



RECTOR'S DIRECTIVE

Designation:

PR/TUKE/08/20

Serial no:

ON ENSURING THE EDUCATIONAL PROCESS IN LEVELS 1, 2 AND 3, STATE EXAMINATIONS AND ACCOMMODATION IN STUDENT DORMITORIES IN CONNECTION WITH THE EMERGENCY SITUATION

Overview of amendments made to this document:

Number	Date	Overview of amended provisions, sections

Gestor: prof. Ing. Ervin Lumnitzer, PhD. Vice-Rector for Education	Assessor: Ing. Marcel Behún, PhD. Bursar	Approver: Dr.h.c. prof. h.c. prof. Ing. Stanislav Kmeť, CSc. Rector	Issue no. 1.
Date:	Date:	Date:	Date of publication:
Signature:	Signature:	Signature:	

RECTOR'S DIRECTIVE no. 08/2020**ON ENSURING THE EDUCATIONAL PROCESS IN LEVELS 1, 2 AND 3, STATE EXAMINATIONS AND ACCOMMODATION IN STUDENT DORMITORIES IN CONNECTION WITH THE EMERGENCY SITUATION****I.****Preliminary provision**

1. Pursuant to Art. 8 of Act no. 42/1994 Coll. on Civil Protection of the Population, as amended, starting on 12 March 2020, the Government of the Slovak Republic has declared an emergency situation from 06:00 hrs due to threats to public health of the 2nd degree and has declared a state of emergency in the affected territory of the Slovak Republic (hereinafter referred to as the "SR") pursuant to Art. 5 of the Constitutional Act no. 227/2002 Coll. on State Security at the Time of War, State of War, State of Emergency, and State of Crisis, as amended, with effect from 19 March 2020.
2. The Director-General of the World Health Organization declared a COVID-19 pandemic on 11 March 2020.
3. Based on the statements of the Office of the Government of the SR, following the recommendation of the Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the SR (hereinafter the Ministry) in connection with information on the spread of infectious viral disease COVID-19, as well as the expert recommendation of the Ministry of 21 March 2020 concerning the operation of higher education institutions during the COVID-19 epidemic, based on the Measures of the Public Health Office of the Slovak Republic of 23 March 2020, 24 March 2020, 29 March 2020 and 15 April 2020, the decisions of the Task Force of the Technical University of Košice (hereinafter only "TUKE") and in accordance with Art. 108e of Act. no. 131/2002 Coll. on Higher Education Institutions and on Amendments to Certain Acts, as amended, I hereby

order:**II.****Teaching, study schedule and end of the academic year**

1. According to the study schedule, the teaching part of the summer semester of the academic year 2019/2020 lasts until 31 August 2020. Faculties shall adjust their semester schedule according to the needs of individual study programs in compliance with the curricula of the specific study program. If possible, they may proceed according to the original schedule (i.e. until 15 May 2020).

Responsible: Dean

Deadline: within 3 days of the issuance
of this Directive

2. According to the study schedule, the examination period in the summer semester of the academic year 2019/2020 lasts until 31 August 2020. I recommend that faculties adhere to the original schedule (i.e. until 03 July 2020). In the case of courses that cannot be completed according to the original schedule, the faculty shall adjust its study schedule.

Responsible: Dean

Deadline: within 3 days of the issuance
of this Directive

3. I recommend that the faculties adjust their study schedules for the summer semester so that the majority of the schedule is concentrated by July 3, 2020, or in the period from 17 August to 31 August 2020.

4. The teaching part of the study in the summer semester of the academic year 2019/2020 shall continue in the form of self-study, by a distance or other suitable method. The examination period shall preferably take the form of videoconferencing or other means of communication technology.
5. If the student does not complete the course for objective reasons caused by the emergency situation, he or she may transfer this course to the next year.
6. If the student exceeds the standard length of study for objective reasons caused by the emergency situation, for this reason he or she shall be forgiven tuition fees.
7. If the student does not complete the academic year by 31 August 2020, he or she can take the examinations in September and October 2020. If he or she does not reach the required number of credits for continuing the study in the next academic year before taking these examinations, he or she shall be allowed to enroll without reaching the minimum number of credits for the previous academic year (Art. 19 par. (3) of the Study Rules and Regulations).
8. Teaching in the third level continues as distance learning, self-study, consultations with the teachers, or other appropriate method.
9. Examinations in all three levels of higher education shall preferably take the form of videoconferencing or other means of communication technology. In the case of personal participation in the examination, it is necessary to comply with the expert recommendation of the Public Health Office of the Slovak Republic of 21 April 2020, which forms an annex to this Directive. Each faculty shall adjust the details according to its own specific nature.

III.

State examinations, defenses of final theses

1. Final theses (in the first and second level of study) shall be submitted by students preferably according to the original schedule, but no later than 31 May 2020. The faculties shall prefer to submit final theses exclusively in electronic form. The deadline for submitting final theses in the third stage of study shall be adjusted by the faculties according to their own specific nature.
2. State examinations in all three levels of higher education shall preferably take the form of videoconferencing or other means of communication technology. The student and the examination board shall participate in the state examinations by means of a videoconference according to a predetermined schedule, which the faculty shall publish according to Art. 20 par. 15 of the TUKE Study Rules and Regulations (10 working days before the state examinations). If the state examination takes place by videoconference, the faculty shall ensure:
 - the presence of an employee who will technically arrange the videoconference,
 - public access by providing video transmission from the state examination to a publicly accessible room and the possibility of the public to participate in the public part of the state examination,
 - objectivity of the state examination, especially by identifying the student and monitoring his or her non-verbal communication,
 - closed session of the examination board,
 - the course of the state examination (examination and defense) that corresponds to the method of conducting the state examination,
 - a notice informing the student that his or her clothes are supposed to be adequate for the state examination.
3. The faculty shall ensure that students are acquainted with the date, schedule and method of conducting the state examination. If the technical conditions of the student do not allow the state examination in the form

of videoconference or other means of communication technology, or if the student for serious reasons cannot participate in the state examination on a date specified, he or she may request to withdraw from the state examination. The faculty shall set a different method or date for taking the state examination.

4. The faculty shall ensure that any modifications to the course of the state examination are in accordance with the currently valid version of the Act on Higher Education Institutions.

III.

Accommodation in student dormitories

1. Students who are accommodated in ŠDaJ TUKE may terminate their accommodation according to the schedule that shall be processed by ŠDaJ TUKE. Upon the end of the accommodation, the students are obliged to follow the rules set by ŠDaJ TUKE.
2. The relevant part of the paid accommodation fees shall be refunded in agreement with the student, or shall serve as a deposit for accommodation and reservation fee in the academic year 2020/2021.

Responsible: Vice-Rector for Education
Director of ŠDaJ

Deadline: within 7 days of the issuance
of this Directive

IV.

Specific provisions

1. Measures introduced by the Rector's Directive no. 03 to 07/2020 and which have not been affected by this Directive shall remain in force (cancellation of business trips, meetings of collegial bodies, meetings, closure of student dormitories, ban on sports activities, etc.)

V.

Final provisions

This Directive shall enter into force and effect on the date of issue.