

ORDER No. 2981/1  
of 19.08.2013

On approving the procedure for recognition  
of academic degrees and titles  
by St Petersburg State University

Pursuant to clause 5, subsection 6.2 of Federal Law No.127-FZ of 23.08.1996 “On Science and the State Science-and-Technology Policy” (as amended by Federal Law No.185-FZ of 02.07.2013) and subject to the provisions of clause 10, article 11 of Federal Law No. №273-FZ of 29.12.2012 “On Education in the Russian Federation”, St Petersburg State University can, independently and following its own established procedures, recognize foreign academic degrees and foreign academic titles that do not meet the requirements stipulated in clause 2, subsection 6.2 of Federal Law No.127-FZ, in order to allow access to professional activity at St Petersburg State University to their holders,

I DO HEREBY ORDER:

1. That officials authorized to sign employment agreements and independent contractor agreements on behalf of St Petersburg State University for performance of research or teaching work shall take into account that, pursuant to clause 2, subsection 6.2 of Federal Law No.127-FZ “On Science and the State Science-and-Technology Policy” of 23.08.1996 (as amended by Federal Law No.185-FZ of 02.07.2013), foreign academic degrees and foreign academic titles subject to international agreements of the Russian Federation as well as those awarded by foreign research and educational organizations shall be recognized in the Russian Federation without any special recognition procedure if they are included in the list approved by the RF Government Decree No. 812-r of 21.05.2012 (Annex 1 to this Order) that determines the correspondence of foreign academic degrees and foreign academic titles to those awarded in the Russian Federation;
2. To adopt the Procedure for recognition of foreign academic degrees and foreign academic titles by St Petersburg State University (hereafter referred to as the “Procedure”), in accordance with Annex 2 to this Order;
3. That the Director of the SPbU Centre for Expert Evaluations, A.V. Gogolevsky shall
  - 3.1. Ensure the implementation of the Procedure;
  - 3.2. Inform the Ministry of Education and Science of the Russian Federation and (within a week from the date when the Government of the Russian Federation makes the decision for its establishment) the National Information Centre provided for by clause 5, subsection 6.2 of Federal Law No.127-FZ of 23.08.1996 “On Science and the State Science-and-Technology Policy” (as amended by Federal Law No.185-FZ of 02.07.2013), about the procedure established at St Petersburg State University with regard to the recognition of foreign academic titles and foreign academic degrees;
4. That the Vice Rector for Academic Affairs S.P. Tunik and the head of the General Office of Personnel Management and Document Control V.P. Zhuravlev shall in any form inform persons who apply to work at SPbU under an employment agreement or to sign independent contractor agreements with SPbU, about the Procedure as annexed to this Order in the cases when conclusion of such employment or independent contractor agreements is only possible if the applicant holds an appropriate academic degree or academic title, but the applicant does not hold the academic degree or academic title provided for by the state attestation system or recognized by the Russian Federation pursuant to clause 2, subsection 6.2 of Federal Law No.127-FZ of 23.08.1996 “On Science and the State Science-and-Technology Policy” (as amended by Federal Law No.185-FZ of 02.07.2013);
5. That the head of the Public Relations Office shall ensure that this Order is published at the SPbU web-site not later than 3 days after its registration.
6. I shall personally supervise the implementation of this Order.

Acting Rector

I.A. Gorlinsky

**LIST**  
**of foreign educational establishments and research organizations that issue foreign government-recognized academic degree and academic title certificates recognized in the Russian Federation**

Australia

University of Melbourne  
University of Sydney  
University of Adelaide  
University of Western Australia  
University of Queensland  
Macquarie University  
Monash University  
University of New South Wales

Austria

University of Vienna  
University of Innsbruck

Belgium

Universite libre de Bruxelles  
Ghent University  
Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (Dutch language)  
Universite catholique de Louvain (French language)  
University of Antwerp

Brazil

State University of Campinas  
University of Sao Paulo

Great Britain

University of Aberdeen  
University of Birmingham  
University of Bristol  
Durham University  
University of York  
University of Cambridge  
Lancaster University  
University of Leicester  
University of Liverpool  
London School of Economics and Political Science  
King's College London (University of London)  
Queen Mary, University of London  
University of Nottingham  
University of Oxford  
University of Sussex  
University of East Anglia  
University of Glasgow  
Cardiff University  
University of Leeds  
University of Manchester  
Newcastle University  
University of Reading  
University of Southampton  
University of St. Andrews  
University of Sheffield  
University College London  
University of Warwick  
University of Edinburgh

Germany

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University of Bonn  
University of Munster  
University of Wurzburg  
University of Hamburg  
University of Heidelberg  
University of Gottingen  
University of Munich  
RWTH Aachen University  
Technical University of Munich  
University of Kiel  
University of Freiburg

University of Tübingen  
University of Frankfurt

Denmark

University of Copenhagen  
Technical University of Denmark  
Aarhus University

Israel

Hebrew University of Jerusalem  
Tel Aviv University  
Technion - Israel Institute of Technology

