

**LAW**  
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**ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF STATE MATURITY EXAMS AND  
ADMISSIONS IN PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES**

Pursuant to Article 100 of the Constitution, article 63 of law No7952 of 21 June 1995 “On the undergraduate education system”, as amended, article 31 of law No 8461 of 25 February 1999 ‘On higher education Republic of Albania’, as amended, and the law No 9464 of 28 December 2005 “On the State Budget 2006”, and upon the proposal of the Minister of Education and Science,

The Council of Ministers

**DECIDED:**

1. Establishment of State Maturity Exams, which will conduct state exams at the end of secondary education 4 and 5-year, through external evaluation. State Matura consists of:

- a) Compulsory tests
- b) Optional exams.

2. Secondary education is considered completed when the student passes all the compulsory exams.

3. Only students who have completed state exams or their equivalents (for students who have studied abroad) have the right to pursue higher education in public universities.

3.1 Candidates seeking to pursue higher education at Academy of Physical Education and Sports, Academy of Arts and Faculty of Physical Education and Sports University "Luigj Gurakuqi", Shkodra are excluded from optional exams. In this case, admissions are made by competitions, organized by the relevant public institution of higher education. In this case, admission of candidates to contest is organized by a public institution of higher education concerned. If applying to other study programs, these candidates are subject to the optional exams.

3.2 Candidates who completed secondary and higher education before 2006 and who seek to pursue part-time studies in public institutions of higher studies are excluded from optional exams.

4. Establishment of State Maturity Exams Committee in the Ministry of Education and Science to direct and organise states exams. Its structure and duties are appointed upon orders of the Minister of Education and Science.

5. Admissions in public universities, as a rule, depend on the results of high school, according to this scheme:

- a) 20 percent of the average grade of all secondary school years;
- b) 80 percent of the average state exams grades.

6. The selection of candidates for admission to public universities is based on general criteria, developed by the Ministry of Education and Science, after consulting with public universities. These institutions can set specific criteria in accordance with general criteria. The establishment of specific criteria should be consulted the opinion of Ministry of Education and Science.

7. Special criteria for admission in military and police academies are determined by the Minister of Education and Science along with the Minister of Defence and the Minister of Interiors, respectively, in accordance with articles 2, 3 and 8 of chapter one, law no. 8461 of 25 February 1999 'On Higher Education in the Republic of Albania', as amended.

8. Financial effects:

a) For state exams, to be covered by the budget of the Ministry of Education and Science and the optional exams fee

b) For admission to study in public universities, to be covered by the universities' budgets and relevant fees.

The above tariffs are to be determined by joint order of Minister of Education and Science and Minister of Finance.

9. The Ministry of Education and Science is in charge to implement.

10. All sublegal acts regarding state maturity exams as provided in Chapter V of the normative provisions for undergraduate education and orders relevant to them, which are inconsistent with this decision, are revoked.

This decision shall enter into force after publication in the Official Journal.

**PRIME MINISTER**

**Sali Berisha**