

Amendments to Legal Regulations Relating to Education which Came into Effect in the School Year 2008/2009

Amendments to Act No. 561/2004 Coll. on pre-school, basic, secondary, tertiary professional and other education (the Education Act), as amended:

1. Act No. 189/2008 Coll. amending Act No. 18/2004 Coll. on the recognition of professional qualifications and other competences of nationals of Member States of the European Union and nationals of other countries and on the amendment to some other acts (Act on the Recognition of Professional Qualifications), as amended (came into effect on 1st July 2008).

2. Act No. 243/2008 Coll. amending Act No. 561/2004 Coll. on pre-school, basic, secondary, tertiary professional and other education (the Education Act), as amended (came into effect on 4th July 2008).

The concept of the whole enrolment procedure has essentially been changed.

3. 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 (came into effect on 4th July 2008).

The school-leaving examination has been substantially changed during *vacancia legis*, the purpose of which should have been mainly to provide all the parties involved with a time limit to prepare, in a manner appropriate to the amendment to the legal provisions.

4. Act No. 384/2008 Coll., amending No. 155/1998 Coll. on sign language and on the amendment to some other acts (came into effect on 20th October 2008).

5. Act No. 49/2009 Coll. amending No. 561/2004 Coll. on pre-school, basic, secondary, tertiary professional and other education (the Education Act), as amended (came into effect on 5th March 2009).

77 amendments have brought about not only formal changes and alterations in formulations but also some factual modifications, *inter alia*, changes in enrolment procedures and school-leaving examinations.

Amendments to Act No. 563/2004 Coll. on pedagogical staff and on the amendment to some other acts, as amended

Act No. 384/2008 Coll. amending Act No. 155/1998 Coll. on Sign Language and on the amendment to some other acts (came into effect on 20th October 2008).

Amendments to Act No. 109/2002 Coll. on the provision of institutional education or protective education in school facilities and on preventative educational care in school facilities and on the amendment to some other acts, as amended

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