Ireland

Trinity College Dublin

Spain

University of Barcelona  
Autonomous University of Madrid

Italy

University of Bologna  
University of Milan  
University of Padua

Canada

University of Alberta  
University of Montreal  
University of Ottawa  
University of British Columbia  
University of Waterloo  
University of Victoria  
Dalhousie University  
University of Western Ontario  
University of Calgary  
Queen's University  
McGill University  
McMaster University  
Simon Fraser University  
University of Toronto

China

Nanjing University  
Peking University  
University of Science and Technology of China  
Fudan University  
Tsinghua University  
Zhejiang University  
National Taiwan University  
Hong Kong Polytechnic University  
Hong Kong University of Science and Technology  
Chinese University of Hong Kong  
University of Hong Kong

The Netherlands

VU University Amsterdam  
University of Amsterdam  
Leiden University  
Maastricht University  
Delft University of Technology  
Wageningen University and Research Center  
University of Groningen  
Erasmus University Rotterdam  
Radboud University Nijmegen  
Utrecht University

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New Zealand

University of Auckland  
University of Otago

Norway

University of Bergen

Norwegian University of Science and Technology  
University of Oslo

Singapore

Nanyang Technological University  
National University of Singapore

The United States of America

University of Iowa  
Boston University  
Washington University in St. Louis  
University of Hawaii at Manoa  
Harvard University  
Dartmouth College  
Case Western Reserve University  
Yeshiva University  
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign  
University of Illinois at Chicago  
Indiana University Bloomington  
Yale University  
California Institute of Technology  
University of California, Berkeley  
University of California, Davis  
University of California, Irvine  
University of California, Los Angeles  
University of California, Riverside  
University of California, San Diego  
University of California, Santa Barbara  
University of California, Santa Cruz  
Columbia University  
Cornell University  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
University of Michigan - Ann Arbor  
New York University  
University of Pennsylvania  
University of Pittsburgh  
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  
Princeton University  
University of Rochester  
Northwestern University  
Stanford University  
Texas A&M University  
University of Texas at Austin  
Georgia Institute of Technology  
University of Arizona  
Brown University  
Vanderbilt University  
University of Washington  
University of Wisconsin - Madison  
Johns Hopkins University  
George Washington University  
Duke University  
Carnegie Mellon University  
University of Colorado at Boulder  
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities  
University of Maryland, College Park  
University of Notre Dame  
Purdue University - West Lafayette  
Rice University  
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
Stony Brook University  
Tufts University  
University of Florida  
University of Cincinnati  
Iowa State University  
University of Virginia  
University of Massachusetts, Amherst  
Michigan State University  
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, New Brunswick  
Ohio State University - Columbus  
Pennsylvania State University - University Park  
Emory University  
University of Southern California  
University of Miami  
University of Utah  
University of Chicago

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Finland

University of Helsinki

France

Ecole Normale Supérieure, Paris  
Ecole Polytechnique  
University of Strasbourg  
University of Paris Diderot (Paris 7)  
Pierre and Marie Curie University (Paris 6)

Switzerland

University of Basel  
University of Bern  
University of Geneva  
University of Lausanne  
University of Zurich  
Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich

Sweden

KTH Royal Institute of Technology  
Stockholm University  
Chalmers University of Technology  
Lund University  
Umeå University  
University of Gothenburg  
Uppsala University

The Republic Of South Africa

University of Cape Town

South Korea

Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology  
Seoul National University

Yonsei University

Japan

Kyoto University  
Tokyo Institute of Technology  
University of Tokyo  
Kyushu University  
Osaka University  
Tohoku University  
Hokkaido University  
University of Tsukuba  
Nagoya University

**PROCEDURE**  
**for recognition of foreign academic degrees and foreign academic titles by St Petersburg State University**

