

**Regulations pertaining to admission to, and pursuit of higher education, by non-Polish citizens at  
Cracow University of Technology (PK)**

**§ 1**

**General provisions**

1. International candidates may be admitted to and pursue studies at Cracow University of Technology (hereinafter referred to as PK) subject to the regulations set out herein.
2. All non-Polish citizens are considered as international candidates/students herein.
3. Recruitment proceedings for international candidates is carried out by the PK International Relations Office.

**§ 2**

**Basis of admission**

1. International candidates may be admitted to and pursue higher education based on:
  - 1) international agreements, pursuant to the terms set out therein,
  - 2) agreements concluded between PK and foreign entities, pursuant to the terms set out therein,
  - 3) decisions of the Minister,
  - 4) decisions of the director of the Polish National Agency for Academic Exchange (NAWA) regarding its scholarship holders,
  - 5) administrative decisions of the Rector of PK.
2. The Minister may grant a scholarship, financing or co-financing of the costs of tuition fees, as well as mileage, subsistence and accommodation allowances to the international student. The financial resources are paid through the Polish National Agency for Academic Exchange (NAWA).

**§ 3**

**Formal requirements**

1. International candidate may be admitted to and pursue higher education at PK provided he/she holds:
  - 1) a passport or other identity document,
  - 2) a confirmation of legal stay on the territory of the Republic of Poland,
  - 3) documents confirming the education obtained,
  - 4) documents confirming the knowledge of the language in which the studies shall be conducted,
  - 5) documents confirming the health insurance taken out for the territory of the Republic of Poland.
2. Should the international student be exposed to harmful, onerous or dangerous substances, he/she may be admitted to the university programme provided he/she proves an appropriate health condition, documented with a medical certificate referred to in the regulations issued pursuant to Article 6 section 5 of the Act of 27

June 1997 on Occupational Health Services (Journal of Laws of 2018 item 1155), stating that there are no health contraindications to commence such studies.

#### **§ 4**

#### **Documents confirming education obtained**

1. To first-cycle degree programmes may be admitted those international candidates who:
  - 1) have been issued the following documents by the Republic of Poland:
    - a) a secondary school-leaving certificate, or
    - b) a secondary school-leaving certificate and a certificate confirming the results of the secondary school-leaving examination in specific subjects, referred to in the Act of 7 September 1991 on the Education System (Journal of Laws of 2018, item 1473), or
    - c) a secondary school leaving certificate and a diploma confirming professional qualifications in the profession taught at the level of the technician referred to in the provisions on the system of education, or
    - d) a secondary school leaving certificate and a professional diploma in the profession taught at the level of the technician referred to in the provisions on the system of education, or
    - e) a secondary school leaving certificate and a certificate confirming the results of the secondary school final examination in individual subjects as well as a diploma confirming professional qualifications in the profession taught at the level of the technician referred to in the provisions on the system of education, or
    - f) the secondary school leaving certificate and a certificate confirming the results of the secondary school final examination in individual subjects as well as a professional diploma in the profession taught at the level of the technician referred to in the provisions on the system of education, or;
  - 2) who hold:
    - a) a certificate or other document or diploma referred to in Article 93 section 1 of the Act of 7 September 1991 on the Education System, recognized as confirming the right to apply for admission to a first-cycle degree programme or a uniform Master's degree programme in the Republic of Poland, or
    - b) a certificate or other document issued abroad by a school or educational institution recognized by the state in whose territory or education system it is valid, confirming the right to apply for admission to a first-cycle degree programme or a uniform Master's degree programme in the Republic of Poland, based on international agreements referred to in Article 93 section 2 of the Act of 7 September 1991 on the Education System, or
    - c) a certificate or other document issued abroad by a school or educational institution recognized by the state in whose territory or education system it is valid, or an administrative decision referred to in Article 93 section 3 of the Act of 7 September 1991 on the Education System, confirming the right to apply for admission to a first-cycle degree programme or a uniform Master's degree programme in the Republic of Poland, or
    - d) a certificate or other foreign document recognized as equivalent to the Polish secondary school-leaving certificate, based on the provisions in force until 31 March 2015, and
  - 3) they shall demonstrate the predispositions for the commencement of the studies, as required by PK.
- 1a. Candidates with a high school diploma issued in Ukraine are required to submit the results obtained at the ZNO exam,

with particular emphasis on mathematics.

