



Universities in Bulgaria



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HIGHER EDUCATION IN BULGARIA

General overview

The system of higher education includes 51 higher education institutions – universities, specialized higher schools and colleges, 37 of which are public and the rest - private.

Since 1995 in accordance with the Higher Education Act there are 3 stages in Bulgarian Higher Education System, namely - Bachelor (four years of education), Master (at least one year after Bachelor's) and Doctoral degrees (at least 3 years after a Master's).

Colleges offer higher education degree Specialist which requires 3 years of education and training. This degree study provides opportunities for the design of programmes in partnership with employers and learning in the work place.

In addition, a number of postgraduate courses, certified with an educational certificate other than a Diploma, are offered at every higher education institution. They last from several days to one year and are intended to provide preparation for specific professional activities, usually following completion of a general degree. Within the system there are about 1000 degree and non-degree courses. Access to all of them is determined through national and/or institutional regulations.

Tertiary qualifications are linked to skills needed for analytical, leadership and management positions.

The European Credit Transfer System (ECTS) has been adopted under the necessary legislation (Higher Education Act) and it is implemented since 2004.

Higher Education Institutions in Bulgaria are autonomous. They are responsible for programme design and quality assurance of the education provided. In all institutions a quality management system for internal monitoring and evaluation is introduced due to legislation requirements.

The external monitoring and evaluation is under responsibilities of the National Agency for Evaluation and Accreditation. The Agency has been established through Higher Education Act as a statutory body for evaluation, accreditation and monitoring of the quality in higher education institutions and scientific organizations aimed at the enhancement of their teaching and research.

Higher education system

UPPER SECONDARY NON-TERTIARY	College Education	After completed Secondary Education 19-22	Vocational colleges Art colleges Medical Colleges	
Diploma for completed education as Specialist				
HIGHER EDUCATION	Bachelor	After completed Secondary or College Education	Humanitarian Universities Technical Universities	Continuing training in University's Departments for additional qualification
	Master	After completed Bachelor degree	Art Universities	
	Doctor	After completed Master degree	Sport Universities Medical Universities	
Diploma for completed respected degree level of higher education (bachelor, master, doctor)				

ADMISSIONS

How to apply for a Bulgarian university?

Bulgarian higher education institutions are open to all foreign nationals who hold a secondary education certificate that makes them eligible for higher education in the country in which they have received their secondary education.

Foreign nationals can apply for doctoral programmes if they hold a Master's degree. Students who have graduated from foreign higher education institutions can apply for doctoral programmes if their higher education degree has been officially recognized.

Foreign students can be admitted only to full-time study programmes in Bulgaria.

Foreign nationals can apply to study in higher education institutions in the Republic of Bulgaria:

- pursuant to intergovernmental agreements on educational, cultural and academic exchange;
- in compliance with Council of Ministers Ordinances;
- after paying the full tuition fee.

Foreign nationals can apply to study at Bulgarian higher education institutions under the same terms and conditions as those for Bulgarian nationals, provided that they:

- hold a permanent residence permit;
- have a refugee status;
- are of Bulgarian origin, certified in accordance with the 1993 Council of Ministers Decree No. 103 regulating the education of Bulgarian expatriates.

Applicants under intergovernmental agreements submit their application documents to the Ministry of Education and Science via the competent institutions in the countries they apply from. Applicants are admitted under the terms and conditions and to the specific higher education institution defined in the intergovernmental agreement.

All documents must be translated and certified by the authorities in the applicant's country (Ministry of Foreign Affairs), by the Bulgarian Consular Office in the applicant's country (if the translation of the documents was made there), or by the Consular Office of the Bulgarian Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Sofia. All degrees and education certificates must be legalized at the Bulgarian Ministry of Education and Science.

The University authorities forward approved applicants' documents to the Ministry of Education and Science, so that a D-type visa can be issued.

The deadline to submit documents is 1st October for under-graduate students, and 31st May for post-graduate students.

Annual tuition fees for foreign students are determined with a Decree of the Council of Ministers. Each university sets its fees, which may vary between €900 and €6000, depending on the specific major.

Application documents

1. Application form or letter of application (with a CV attached), specifying the higher education institution and majors the applicant is applying for, as

well as the form and term of training (educational degree). In the letter of application applicants should also specify their level of proficiency in Bulgarian.

