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Information about entrance examinations and the procedure according to which persons are admitted, who have not taken centralised examinations

1. Biznesa, mākslas un tehnoloģiju augstskola “RISEBA” (hereinafter referred to as – RISEBA), in accordance with The Law on Higher Education Institutions of Latvia and Cabinet Regulations Regarding the Requirements, Criteria and Procedures for Admission to Study Programmes, stipulates the procedure according to which persons are admitted to study programmes, who have not taken centralised examinations, as well as prescribing additional requirements in relation to special prior education, particular suitability and preparedness.

2. Students who have not taken CE in English or cannot present a valid English language proficiency certificate recognised by an international testing institution (IELTS, TOEFL, PTE General, Cambridge English or ECL English test results in accordance with Cabinet Regulation No.543 of 29.09.2015 *Regulations regarding Substitution of a Foreign Language Examination in a General Education Programme with the Foreign Language Test of an International Testing Institution*), must take the RISEBA English language entrance examination (see 4.2.).

3. Registering for basic studies, in accordance with Section 46 (3) of the Law on Higher Education Institutions of Latvia, CE certificates are not taken into account in the following cases:

3.1. for persons, who have obtained their secondary education up to 2004;

3.2. persons, who have obtained their education abroad;

3.3. persons with special needs, submitting a confirmatory document regarding their waiver from taking CE, in accordance with Cabinet Regulation No.112 of 11.03.2003 *Procedures according to which Students are Released from Certain State Examinations*,

3.4. in the instances referred to in Clauses 3.1 - 3.3, CE requirements are replaced by certified grades in the relevant subjects.

4. The admission of candidates to principal study programmes shall take place pursuant to the competition procedure, taking into account the average grade of the defined study subjects of each study programme and the score of the defined CE. In certain cases, an entrance examination shall be taken:

4.1. **an entrance examination in Drawing and Composition within the Bachelor's study programme “Architecture”**. The rules of the entrance examination are regulated by the Regulation on the Entrance Examination in Drawing and Composition. The entrance examination in Drawing and Composition shall not be taken, if the RISEBA preparation courses in Drawing and Composition have been completed and their final test has been successfully passed;

4.2. **entrance examination in English**. The rules of the entrance examination are regulated by the Regulation on the Entrance Examination in English. The entrance examination shall be taken if the CE score in English is below B2. The entrance examination in English shall not be taken by candidates,

who have obtained their previous education in English or have passed other examinations specified in Clause 2 with a score of at least B2;

4.3. **a creative entrance examination.** The rules of the entrance examination are regulated by the Regulation on the Entrance Examination in “Audiovisual Media Arts”. Candidates shall write an essay (choosing one of several topics offered) at RISEBA University.

4.4. **creative entrance examination – oral examination.** The rules of the entrance examination are regulated by the Regulation on the Entrance Examination in “Audiovisual Media Arts”. Discussions are organised for students with the Head of the Academic Study Field, Programme Director or Faculty Dean.

4.5. Candidates, who have obtained their previous education abroad, do not require CE scores but shall take the RISEBA admission test in the programme implementation language.

5. Other elements of the admission process are regulated by the RISEBA Admission Requirements, which are approved on an annual basis at a RISEBA Senate meeting.