w e i t z e r

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