2. Official translation of secondary education certificate (including academic transcript), if an application is made for a complete degree programme, or an official translation of university degree (including academic transcript and any supplement specifying numbers of training hours) and/or an academic transcript if an application is being made only for a part of a degree programme or for a higher-ranking degree (e.g. a BA applying for a Master's programme).

A document issued by a competent authority certifying the applicant's right to continue his/her education at the tertiary level in the country where he/she acquired secondary education.

3. Health certificate, issued no more than one month prior to the date of application, and verified by the competent authorities of the home country.

4. The education certificate/degree and health certificate must be legalized, translated into Bulgarian, and certified pursuant to the international agreements between the Republic of Bulgaria and the country issuing the said documents. In the absence of an international agreement, the general procedure for legalization, translation and certification of documents is followed. Secondary education certificates from foreign schools are legalized at the Ministry of Education and Science.

5. Photocopy of personal ID document. Dual citizenship holders apply with both their IDs. In the case of inconsistency in applicant's names in the different IDs, a certified declaration of name identity or a certificate from a municipality must be enclosed.

6. Declaration of applicant's financial support for the period of his/her studies.

7. Copy of personal ID document with applicant's name printed in the Roman script and his/her date and place of birth.

8. 4 photographs.

According to the Higher Education Act each higher education establishment is an autonomous institution and may adopt its own requirements concerning application documents and deadlines.

University authorities forward approved applicants' documents to the Ministry of Education and Science, so that a long-term visa is issued.

The application deadline is 1st October for BA/BSc and MA/MSc applicants, and 31st May for PhD applicants.

In most universities in Bulgaria the academic year begins on 1st October and ends on 30th June. In some universities classes start on 15th September and end on 15th June.

University residence opportunities

Most higher education institutions in Bulgaria have their own halls of residence that provide temporary housing. According to an Ordinance of the Ministry of Education and Science higher education establishments adopt their own rules for the management and use of halls of residence. In most cases accommodation in a hall of residence is provided after an application has been filed at the university's Social Issues and Housing Board. Foreign students studying in Bulgaria on the basis of a bilateral agreement or an order of a Bulgarian governmental body are entitled to accommodation in halls of residence; the Social Issues and Housing Board provides them with accommodation on request by the Ministry of Education and Science. Foreign students who are paying their tuition fees receive accommodation at halls of residence only if there are vacant rooms/beds. Rentals vary from university to university, ranging between €30 and €50 a month.

If the conditions in halls of residence do not live up to a student's expectations, it is best that he/she should rent a private flat or room. Private flat/room rentals vary between €150 and €350 a month.

UNIVERSITIES IN BULGARIA

HUMANITARIAN UNIVERSITIES

Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”

<http://www.uni-sofia.bg/>
Sofia 1504
15, “Tsar Osvoboditel” Blvd.
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Plovdiv University “Paisii Hilendarski”

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Plovdiv 4000
24, “Tsar Asen” St.
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ir@uni-plovdiv.bg

University of Rousse “Angel Kantchev”

<http://www.ru.acad.bg/>
Rousse 7017
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Phone: (+359 82) 888 467
secretary@ru.acad.bg

New Bulgarian University

<http://www.nbu.bg/>
Sofia 1618
Ovcha Kupel quarter,
21, “Montevideo” St.
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stachev@nbu.bg

“St. Cyril and St. Methodius”

University Veliko Turnovo

<http://www.uni-vt.bg/>
Veliko Tarnovo 5000
2, “T. Tarnovski” St.
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“Konstantin Preslavski” University Shumen

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South-West University “Neofit Rilski”

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Burgas Free University

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Burgas 8000
62, “San Stefano” St.
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Bourgas “Prof. Assen Zlatarov” University

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Trakia University Stara Zagora

<http://www.uni-sz.bg/>
Stara Zagora 6000
Student’s campus
Phone: (+359 42) 673 012, 670 713
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International College Albena

<http://internationaledu.org/>
Dobrich 9300
Phone: (+359 58) 655 620
icollege@mail.bg

Varna Free University “Chernorizets Hrabar”