- 1b. Candidates with a high school diploma issued in Belarus are required to submit the results obtained at the CT exam, with particular emphasis on mathematics.
  - 1c. Candidates holding a secondary school leaving certificate issued in Russia are required to submit the results obtained at the Unified State Examination JeGE (ЕГЭ), with particular consideration given to the maths exam results.
  - 1d. Candidates holding a secondary school leaving certificate issued in the USA are required to submit the results obtained at the SAT Subject Test or the ACT Test, with particular consideration given to the maths exam results.
  - 1e. Candidates holding a secondary school leaving certificate issued in Turkey are required to submit the results obtained at the Yükseköğretim Kurumları Sınavı (YKS), with particular consideration given to the maths exam results.
  - 1f. Candidates holding a secondary school leaving certificate issued in Kazakhstan are required to submit the results obtained at the uniform national test Единое национальное тестирование (ЕНТ), with particular consideration given to the maths exam results.
  - 1g. Candidates holding a secondary school leaving certificate issued in Vietnam are required to submit the results obtained at the national examination Kỳ thi trung học phổ thông quốc gia, with particular consideration given to the maths exam results.
  - 1h. Candidates holding a secondary school leaving certificate issued in Nigeria are required to submit the results obtained at the Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME) with particular consideration given to the maths exam results.
  - 1i. Candidates holding a secondary school leaving certificate issued in Spain are required to submit the results obtained at one of the following examinations: Prueba de Acceso a la Universidad (PAU) – Selectividad, Evaluación de Bachillerato para el Acceso a la Universidad (EBAU) lub Evaluación para el Acceso a la Universidad (EVAU), with particular consideration given to the maths exam results.
2. The documents referred to in section 1 clause 2 and in section 8 clause 1 letter b above must be legalized by:
    - 1) the consul of the Republic of Poland, competent for the state in whose territory or in whose education system the certificate was issued, or
    - 2) the diplomatic mission or consular office of the State in whose territory or in whose education system the certificate was issued, accredited in the Republic of Poland or another Member State of the European Union, a Member State of the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) - a party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, or a Member State of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD).
  3. If the documents referred to in section 1 clause 2 and in section 8 clause 1 letter b were issued by a school or an educational institution operating in the education system of the state that is a party to the Convention Abolishing the Requirement of Legalization of Foreign Public Documents drawn up at the Hague on 5 October 1961 (Journal of Laws of 2005 No. 112, items 938 and 939), they are to be submitted bearing an apostille, or with an apostille attached to the document.
  4. The legality of the documents referred to in section 1 clause 2 and in section 8 clause 1 letter b may be confirmed by the Committee on the Recruitment of Aliens, referred to in § 10 section 1.
  5. In the case of foreigners referred to in Article. 93a of the Act of 7 September 1991 on the Education System,

i. e. persons who obtained a refugee status or subsidiary protection, or who have a temporary residence permit granted in connection with a refugee status or subsidiary protection, or persons who have been harmed by armed conflicts, natural disasters or other humanitarian crises caused by nature or by human actions, the education they acquired abroad or their entitlement to continue education acquired abroad, including the right to apply for admission to university, can be confirmed in the Republic of Poland by way of an administrative decision issued by the competent superintendent of education as primary, lower secondary, basic vocational, basic sectoral, secondary sectoral and secondary education, or entitlement to continue education in the Republic of Poland.

6. The foreigners referred to in Article 93a of the Act of 7 September 1991 on the Education System may be admitted to a first-cycle degree programme or a uniform Master's degree programme, should they hold an administrative decision, issued by the competent superintendent of education, confirming their entitlement to apply for admission to these programmes, and should they demonstrate the predispositions for the commencement of the studies, as required by PK.

