



**The Ministry of Education
Deputy Director General of International Relations and UNESCO
The Division for Evaluation of Foreign Academic Degrees**

Notice Concerning Amendments to the Regulations for Recognition of Non-Academic Studies as Part of Foreign Bachelor Degrees in Terms of Their Evaluation for Ranking and Salary Purposes

The Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Finance and the Civil Service Commission have decided to further promote the recognition of non-academic studies as part of foreign bachelor degrees in terms of their evaluation for the purpose of grading and salary in the public sector **for new immigrants (who enrolled in BA studies before immigrating to Israel) and for returning residents who lived abroad for over 5 years (and enrolled in BA studies when living abroad and before returning to Israel).**

According to the amendment, in the framework of academic studies towards the Bachelor degree, the exemption granted for recognition of non-academic studies should constitute no more than 25% of the total credits for the foreign academic degree, rather than recognition of a sixth of the academic degree, which has been the norm thus far.

The amendment will also apply to graduates who have submitted their documents in the past and had their request declined, provided that they submitted them after 1990, and that they meet the aforementioned criteria.

Graduates that meet the criteria above and receive an exemption that constitutes up to 25% of their BA studies as recognition of non-academic studies, may apply to have their foreign bachelor's degree evaluated at the Division for Evaluation of Foreign Academic Degrees.

This recognition is subject to a number of cumulative conditions. The full and binding text of the amendment to the regulations, the cumulative conditions and the required documentation are available on the website of the Ministry of Education at www.education.gov.il under "Haskala Gvoha" ("השכלה גבוהה").

Applicants who are found eligible for evaluation due to this amendment, will be granted eligibility for evaluation (for payment) as follows: Applicants whose applications are on hold at the Division for Evaluation of Academic Degree and have not yet received a response, will be eligible for evaluation (for payment) starting from the day of the publication of these rules (Dec. 1, 2012). Graduates who resubmit their documents due to the publication of this amendment, will be eligible for evaluation (for payment) starting from the day on which the new request is submitted.