<http://www.vfu.bg/>
Varna 9007, Golden sands
Phone: (+359 52) 359 592
info@vfu.bg

ECONOMIC UNIVERSITIES

University of National and World Economy

<http://www.unwe.acad.bg/>
Sofia 1700

Studentski Grad "Hristo Botev"
Phone: (+359 2) 962 39 03
secretary@unwe.acad.bg

"D. A. Tsenov" Academy of Economics

<http://www.uni-svishtov.bg/>
Svishtov 5250

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rektorat@uni-svishtov.bg

University of Economics Varna

<http://www.ue-varna.bg/bg/index.php>
Varna 9000

77, "Kniaz Boris I" Blvd.
Phone: (+359 52) 660 212
webmaster@ue-varna.bg

American University in Bulgaria

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1, "Georgi Izmirliiev" Sq.
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Management, Trade and Marketing College Sofia

<http://www.mtmcollege.org/>
Sofia 1612

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European College of Economics and Management

<http://www.ecem.org/ecem/>
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Phone: (+359 32) 672 362
info@ecem.org

International Business School

<http://www.ibsedu.com/>
Botevgrad 2140

14, "Gurko" St.
Phone: (+359 723) 6 88 12
info@ibsedu.bg

Higher School of Insurance and Finance

<http://www.vuzf.bg/>
Sofia 1618

Ovcha kupel quarter, 1, "Gusla" St.
Phone: (+359 2) 401 58 01
ktatarska@vuzf.bg

TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL UNIVERSITIES

Technical University Sofia

<http://www.tu-sofia.bg/>
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8, "Kliment Ohridski" St.
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office_tu@tu-sofia.bg

Technical University Varna

<http://www.tu-varna.bg/tu-varna/>
Varna 9010

1, "Studentska" St.
Phone: (+359 52) 303 090
fs_centre@tu-varna.acad.bg

Technical University Gabrovo

<http://www.tugab.bg/>
Gabrovo 5300

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Phone: (+359 66) 821 931
rector@tugab.bg

University of Forestry

<http://edu.ltu.bg/>
Sofia 1756

10, "Kliment Okhridsky" Blvd.
Phone: (+359 2) 919 07
ninov@ltu.bg

University of Architecture, Civil Engineering and Geodesy

<http://www.uacg.bg/>
Sofia 1046
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University of Chemical Technology and Metallurgy Sofia

<http://www.uctm.edu/>
Sofia 1756
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rektorat@uctm.edu

Agricultural University Plovdiv

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Plovdiv 4000
12, "Mendeleev" St.
Phone: (+359 32) 633 232
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University of Mining and Geology "St. Ivan Rilski"

<http://www.mgu.bg/>
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"Todor Kableshkov" University of Transport

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Sofia 1574
158, "Geo Milev" St.
Phone: (+359 2) 970 92 11
vtu@vtu.bg

University of Food Technologies

http://www.uft-plovdiv.bg
Plovdiv 4002
26, "Maritza" Blvd.
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vihvp@hiffi-plovdiv.acad.bg

State University of Library Studies and Information Technologies

<http://www.svubit.org/>
Sofia 1784
119, "Tsarigradsko shosse" Blvd.
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kbd_college@yahoo.com

College of Telecommunications and Post

<http://english.hctp.acad.bg/>
Sofia 1700
Studentski grad, 1, "Academic Stefan Mladenov" St.
Phone: (+359 2) 862 30 21
rector@hctp.acad.bg

Agricultural College Plovdiv

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Higher School of Civil Engineering (VSU) "Lyuben Karavelov"

<http://www.vsu.bg/>
Sofia 1373
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vsu@vsu.bg

Higher School - "Telematika" College

<http://www.telematika-college.com/>
Stara Zagora 6000
26, "P. Parchevich" St.
Phone: (+359 42) 630 206
telematika@abv.bg

College of Tourism - Blagoevgrad

<http://www.cotur.org/>

ART UNIVERSITIES

National Academy of Music "Pantcho Vladigerov"

<http://nma.bg/index.php?lang=en>
Sofia 1505
94, "Evlogi Georgiev" Blvd.
Phone: (+359 2) 846 36 77