7. In the case referred to in section 6, the international student shall submit the decision no later than the end of the first semester of study, and in justified cases - on the date determined by the Rector of PK.

8. International candidates who:

1) hold a first-cycle or uniform Master's degree diploma issued:

a) in the Republic of Poland or

b) abroad, and recognized in the Republic of Poland pursuant to Article 326 sections 1 and 2 of the Act on Higher Education as entitling to apply for admission to a second-cycle degree programme,

2) shall demonstrate the predispositions for the commencement of the studies, as required by PK, may be admitted to second-cycle degree programmes.

9. PK requires the Polish translation of the documents referred to in section 1 clause 2 and in section 8 clause 1 letter b, prepared by:

1) a person entered on the list of sworn translators by the Minister of Justice,

2) a person registered as a sworn translator in a Member State of the European Union, a Member State of the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) - a party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, or a Member State of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD),

3) the consul of the Republic of Poland, competent for the state in whose territory or in whose education system the certificate was issued, or

4) the diplomatic mission or consular office of the State in whose territory or in whose education system the certificate was issued, accredited in the Republic of Poland.

10. In the case of:

1) certificates or other documents referred to in Article 93 section 3 of the Act of 7 September 1991 on the Education System - the international student shall present an administrative decision of the competent superintendent of education confirming the right to apply for admission to higher education in the Republic of Poland,

2) diplomas and other graduation documents issued abroad, subject to recognition by way of nostrification - the international student shall present a certificate stating the equivalence with the relevant diploma issued in the Republic of Poland, or a doctorate diploma issued by the faculty council competent for the completed field of study - no later

than the end of the first semester of study, and in justified cases beyond the control of the international student - also on a later date determined by the Rector of the university or the Head of the scientific unit other than the university's organizational unit.

11. For the avoidance of doubts concerning a foreign certificate, a diploma or a higher education degree awarded abroad entitling to apply for admission to the university, PK may apply to the board of education competent for the place of residence of the document holder, or the Board of Education in Kraków, respectively, or to the Polish National Agency for Academic Exchange (NAWA), or to a consular office in the Republic of Poland of the state where the certificate or other document was issued, or of the state where education was acquired or entitlement to continue education was gained, or a consular office of the Republic of Poland, whose territorial competence applies respectively to the state issuing the certificate or other document, or the state where education was acquired or entitlement to continue education was gained, for the confirmation of authenticity of the document issued.

## **§ 5**

### **Confirmation of knowledge of language**

1. International candidates may be admitted to studies conducted in the Polish language provided that:
  - 1) they complete a preparatory course for pursuing education in the Polish language in the units specified by the minister of higher education, or
  - 2) they hold a certificate of the Polish language knowledge, confirming their knowledge of the Polish language at the B1 level or higher, issued by the State Commission for the Confirmation of Knowledge of Polish as a Foreign Language, or
  - 3) hold a certificate specifying the proficiency in Polish corresponding to level B2 issued by a unit that has been awarded Accreditation by the Polish National Agency for Academic Exchange (NAWA), or they hold a secondary school-leaving certificate issued in the Polish education system, or
  - 4) they have completed a secondary school abroad, in which classes were conducted in Polish, or
  - 5) they have a certificate issued by the PK International Center of Education (MCK) which specifies the knowledge of the Polish language corresponding to the B2 level. The rules for issuing the above-mentioned certificate are set out in paragraph 1a.
- 1a. The PK International Center of Education issues a certificate confirming the knowledge of the Polish language corresponding to the B2 level, in accordance with the following rules:
  - 1) The PK International Center of Education organizes exams to check the language competences of international candidates for studies in Polish. The test consists of the written part (listening, reading, grammar and lexical part) and the oral part (checking communication skills). After passing the exam, the candidate will receive a certificate confirming the knowledge of the Polish language corresponding to the B2 level.
  - 1) The exam is conducted online, in real time, in the presence of two examiners.

