1. This Procedure, pursuant to clause 5, subsection 6.2 of Federal Law No.127-FZ “On Science and the State Science-and-Technology Policy” of 23.08.1996 (as amended by Federal Law No.185-FZ of 02.07.2013) and subject to the provisions of clause 10, article 11 of Federal Law No. №273-FZ of 29.12.2012 “On Education in the Russian Federation”, establishes the procedure for recognition by the Federal State Budgetary Educational Institution of Higher Education “St Petersburg State University” (hereafter referred to as “St Petersburg State University” or “SPbU”) of foreign academic degrees and foreign academic titles awarded by foreign and international establishments, foreign and international non-governmental associations and other entities in accordance with the legislation of foreign states and international statutory acts (hereafter referred to as “foreign academic degree and foreign academic titles”) in order to provide access to holders of foreign academic degree and foreign academic titles to professional work at St Petersburg State University under employment agreements / independent contractor agreements, with regard to which SPbU acts as an employer / company.
2. This Procedure does not apply to the recognition of foreign academic degrees and foreign academic titles pursuant to clause 2, subsection 6.2 of Federal Law No.127-FZ of 23.08.1996 “On Science and the State Science-and-Technology Policy” (as amended by Federal Law No.185-FZ of 02.07.2013).
3. The Procedure for recognizing a foreign academic degree or a foreign academic title can be initiated by any interested persons, including SPbU employees, persons who apply to work at SPbU under an employment agreement or an independent contractor agreement, foreign and international educational and research organizations that award foreign academic degrees and foreign academic titles (hereafter referred to as “Initiators”).
4. The procedure for the recognition of a foreign academic degree or a foreign academic title is started on the basis of a written request from the Initiator addressed to the SPbU Rector, containing the following information and the following accompanying documents (unless otherwise specified, the requests are to be written in Russian or English, while the accompanying documents are to be provided in the language they were originally issued in, with translations into Russian or English):
  - 4.1. The name of the foreign academic degree or the foreign academic title which is to be officially recognized as a result of the request;
  - 4.2. The name of the organization or other entity awarding foreign academic degrees and foreign academic titles (in the language of the constitutional documents of the organization or other official documents defining the status of a respective entity);
  - 4.3. The Internet address of the official web-site of the organization or other entity awarding foreign academic degrees and foreign academic titles containing copies of constitutional documents of the organizations or other official documents defining the status of a respective entity. If such official web-site does not exist, the said documents should be enclosed with the request;
  - 4.4. The Internet address of the official web-site containing copies of by-laws and other regulations, determining the procedures for awarding the foreign academic degree or the foreign academic title in question. If such official web-site does not exist, the said documents should be enclosed with the request;
  - 4.5. A copy of the document (diploma, certificate, etc.) certifying that the corresponding foreign academic degree or foreign academic title was awarded;
  - 4.6. Consent to the processing of the personal data of the Initiator in connection with the request;
  - 4.7. Contact address of the Initiator for sending the reply or other relevant information when needed.
5. Within the period of 3 working days from the date of receipt of the request, the director of the SPbU Centre for Expert Evaluations shall check the request for compliance with the requirements specified in paragraph 4 of this Procedure.
  - 5.1. If any inadequacies with respect to the requirements specified in paragraph 4 of this Procedure should be found, the director of the SPbU Centre for Expert Evaluations shall make the decision on terminating the assessment of the request and inform the SPbU Rector and the Initiator about the said decision.
  - 5.2. If the request is found to be compliant with the requirements as specified in paragraph 4 of this Procedure, the director of the Centre for Expert Evaluations convenes an expert commission, with the membership of no less than 3 persons, for preparing recommendations to the SPbU Rector with regard to the recognition of the foreign academic degree or the foreign academic title, and makes the necessary arrangements to organize the work of the commission.
6. The expert commission convened in accordance with paragraph 5.2 of this Procedure, within one month from the date of its convocation, prepares and presents to the SPbU Rector its recommendations on the recognition of the foreign academic degree or the foreign academic title in question. Whenever necessary, the members of the expert commission can survey the opinions of the academic community with the aim of assessing the academic status and reputation of the organization or other entity awarding foreign academic degrees and foreign academic titles.
7. Pursuant to paragraph 6 of this Procedure, the recommendations shall include and reflect the following:
  - 7.1 The place that the organization or other entity awarding foreign academic degrees and foreign academic titles occupies in international rankings, as well as other indicators of its academic reputation;
  - 7.2 Information on whether the foreign academic degree or the foreign academic title is awarded on a fee-paying or non-fee-paying basis;
  - 7.3 The criteria that are used to award the foreign academic degree or the foreign academic title;

- 7.4 If the recommendation for the possible recognition of the foreign academic degree or the foreign academic title is positive, it should also include a proposal for determining the equivalent of the foreign academic degree or the foreign academic title from among the academic degrees and titles awarded in the Russian Federation in accordance with the state attestation system.
- 8 Whenever necessary, the members of the expert commission convened in accordance with paragraph 5.2 of this Procedure can survey the members of the international academic and/or research community with respect to their assessment of the corresponding foreign academic degree or the foreign academic title, and the persons who are normally awarded the foreign academic degree or the foreign academic title in question. If such survey is conducted, its results shall be included in the recommendations.
- 9 On the basis of the recommendations obtained from the expert commission, the SPbU Rector makes the decision within the period of 3 days:
- 9.1 To recognize the foreign academic degree or the foreign academic title;
- 9.2 To deny the recognition of the foreign academic degree or the foreign academic title;
- 9.3 To send the recommendations back for a revision (the time limit for the preparation of new recommendations cannot exceed 15 days).
10. The information about the decision made by the Rector is provided to the Initiator, and in the case of the recognition of the foreign academic degree or the foreign academic title, the said information is also sent to the National Information Centre, established in accordance with clause 5, subsection 6.2 of Federal Law No.127-FZ of 23.08.1996 “On Science and the State Science-and-Technology Policy” (as amended by Federal Law No.185-FZ of 02.07.2013).
11. The procedure for the recognition of the foreign academic degree of the foreign academic title is provided to the Initiator free of charge.