National Academy of Arts

<http://www.nha-bg.org/>
Sofia 1504, 1, "Shipka" St.
Sofia 1000, 56, "Kn. Dondoukov" Blvd.
Phone: (+359 2) 988 17 01
eduoffice@nha-bg.org

Academy of Music, Dance and Fine Arts

<http://www.artacademyplovdiv.com/>
Plovdiv 4025
2, "Todor Samoudomov" St.,
P.O. Box 117
Phone: (+359 32) 601 441, 628 311
amti_uc.otdel@evrocom.net

National Academy for Theatre and Film Arts

<http://www.natfiz.bg/>
Sofia 1000
108-A, "Rakovsky" St.
Phone: (+359 2) 986 40 19
info@natfiz.bg

Theatre College "Lyuben Groys"

<http://www.lubengroyscollege-bg.com/>
Sofia 1000
1, "Bulgaria" Sq.
Phone: (+359 2) 986 20 25
l.groys.college@gmail.com

SPORT UNIVERSITIES

National Sports Academy "Vassil Levski"

<http://www.nsa.bg/>
Sofia 1700q, Studentski grad
Phone: (+359 2) 962 04 58/59/60
vhren@nsa.bg

MEDICAL UNIVERSITIES

Medical University Sofia

<http://mu-sofia.bg/>
Sofia 1431
15, "Academician Ivan Geshov" Blvd.
Phone: (+359 2) 952 37 91
Ovcharov@medfac.acad.bg

Medical University Varna "Prof. D-r Parashev Stojanov"

<http://www.mu-varna.bg/>
Varna 9000
55, "Marin Drinov" St.
Phone: (+359 52) 611 899
students_office@mu-varna.bg

Medical University Pleven

<http://www.mu-pleven.bg/index.php>
Pleven 5800
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Phone: (+359 64) 884 101
edu_office@mu-pleven.bg

Medical University Plovdiv

<http://www.meduniversity-plovdiv.bg/>
Plovdiv 4002
15-A, "Vassil Aprilov" Blvd.
Phone: (+359 32) 443 839
rector@meduniversity-plovdiv.bg

MILITARY UNIVERSITIES

Academy of the Minisrty of Interior

<http://www.academy.mvr.bg/>
Sofia 1784
1, "Alexander Malinov" Blvd.
Phone: (+359 2) 982 92 13
academy@mvr.bg

"Vasil Levski" National Military University

<http://www.nvu.bg>
Veliko Turnovo 5000
76, "Bulgaria" Blvd.
Phone: (+359 62) 618 822, 606 661
nvu@nvu.bg

N.Y.Vaptsarov Naval Academy

<http://www.naval-acad.bg/>
Varna 9026
73, "V. Drumev" St.
Phone: (+359 52) 552 225
public-rel@naval.acad.bg

"Rakovski" Defence and Staff College

<http://rdsc.md.government.bg/BG/About/Akademi/welk.php>
Sofia 1504
82, "Evlogy Georgiev" Blvd.
Phone: (+359 2) 922 65 11
rakovski.defcol@md.government.bg

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN QUALIFICATIONS

In compliance with the Lisbon Recognition Convention amendments to several acts of the secondary legislation regarding recognition of documents certifying secondary and higher education acquired as well as periods of education completed were promulgated. The Council of Ministers Decree No. 168 of 14 August 2000 adopted an Ordinance on the State Requirements for recognition of higher education acquired or periods of education completed in foreign higher schools.

The active procedure applied to the recognition of higher education qualification awarded abroad follows Art. 10, Par. 2, P. 4 of the Higher Education Act (1995) and Art. 8, Par. 7 of the Higher Education Act (1999) in respect of general terms and conditions. Furthermore, following Order No. RD-09-594 of 16 October 2000, of the Minister of Education and Science in compliance with Art. 31 of the active Higher Education Act a special commission (State Commission for Recognition – SCR) were constituted to implement the provisions of the law. The State Commission for Recognition shall be composed by representatives of different universities holding high academic ranks as well as by experts from the Ministry of Education and Science. The Commission issues a Certificate identifying the speciality in accordance with the State Register approved by the Council of Ministers.

