

## **Act No. 392/2015**

of 18 November 2015

### **on Development Cooperation and on amendment of certain acts**

#### Section 10

##### **Government scholarship**

(1) The Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the Slovak Republic (“Ministry of Education”) awards a government scholarship to a national of a partnering country to partially cover the costs associated with studies at a public university located in the Slovak Republic. The Ministry of Education publishes the defined amount of a government scholarship on an annual basis by 31 August on its website; a government scholarship is equal to at least the subsistence minimum defined for a single adult.

(2) Partnering countries whose nationals are eligible for a government scholarship in the coming academic year are identified in the focus area defined in [Section 3 \(3\)](#). The Ministry of Education shall ensure the conditions for awarding a government scholarship for the given academic year are notified to the Ministries of Foreign Affairs of the individual partnering countries by 28 February on an annual basis.

(3) A government scholarship may be awarded to a national of a partnering country as defined in Subsection (2) who

**a)** has

**1.** temporary residence for the purpose of studies,<sup>10)</sup>

**2.** temporary residence as a third party national granted Slovak Living Abroad status,<sup>11)</sup> or

**3.** the right to stay on the territory of the Slovak Republic for a period in excess of three months,<sup>12)</sup>

**b)** is

**1.** a full-time student at a public university located in the Slovak Republic in one of the academic programs contained in the notice defined in Subsection 2 who demonstrates command of Slovak at the level required by the given public university, or

**2.** a participant in language education for the purposes of university studies (“language education”) and

**c)** as of 1 September of the year in which the application for a government scholarship is submitted,

**1.** is at least 18 years of age and not more than 26 years of age with respect to language education for studies of a first-level or second-level academic program or an academic program combining first and second-levels or studies in such an academic program or

**2.** is at least 23 years of age and not more than 35 years of age with respect to language education for studies of a third-level academic program or studies in such an academic program.

(4) A government scholarship is awarded

**a)** over the standard duration of studies in the given academic program,

**b)** for ten months in the case of language education,

**c)** during the months between the completion of language education and registration for studies in the given academic program or between the end of studies in one academic program and registration for studies in another academic program, if

**1.** the participant in language education completes language education or a student completes studies, and

**2.** furnishes the Ministry of Education with an acceptance letter under Subsection 3 (b) (1) above beginning in the academic year following the academic year in which language education or studies were completed, if involving a student requiring an acceptance letter for higher level studies.

**(5)** A government scholarship is not awarded

**a)** for students studying an academic program

**1.** at the first-level of studies if he or she has already completed first-level university education at a university located in the Slovak Republic, or

**2.** at the second-level of studies if he or she has already completed second-level university education at a university in the Slovak Republic,

**3.** combining the first and second-level of studies if he or she has already completed second-level university education at a university in the Slovak Republic,

**b)** for students who have already completed third-level studies at a university located in the Slovak Republic,

**c)** to students already awarded a government scholarship in the given year of studies or in a part thereof for the academic program of the given level,

**d)** to students whose studies in an academic program exceed the standard length of studies,

**e)** to students who study as part-time, external students, or

**f)** to participants in language education who have already participated for ten months.

**(6)** There is no legal claim to receive a government scholarship.

**(7)** An applicant awarded a government scholarship is obliged to immediately report entry into the territory of the Slovak Republic to the Ministry of Education, at the latest on the date of registration for studies or the starting date of language education and furnish original copies of the documents attached to a government scholarship application.

**(8)** The Ministry of Education will revoke a government scholarship if

**a)** the student changes academic program without prior written consent from the Ministry of Education,

**b)** the student of an academic program combining first and second-level studies, a second-level academic program or a third-level academic program exceeds the standard duration of studies in the given academic program,

**c)** the student registers for studies or as a participant in language education more than 30 days after the date contained in the notice of award of a government scholarship,

**d)** the student terminates studies; this does not apply if the student is accepted for a higher level of studies in the following academic year as defined in Subsection 3 (b)(1) above,

**e)** the student terminates language education; this does not apply if the student is accepted for studies in the following academic year as defined in Subsection 3 (b)(1) above,

**f)** the student or language education participant does not fulfil the obligations contained in Subsection 7,

**g)** the student or language education participant is awarded Slovak citizenship, or

**h)** the student or language education participant is awarded permanent residence in the Slovak Republic; this does not apply in the case of EU nationals.

**(9)** The Ministry of Education will halt the award of a government scholarship if

**a)** for a period in excess of 10 days in a given month

**1.** the student is absent from educational activities conducted within the academic program,

**2.** a language education participant does not participate in such education or

**3.** the student or language education participant leaves the territory of the Slovak Republic,  
**b)** the student interrupts studies, or  
**c)** a student of a first-level academic program exceeds the standard length of studies in the given academic program.

**(10)** Award of a government scholarship is restored in the month

**a)** following a period of two months after the month in which a government scholarship was halted under Section 9 (a),

**b)** in which the person whose studies were interrupted demonstrates registration for studies after such interruption, or

**c)** in which the person whose scholarship was halted under Section 9 (c) demonstrates acceptance for studies in a second-level academic program.

**(11)** A government scholarship is paid in full monthly instalments, even if the conditions for its award were only met over a portion of such month.

**(12)** The Ministry of Education defines the template application to award a government scholarship and a list of its attachments, details of the deadline and method for submitting an application to award a government scholarship, the manner in which a government scholarship is awarded and the details of the notice defined in Subsection 2 in a separate, generally binding regulation.

**(13)** The general regulation on administrative procedure does not apply to procedures involving a government scholarship.<sup>13)</sup>

This Act enters into force on 1 January 2016.

**10)** Section 24 (1) (c) and (d) of Act No. 404/2011 Coll. on Residence of Aliens and on amendment of certain acts as amended.

**11)** Section 29 of Act No. 404/2011 Coll. as amended.

**12)** Section 65 of Act No. 404/2011 Coll.

**13)** Act No. 71/1967 Coll. on Administrative Proceedings (Administrative Procedure Code) as amended.