

Russian Federation, Admission to Studies (Zulassungsempfehlung Russische Föderation)

The Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research recommends to assess the general university entrance qualification (§ 64 para. 1 subpara. 3 of the Universities Act 2002 – UG, FLG I No. 120/2002, § 4 para. 3 subpara. 3 of the Universities of Applied Sciences Act – FHG, FLG No. 340/1993, or § 52 para. 1 subpara. 1 of the Teacher Education Act 2005 – HG, FLG I No. 30/2006, all as amended) of holders of Russian secondary school leaving certificates as follows:

1. According to Art. IV.1 of the Convention on the Recognition of Qualifications concerning Higher Education in the European Region („Lisbon Recognition Convention“), BGBl. III No. 71/1999, each Contracting Party shall recognize the qualifications issued by other Parties meeting the general requirements for access to higher education in those Contracting Parties for the purpose of access to programmes belonging to its higher education system, unless a substantial difference can be shown between the general requirements for access in the Party in which the qualification was obtained and in the Party in which recognition of the qualification is sought.
2. It is up to the decision-making authority – concretely speaking the rectorate of the university of, of the university college of education, or the management of the university of applied sciences at which admission is sought –, to assume the existence of substantial differences as defined above.
3. Reaffirming the recommendation „Lissabon-Empfehlung Wesentliche Unterschiede 2004“, it is required in the case that a Russian secondary school leaving certificate (*Attestat* on the intermediate education, / *Аттестат о среднем образовании* or Certificate on the intermediate (complete) general education / *Аттестат о среднем (полном) общем образовании*) is presented which has been delivered after 10 years of schooling, to demand four supplementary examinations according to § 64 para. 2 UG as a compensation for the two missing years of schooling.
4. In the case that a Russian secondary school leaving certificate (*Attestat* on the intermediate (complete) general education / *Аттестат о среднем (полном) общем образовании* or (from 1.9.2013) *Attestat* on the intermediate general education / *Аттестат о среднем общем образовании*) is presented which has been delivered after 11 years of schooling, it is recommended to required two supplementary examinations according to § 64 para. 2 UG as a compensation for the missing year of schooling.

5. The supplementary examinations according to 3 and 4 shall not be required if additional recognized achievements, e.g. higher education studies, to the extent of one or, respective, two academic years have been passed, despite of the subject area. The latter, however, would be relevant or the assessment of the special university entrance qualification (§ 65 UG).
6. Certificates which have been delivered in another GUS country should be treated in an analogue way.