

Ministerial Order on Scholarships with Grants to Cover Living Costs incurred by Certain Foreign Students at Universities

Pursuant to section 19, subsection (11), and section 34, subsection (1), of the Act on Universities (the University Act), cf. Consolidation Act no. 695 of 22 June 2011, the following is provided:

1. Pursuant to the provisions set out in the University Act and this Ministerial Order, the university allocates full or partial scholarships either without a grant or with a full or partial grant to certain foreign students to cover living costs incurred while completing an academy profession, professional bachelor, bachelor or master's (*candidatus*) degree or parts thereof at a Danish university.

(2) Scholarships with grants pursuant to subsection (1) are allocated to the academically best qualified foreign applicants who can be granted fixed-term residence permits with a view to temporary residence for study purposes. Students only have access to scholarships and grants pursuant to subsection (1), however, if they have been admitted to a full academy profession, professional bachelor, bachelor or master's (*candidatus*) programme at a Danish university. It is a condition that such students are not entitled to be treated on an equal footing with Danish citizens pursuant to EU law, including the EEA Agreement, or international agreements adopted by Denmark in respect of the financial terms applying to admission on the academy profession, professional bachelor, bachelor or master's (*candidatus*) programme.

(3) Students who are entitled to receive grants pursuant to the provisions set out in the Danish State Education Grant and Loan Scheme Act or other public Danish support cannot be granted scholarships with grants, cf. subsection (1).

2. The Danish Agency for Universities and Internationalisation determines a funding ceiling for each university for scholarships and grants. The university is free to dispose of the funds within the scope of the scheme.

3. The university defines the subject areas within which scholarships with grants will be allocated. The university's choice of subject area must take into account the employment situation.

4. The university may lay down application and admission procedures, including deadlines, for use in connection with the allocation of scholarships with or without grants

1) to the academically best qualified foreign students, or

2) in connection with the conclusion of agreements with foreign universities on strategic alliances with a view to maintaining and expanding the international competitive position and high quality level of the university.

(2) The foreign students who are granted scholarships with or without grants must comply with the admission and enrolment requirements for the relevant study programme.

5. Full or partial scholarships with or without grants are allocated for a maximum period corresponding to the prescribed study period of the study programme, cf. also subsection (4), second sentence.

(2) Full or partial scholarships are paid out in advance by the university in monthly instalments.

(3) The maximum amount of the grants to cover living costs will be fixed in the annual Danish Appropriation Acts.

(4) The student must participate actively in studies to receive a full or partial scholarship as well as a full or partial grant. Where the student no longer participates actively in studies, the university must immediately stop payment of the grant to the student and withdraw the scholarship.

(5) The university may approve the extension of scholarships for a period of up to six months in the event that students have been delayed in their studies due to

1) long-term illness documented by a medical certificate, or

2) other special circumstances.

6. The university may revoke any awarding of a full or partial scholarship with or without a grant if such awarding was provided on false grounds.

7. Out of any surplus accumulated in connection with the collection of full student fees for participation in teaching and in tests and other forms of assessment forming part of the exam for full-time and part-time programmes for which no grant or scholarship has been provided, the university may allocate additional full or partial scholarships with or without grants.

(2) Full or partial scholarships with or without grants allocated pursuant to subsection (1) are subject to the provisions of this Ministerial Order.

8. Any complaints from the student concerning lack of payment of grants may be brought before the university by the student.

(2) The university's decisions made under this Ministerial Order may be referred to the Danish Agency for Universities and Internationalisation if the complaint concerns legal issues. The complaint must be submitted to the university, which will issue an opinion. The complainant must be given the opportunity to comment on this opinion within a deadline of at least one week. The university forwards the complaint to the Danish Agency for Universities and Internationalisation, enclosing the opinion and any comments from the complainant.

(3) Any complaints pursuant to subsection (2) must be submitted within four weeks of the complainant having been informed of a decision.

9. This Ministerial Order will enter into force on 1 January 2012.

(2) At the same time, Danish Ministerial Order no. 776 of 11 August 2009 on Scholarships with Grants to Support Living Costs Incurred at Universities (Scholarship and Grant Order) is repealed.

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