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THE RULES FOR ADMISSION TO VILNIUS UNIVERSITY RESIDENCY STUDY PROGRAMMES

CHAPTER I GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. The Rules for Admission to Vilnius University Residency Study Programmes (hereinafter the 'Rules') establish the general conditions and procedure for admission to the residency study programmes of Vilnius University (hereinafter the 'University') in the fields of medicine and dentistry.

2. Admission to residency studies at the University is carried out according to the Principles of General Admission to the Residency Studies of Vilnius University and Lithuanian University of Health Sciences and the Admission Time Limits (hereinafter the 'Principles of General Admission'), which are annually coordinated and approved by the Pro-Rector for Studies of the University and the Rector of the Lithuanian University of Health Sciences, and these Rules.

3. Individuals who meet the requirements for admission to residency study programmes established by the Government of the Republic of Lithuania shall be eligible to apply to the residency study programmes at the University.

4. Entrants may apply to State-funded and non-State-funded residency student places. All entrants shall have equal rights and obligations (except for the cost of tuition).

5. Individuals who seek to study a residency study programme repeatedly and who have completed more than half of the credits of the previous residency study programme at the expense of the State budget shall not be entitled to apply for a State-funded place and shall only be eligible for a non-State-funded place.

6. Terms used in the Rules:

6.1. **Appeal Commission** – the appeal commission established by an order of the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine of the University (hereinafter the 'Faculty of Medicine') to examine appeals regarding procedural violations and technical errors in the calculation of the competitive score for admission to the residency study programmes of the University in the fields of medicine and dentistry.

6.2. **Competition queue** – a list of entrants compiled according to the selection criteria set out in the Rules.

6.3. **Competitive score** – the numerical expression of the components of a competitive score, calculated for each entrant to each residency study programme.

6.4. **Motivation Assessment Commission** – a commission established by an order of the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine to assess the motivation of entrants.

6.5. **Admission Commission** – a University commission for admission to residency studies established by an order of the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine.

6.6. **Entrant** – an individual who applies for a residency student place and participates in a competition intended for it.

6.7. **Study agreement** – a document that establishes the legal relationship between the individual admitted to study and the University.

6.8. **Weighting factor** – a figure set out in the Rules, indicating the impact of specific selection criteria on the competitive score.

CHAPTER II ORGANISATION OF ADMISSION TO THE RESIDENCY STUDIES

7. The procedure for admission to the residency studies, the number of residency student places per study programme, and the list of residency bases where the respective residency programmes are planned to be conducted shall be made publicly available on the website of the Faculty of Medicine no less than one month before the date of admission to the residency study programmes at the University.

8. The allocation of the number of State-funded residency student places to universities by study programmes is approved annually by the Minister of Education, Science and Sport of the Republic of Lithuania, taking into account the proposals from the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Lithuania.

9. The number of non-State-funded residency study places is announced by each university separately in agreement with the Ministry of Health.

10. The admission to residency studies at the University shall be carried out by way of competition, upon fulfilling all the following requirements:

10.1. payment of the entrance fee;

10.2. submission of the application to participate in the competition for a residency student place (hereinafter the ‘application’);

10.3. submission of the documents detailed in Item 59 of the Rules to the Admission Commission if the education was attained outside of Lithuania;

10.4. passing of a motivation assessment if it is provided for in the study programme the entrant is applying for;

10.5. conclusion of the study agreement.

CHAPTER III STAGES OF ADMISSION TO RESIDENCY STUDY PROGRAMMES

11. Admission to residency study programmes at the University is carried out in several stages: the first stage is the main (general) admission, the second stage (if there are vacancies for residency studies after the main admission) is the additional (general) admission. If there are still vacancies for residency studies at the University after the second stage, the third stage is then carried out, during which the Admission Commission makes the decision on the vacancies for residency studies.

12. During the main admission stage, an entrant can only take up one State-funded or non-State-funded residency student place. The entrant, upon receiving an invitation to study, can sign a study agreement for State-funded or non-State-funded residency studies.

13. Information on residency study vacancies at the University is available on the website of the Faculty of Medicine at www.mf.vu.lt.

14. Only individuals who have taken part in the main admission stage and have not signed a study agreement for State-funded residency studies may take part in the additional admission:

14.1. if a study agreement for non-State-funded studies is signed during the main admission, only participation for State-funded places in the additional admission is possible;

14.2. if no invitation to residency studies has been received or accepted, both State-funded and non-State-funded residency student places are open during the additional admission.

15. Only individuals who have participated in the first and second stages of the admission but have not concluded an agreement for any of the residency study programmes shall be eligible to apply

for the remaining vacancies during the third stage. Individuals applying for the vacancies must attend the Admission Commission meeting.