Recognition of a study period of higher education is accomplished by the respective higher school where the student has submitted his/her application forms. Though the Higher Education Act /1995/ provides for the introduction of modular structure for the study programmes and of the credit system, the implementation of these provisions experience relatively slow progress. Most often, institutions decide on the recognition of credits earned in a different institution on a case by case basis. There is, however, a strong tendency towards accepting the EU directives, the Council of Europe/UNESCO guiding documents /for example the Diploma Supplement/ referring to the recognition of qualifications and credits transfer. The Diploma Supplement has been successfully promoted and its further implementation is foreseen as medium-term objective.

The National Academic Assessment Commission shall recognize doctoral degrees awarded by foreign institutions.

Usually, recognition of foreign qualifications is formally required in order to apply for further education or for appointments to research positions. Under the recent market conditions employers accept diplomas and degrees on a basis of the prestige of the respective foreign institution.

Acting Procedures

Upon signing the Bologna Declaration the national legal framework related to academic recognition of diplomas and qualifications was updated following the principles approved by the 29 European ministers of education.

The procedure for recognition of higher education acquired in foreign higher school is organized and carried out by the Ministry of Education and Science (Art. 7, Par. 1). The Ordinance on the State Requirements for recognition of higher education acquired or periods of education undertaken abroad (Council of Ministers Decree No. 168 of 14 August 2000) is the major secondary legislation document, regulating the recognition procedure.

According to Article 11 of the Ordinance:

(1) The recognition of higher education acquired in foreign higher schools shall be accomplished upon comparing the data of the documents presented and of the requirements approved for obtaining higher education in the same and/or in a similar speciality in Bulgarian higher schools.

(2) The following indicators are taken into consideration in recognizing higher education:

1. Enrolment.
2. Duration of the studies.
3. Total horary of the studied subjects.
4. Proportion between the horary of the studied subjects that provide the fundamental, the special, and the specialized education.
5. Theoretical/practical horary ration.
6. Graduation requirements.

Furthermore, in compliance with Art. 17, Par. 1 and 2 of the same document, the National Information Centre for Academic Recognition and Mobility ENIC/NARIC shall support the activities on recognition of higher education. The Centre is officially positioned with an Ordinance No. RD-14-189 of the Minister of Education and Science dated 12 September 2000.

ERASMUS PROGRAMME

Erasmus programme is part of EC's Lifelong Learning Programme (2007-2013).

This sectoral programme aims to increase the quality of the higher education in Europe. It contributes to the creation of the European area of higher education and encourages the innovation process and the transfer of knowledge and technology in the higher education.

The programme for higher education Erasmus is one of the most successful initiatives of the European Commission. Introduced in 1987, 20 years now it gives students and lecturers from all over Europe the opportunity to participate in an academic and cultural exchange within the boundaries of the continent. More than 1 million students and over 100 000 teachers have participated in this attractive European initiative.

All member states of the European Union, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Turkey are taking part in the Erasmus programme.

In the programme are included only high schools, possessing Erasmus University Charter of the European Commission. They apply for the realization of the mobility to the **National Agency for the Lifelong Learning Programme** in the given country. Physical persons/students can't apply directly to the NA, their participation is organized by the institution, where they learn.

The Erasmus programme gives the following opportunities for student mobility:

- Student mobility for learning purposes;
- Erasmus student placements.

Student mobility

The Erasmus programme gives students the opportunity to live in another European country and to improve their social, cultural and academic competences. The education in the context of a foreign educational system for higher education gives students the opportunity to take advantage of training, implemented through new and different educational methods and approaches.

The students, who have finished the first year of education in their native country, can realize a period of education between 3 and 12 months in another host country. Students of all degrees, including PhD can participate in the mobility.

The Erasmus student mobility for learning purposes offers the Bulgarian students:

- Funding for the period of the mobility;
- Exemption of academic fees at the host university;
- Language and culture preparation for the Erasmus period through participation in the Erasmus Intensive Language Courses, intended only for Erasmus students;
- Academic acknowledgement of the results of the teaching during the Erasmus mobility.

Erasmus Student placements

The Erasmus programme supports Student placements with duration between 3 and 12 months in commercial establishments and research centres within the boundaries of the European countries with the exception of the institutions of the European Union, the embassies and the diplomatic missions and institutions, engaged in the administration of European programs and initiatives.

