

Annex 2

Amendments to Legal Provisions Relating to Education which Came into Effect during the School Year 209/2010

Amendments to Act No. 561/2004 Coll. on Pre-school, Basic, Secondary, Professional Tertiary and Other Education (the Education Act), as amended:

Postponement of the new school-leaving examination

- Act No. 242/2008 Coll. amending Act No. 561/2004 Coll. on Pre-school, Basic, Secondary, Tertiary Professional and Other Education (the Education Act), as amended (some provisions came into effect on 1 September 2009)
- Act No. 378/2009 Coll. amending Act No. 561/2004 Coll. on Pre-school, Basic, Secondary, Tertiary Professional and Other Education (the Education Act), as amended (this came into effect on 7 October 2009)

Other amendments which did not have a significant impact on education and school services provided by schools and school facilities

- Act No. 306/2008 Coll. amending Act No. 155/1995 Coll. on Pension Insurance, as amended, Act No. 582/1991 Coll. on Organisation and Implementation of Social Security, as amended, and some other acts (this came into effect on 1 January 2010) Amendments concerning the use of funds from the Cultural and Social Needs Fund by school legal entities.

- Act No. 227/2009 amending some acts in relation to adoption of the Act on Basic Registers, as amended (this came into effect on 1 July 2010)

Amendments concerning the register of individuals, in particular with regard to the provision of data for the purpose of maintaining the Register of Schools and School Facilities.

This will apply from the school year 2010/2011.

Amendments to Act No. 563/2004 Coll. on Pedagogical Staff and on the amendment to some other acts, as amended:

- Act No. 223/2009 Coll. amending some acts in relation to the adoption of the Act on Free Movement of Services (this came into effect on 28 December 2009) Automatic extensions of accreditation of educational institutions subject to the specified conditions.

- Act No. 422/2009 Coll. amending Act No. 563/2004 Coll. on Pedagogical Staff and on the amendment to some other acts, as amended (this came into effect on 1 January 2010)

The time limit for which it would be possible to perform direct pedagogical activities is extended by five years without satisfying qualification requirements.

- Act No. 159/2010 Coll. amending Act No. 563/2004 Coll. on Pedagogical Staff and on the Amendment to some other acts, as amended, Act No. 227/2009 Coll. amending some acts in relation to the adoption of the Act on Basic Registers, as amended, and Act No. 111/1998 Coll. on Higher Education Institutions and on the amendment and supplement to some other acts (the Act on Higher Education Institutions), as amended (this came into effect on 1 June 2010)

Extension of conditions subject to which a teacher can perform direct pedagogical activities (what is new is that a teacher can satisfy qualification requirements only for more than a half of direct pedagogical activities); amendments to working time of teachers (this amendment seems to be very problematic as it does not correspond with basic principles stipulated by the Labour Code), more detailed