CHAPTER IV ENTRANCE FEE

16. An entrant may participate in the competition for a residency student place only upon paying an entrance fee.

17. The amount of the entrance fee and the account details are set out in the Principles of General Admission.

18. The entrance fee is payable once, regardless of the number of admission stages the entrant is participating in.

19. Another natural or legal person may pay the entrance fee on behalf of the entrant. In such a case, the payment documents must include the full name and personal identification number on behalf of whom the payment is made, as well as the purpose of the payment.

20. After the end of the competition for residency study programmes, the entrance fee is not refundable, regardless of whether the entrant has concluded a study agreement.

CHAPTER V SUBMISSION OF THE APPLICATION

21. During the first and second stages of admission to residency study programmes at the University, applications shall be submitted through the online system for admissions to Lithuanian higher education institutions (hereinafter the 'LAMA BPO') at www.rezidentura.lt.

22. The time limits for accepting applications are set out annually in the Principles of General Admission.

23. The application may contain up to six preferences for any residency study programmes, in descending order of priority.

24. A single preference shall specify the name of one residency study programme, the type of the funding of studies, and the higher education institution where the entrant wishes to study.

25. The submitted application shall be deemed accepted upon fulfilling the following requirements: the application form contains general information about the entrant, their educational background, and at least one preference is indicated in the list of preferred residency study programmes.

26. When revising the application, the entrant may change, add, or delete residency study programmes, change their order, the type of funding and/or the higher education institution in the list of preferences. If the application is revised and the stated preferences are changed several times, the last version of the application shall be valid. The application may be revised during the entire period of admission of the applications that is set out in the Principles of General Admission.

CHAPTER VI SUBMISSION OF ADMISSION DOCUMENTS

27. If the entrant has completed their studies in Lithuania but no earlier than in 2011, diplomas and diploma supplements of integrated studies are not necessary to be submitted, the data is transferred to the LAMA BPO system from the databases of the University and the Lithuanian University of Health Sciences.

28. If the integrated studies were completed outside Lithuania or before 2011, entrants must submit the following documents to the Admission Commission:

- 28.1. a copy of a graduation diploma;
 - 28.2. a copy of the graduation diploma supplement (addendum);
 - 28.3. a copy of identity card or passport;
 - 28.4. a copy of the certificate of completion of the internship;
 - 28.5. a photo;
 - 28.6. a certificate of proficiency in the Lithuanian language at a level not lower than B1 (if the entrant is not a citizen of the Republic of Lithuania and does not hold a permanent residence permit in Lithuania).
29. If the documents detailed in Item 28 of the Rules are issued by foreign institutions, they must be recognised in accordance with the procedure established by the legal acts of the Republic of Lithuania.
30. The entrant's application shall not be considered if not all of the required documents are submitted.

CHAPTER VII

MOTIVATION ASSESSMENT

31. Motivation assessment is compulsory for entrants to the University's residency study programmes in the fields of medicine and dentistry unless set out otherwise. The list of residency study programmes for which the motivation assessment is compulsory is approved annually by the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine. The list is published on the website of the Faculty of Medicine at www.mf.vu.lt.
32. Failure to participate in a compulsory motivation assessment will result in ineligibility for further participation in the competition.
33. Motivation assessment is carried out in accordance with the Procedure for the Assessment of Motivation of Entrants to the Vilnius University Residency Study Programmes in the Field of Medicine and the Procedure for the Assessment of Motivation of Entrants to the Vilnius University Residency Study Programmes in the Field of Dentistry approved by the Council of the Faculty of Medicine.
34. Motivation assessment is carried out by the Motivation Assessment Commissions established by an order of the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine.
35. The Dean of the Faculty of Medicine shall approve the schedules of meetings of the Motivation Assessment Commissions. The schedules are published on the website of the Faculty of Medicine at www.mf.vu.lt.
36. Entrants shall submit their requests for participation in motivation assessment to the Admission Commission. The procedure for submitting requests and the admission time limits are published on the website of the Faculty of Medicine at www.mf.vu.lt.

CHAPTER VIII

PRINCIPLES FOR DETERMINING THE COMPETITIVE SCORE

37. Entrants to each residency study programme are admitted by way of competition based on a competitive score.
38. The components of the competitive score, the principles (formula) for calculating the score, and the profile course units to be included in the formula shall be approved by the Rector.
39. The procedure for awarding additional points set out in the formulas for the scientific research carried out and the criteria for the evaluation of the research activities shall be established by the Council of the Faculty of Medicine. The data used to determine the competitive score shall be retrieved from the documents certifying the completion of the requisite education. If the entrant's documents certifying education have been issued by foreign institutions and they have been recognised

in the Republic of Lithuania according to the procedure established in the legal acts, the grades obtained abroad shall be transferred to the grading system used in Lithuania.