The purpose of Erasmus student placements is to acquire practical experience and skills in an international environment and to get acquainted with the special requirements of the European labor market. Through the placement, the Erasmus students gain key competences and qualifications as communication and teamwork skills, knowledge of foreign cultures and markets, analysis and processing of information etc.

The Erasmus student placements offer the students:

- Monthly Erasmus grant for the period of the mobility;
- European Erasmus work placement contract among the Bulgarian high school, the commercial establishment in the European Union and the student;
- Language and culture preparation for the Erasmus period through participation in the Erasmus Intensive Language Courses, intended only for Erasmus students;
- Recognition of the achievements of the mobility period (through the Diploma Supplement, the Europass documents and the European Credit Transfer System).

EUROPASS

Europass initiative is established according the Decision No 2241/2004/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 December 2004 on a single Community framework for the transparency of qualifications and competences.

This Decision establishes a single Community framework for achieving the transparency of qualifications and competences by means of the creation of a personal, coordinated portfolio of documents, to be known as 'Europass', which citizens can use on a voluntary basis to better communicate and present their qualifications and competences throughout Europe.

Improved transparency of qualifications and competences will facilitate mobility throughout Europe for lifelong learning purposes, therefore contributing to the development of quality education and training, and will facilitate mobility for occupational purposes, between countries as well as across sectors.

Whether you are planning to enrol in an education or training programme, looking for a job, or getting experience abroad, it is important to be able to make your skills and competences clearly understood.

- make their skills and qualifications clearly and easily understood in Europe (European Union, EFTA/EEA and candidate countries);
- move anywhere in Europe.

Europass consists of five documents:

- two documents (Europass curriculum vitae (CV) and Europass Language Passport) you can fill in yourself; and
- three other documents (Europass Certificate Supplement, Europass Diploma Supplement and Europass Mobility) filled in and issued by competent organisations.

The Europass CV enables you to make your skills and qualifications visible, and other Europass documents can be attached to the CV.

The Europass Language Passport allows you to describe your language skills, skills that are vital for learning and working in Europe.

The Europass Mobility is a record of any organised period of time (called Europass Mobility experience) that a person spends in another European country for the purpose of learning or training.

This includes for example:

- a work placement in a company;
- an academic term as part of an exchange programme;
- a voluntary placement in an NGO.

The Europass Mobility is intended for any person undergoing a mobility experience.

rience in a European country, whatever their age or level of education

The Europass Certificate Supplement is delivered to people who hold a vocational education and training certificate; it adds information to that which is already included in the official certificate, making it more easily understood, especially by employers or institutions outside the issuing country. The information in the Europass Certificate Supplement is provided by the relevant certifying authorities. The Europass Certificate Supplement is issued by the authorities that awards the original vocational certificate.

The Europass Diploma Supplement is issued to graduates of higher education institutions along with their degree or diploma. It helps to ensure that higher education qualifications are more easily understood, especially outside the country where they were awarded. The Europass Diploma Supplement was developed jointly with Unesco and the Council of Europe. The Europass Diploma Supplement is issued by the higher education institution awarding the original diploma or degree.

According to the normative order from 2004 year every university in Bulgaria is obligated to issue Diploma Supplement when a student, graduating in one of the forms of the higher education, requested one.

In every country (European Union and European Economic Area), a National Europass Centre (NEC) coordinates all activities related to the Europass documents. It is the first point of contact for any person or organisation interested in using or learning more about Europass. For the NEC Bulgaria you can find more information at: www.hrdc.bg

USEFUL LINKS

Ministry of Education and Science - <http://www.minedu.government.bg>

National Agency for Evaluation and Accreditation -
<http://www.neaa.government.bg>

Rectors' Conference of the Republic of Bulgaria -
<http://www.bgrectors.com>

Association of the Private Higher Education Institutions in Bulgaria -
<http://aphei-bg.org/>

National Educational Portal – Bulgarian Virtual University -
<http://www.bvu-bg.eu>

Human Resource Development Centre – <http://www.hrdc.bg>

Department of Foreign Languages (St. Kliment Ohridski University of Sofia) - http://www.deo.uni-sofia.bg/index_en.html