Guidelines for applicants requesting nostrification of teacher training programmes (issued jointly by the Federal Ministry of Science and Research (BMWF), the Federal Ministry for Education, Arts and Culture (BMUKK) and the Vienna Board of Education (SSR))

1. Admission to teaching

The competent bodies are the Vienna Board of Education (Stadtschulrat, SSR) and the respective boards at Länder level (Landesschulräte, LSR). These bodies will assess whether the documents submitted are sufficient for employing the applicant (they will evaluate especially whether, on the basis of EU legislation, the applicant can start working as a teacher immediately with the education completed abroad).

- No immediate admission to teaching in the country of origin (e.g. only First State Examination taken in Germany or a relevant master's/diploma programme completed, although the job vacancy requires completion of a teacher training programme) → nostrification is necessary, the SSR/LSR will issue a confirmation for which degree programme nostrification by the university is required for employment.

- Immediate admission to teaching in the country of origin → the SSR/LSR will assess whether the requirements for immediate admission to teaching are met in the country of origin and will forward to the BMUKK the application for qualification recognition filed in the course of a job application for a teaching position. The BMUKK will carry out a procedure pursuant to Directive 2005/36/EC on the recognition of professional qualifications.

- Applicants from third countries → nostrification is mandatory, SSR/LSR will issue a specific confirmation on the degree programme to be recognised.

2. Continuation of education in Austria

Nostrification is also mandatory if recognition is required for applicants to continue their education in Austria (especially for completing teaching practice periods).

3. Nostrification

Following confirmation by the SSR/LSR for which degree programme nostrification of the degree programme completed is necessary, an application for nostrification must be submitted to an Austrian university. The university will evaluate whether the foreign degree is equivalent to the Austrian degree and whether it can be principally recognised and, if yes, whether any additional requirements have to be met to establish full equivalence.

Equivalence will be evaluated on the basis of the curricula for teacher training programmes applicable at the time of application.

Please note: Teacher training programmes in Austria always have to consist of two subjects. A teacher training programme completed abroad and comprising only one subject can therefore not be recognised.

Nostrification also entails the right to use the corresponding Austrian academic title.

4. Application for employment

The competent bodies are the Vienna Board of Education (Stadtschulrat, SSR) and the respective boards at Länder level (Landesschulräte, LSR). Employment as a teacher can be sought by filing an application after successful nostrification by the university.