40. If the integrated study diploma supplement does not include a profile course unit or a grade for a profile course unit set out for the residency study programme, it shall not be included when calculating the competitive score.

41. A competition queue of entrants for each residency study programme shall be established in a descending order of the competitive score.

42. Entrants for non-State-funded student places shall be admitted according to a separate competition queue.

CHAPTER IX FUNDING OF STUDIES

43. State-funded student places for residency study programmes shall be allocated in accordance with the procedure established by the Republic of Lithuania Law on Higher Education and Research.

44. State-funded residency student places shall be awarded to entrants seeking and entitled to study in State-funded residency student places by granting them the highest possible preference stated in the application form and taking into account the entrant's competitive score as well as the competition queue.

45. Non-State-funded student places shall be awarded to entrants applying for non-State-funded student places by granting them the highest possible preference stated in the application form, taking into account the entrant's competitive score and the competition queue.

46. The cost of annual tuition for individuals (citizens of the Republic of Lithuania, the European Union, and the European Economic Area, and citizens of other foreign countries who have a permanent residence permit in Lithuania) studying in State-funded places, shall correspond to the standard cost of tuition for the current year established by an order of the Minister of Education, Science and Sport of the Republic of Lithuania.

47. Individuals admitted to a non-State-funded residency student place shall undertake to pay an annual tuition fee for residency studies that is no less than the standard cost of tuition set by an order of the Minister of Education, Science and Sport of the Republic of Lithuania for that year.

CHAPTER X INVITATION TO STUDY AND CONCLUSION OF STUDY AGREEMENTS

48. The invitation to study shall depend on the priorities set out in the application form, the competitive score and the competition queue.

49. Entrants with the highest competitive score in the competition queue and falling within the quota of residency student places established for the current year shall be invited.

50. The entrant shall be invited to study in the residency study programme that they have given a higher priority to (that is higher on the applications' preference list). Upon receipt of an invitation to study in a particular residency study programme that was specified in the application of the entrant, the order of preferences in the application may no longer be changed, regardless of which other residency study programme the entrant could be invited to.

51. Entrants shall be informed about the results of the competition for admission to the residency studies through the LAMA BPO system, by logging in at www.rezidentura.lt.

52. The persons who conclude a study agreement with the University and are admitted to study by an order of the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine shall be deemed to have been admitted for the residency studies.

53. The place and time for concluding the agreements are published on the website of the Faculty of Medicine at www.mf.vu.lt.

54. Failure to conclude the study agreement within the established time limit will result in the invitation to study becoming null and void, and the vacant residency student places will be transferred to the next admission stage.

CHAPTER XI DISPUTE RESOLUTION

55. Appeals by entrants concerning procedural violations in the admission to residency study programmes and technical errors in the calculation of the competitive score shall be submitted to the Appeal Commission established by an order of the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine.

CHAPTER XII ADMISSION OF FOREIGN NATIONALS AND PERSONS WHO HAVE COMPLETED THEIR EDUCATION AT FOREIGN INSTITUTIONS

56. Foreign nationals may be admitted to all residency study programmes offered by the University if they have the required level of education, meet the requirements of the programme to which they are applying, and have the required level of proficiency in the State language established by the Government of the Republic of Lithuania.

57. Individuals who have acquired their education in foreign institutions and are citizens of the Republic of Lithuania, the European Union, and the European Economic Area, as well as of other foreign countries but have a permanent residence permit in Lithuania, may apply for State-funded and non-State-funded residency student places by way of competition.

58. Foreign nationals who do not meet the criteria set out in Item 57 of these Rules may apply only for non-State-funded residency student places by way of competition.

59. Entrants who have completed their integrated studies outside Lithuania must submit the following documents to the Admission Commission:

- 59.1. a copy of a graduation diploma;
- 59.2. a copy of the graduation diploma supplement (addendum);
- 59.3. a copy of identity card or passport;
- 59.4. a copy of the certificate of completion of the internship;
- 59.5. a photo;

59.6. a certificate of proficiency in the Lithuanian language at a level not lower than B1 (if the entrant is not a citizen of the Republic of Lithuania and does not hold a permanent residence permit in Lithuania).

60. If the documents are issued by foreign institutions, they must be recognised in accordance with the procedure provided for by the legislation of the Republic of Lithuania.

61. Information on the admission of documents detailed in Chapter XII of the Rules is established in the Principles of General Admission and published on the website of the Faculty of Medicine at www.mf.vu.lt.
