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CONSOLIDATED TEXT

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The twentieth additional provision of Organic Law 6/2001, of December 21, 2001, on Universities, as amended by Organic Law 4/2007, of April 12, 2007, establishes that the Registry of Universities, Centers and Degrees (RUCT) will exist within the Ministry of Education and Science, the regime, organization and operation of which will be regulated by the Government. The aforementioned additional provision also establishes that the Registry will be of a public nature and that, in addition to the universities and centers, official degrees valid throughout the national territory will be registered therein. Other degrees issued by the universities may also be registered for information purposes.

Subsequently, Royal Decree 432/2008, of April 12, 2008, which restructured the ministerial departments, attributed to the Ministry of Science and Innovation the proposal and execution of the Government's policy on universities, so that the previous reference to the Ministry of Education and Science must now be understood to be made to the Ministry of Science and Innovation, in which the aforementioned Registry will reside.

Thus, the RUCT, which will be a public and administrative registry, is conceived as an instrument that will gather updated information on the Spanish university system, for which purpose the relevant data relating to Universities, Centers and Degrees will be registered in it.

The new conception in the design of university degrees contained in Royal Decree 1393/2007, of October 29, 2007, which establishes the organization of official university education, is based on a process of verification of the study plan that culminates with the registration of the official degree in the RUCT, as a necessary requirement for the determination of its official nature. Thus, the registration of official degrees in the RUCT will be constitutive in nature. This registration will have as an effect the initial consideration of an accredited degree. In addition, all processes related to the renewal of the accreditation of degrees, as well as to the modification and termination of the curricula leading to official degrees must be recorded in the RUCT.

The access to such data by the interested parties will be carried out through the appropriate computer supports in the form established by the Ministry of Science and Innovation, which in any case will be articulated on the basis of accessibility, the technical treatment of the data and the permanent updating of its content. In addition, the regulations in force on access to information by persons with disabilities shall be taken into account for such purposes.

This Royal Decree has been reported by the Council of Universities and by the General Conference on University Policy.

By virtue thereof, at the proposal of the Minister of Science and Innovation, with the approval of the Minister of Public Administrations, in agreement with the Council of State and after deliberation of the Council of Ministers at its meeting held on September 12, 2008,

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CHAPTER I

General Provisions concerning the Registry of Universities, Centers and Degrees

Article 1. *Registry of Universities, Centers and Degrees.*

1. The Registry of Universities, Centers and Degrees (RUCT) is constituted in the Ministry of Science and Innovation, which will be of a public nature and an administrative registry, for all the purposes provided for in Organic Law 6/2001, of December 21, 2001, on Universities, in its twentieth additional provision, in the wording introduced by Organic Law 4/2007, of April 12, 2007, amending the Organic Law on Universities.

2. Universities and University Centers will be registered in the RUCT. Likewise, university degrees of an official nature and valid throughout the national territory, established in accordance with the provisions of the Royal Decree 1393/2007 of 29 October, which establishes the organization of official university education. Other non-official degrees may also be registered, at the request of the issuing university, for information purposes.

3. The RUCT will include updated information on the Spanish university system, for which purpose the relevant data on Universities, Centers and Degrees will be included.

4. The RUCT is made up of all the entries of the elements referred to in this article and of the other steps to be taken, in accordance with the provisions of the aforementioned Royal Decree.

Article 2. *Structure of the RUCT.*

1. The RUCT will consist of three sections:

- a) Universities.
- b) Centers.
- c) Titles.

2. Within the Titles section there will be five subsections:

- a) Degrees corresponding to undergraduate studies.
- b) Degrees corresponding to official Master's Degrees.
- c) Degrees corresponding to Doctorate studies.
- d) Titles declared equivalent to those corresponding to the previous subsections

a) and b).

e) Degrees corresponding to non-official education.

3. The RUCT will follow the system of registry entries, with each registration corresponding to an entry containing the data provided for in this Royal Decree for each University, Center and Degree.

Article 3. *Effects of Registration in the RUCT.*

1. Registration in the RUCT will have informative effects with respect to the legal status of the universities and centers, as well as of the degrees.

2. In the case of official degrees, it will also have constitutive effects with respect to the creation of official university degrees and will be considered as an initial accredited degree for the purposes of the provisions of Article 26 of Royal Decree 1393/2007, of October 29, 2007.

Article 4. *Functions of the RUCT.*

RUCT's functions are as follows:

- a) Registration and annotation of the registry data corresponding to Universities, Centers and University Degrees.
- b) Issuance of certifications on the registered data.
- c) Coordination and collaboration with the Registries that may exist on the same or similar data to those registered.
- d) Information on the data recorded through the establishment of the appropriate access mechanisms.
- e) Maintenance of the documentary archive in computer support in which the documents used to make the registrations will be deposited.

Article 5. *RUCT support.*

1. In application of the provisions of Law 11/2007, of June 22, 2007, on electronic access of citizens to Public Services, RUCT will manage its procedures by electronic means, implementing on the systems containing the aforementioned information, the security measures provided for in the current legislation on the protection of personal data.

2. For the purposes set forth in the preceding paragraph, the Ministry of Science and Innovation shall issue the appropriate instructions on computer and document verification procedures, subject to the requirements and guarantees established in Royal Decree 263/1996, of February 16, 1996, which regulates the use of electronic, computer and telematic techniques by the General State Administration, with regard to the security, standardization and conservation criteria referred to therein.

3. The competent bodies for transferring registry data to the RUCT may do so in computerized form, in accordance with the provisions of article 7 of Royal Decree 263/1996, of February 16, 1996.

4. When irregularities are detected from the existing data in the RUCT or non-compliance with the requirements established in this Royal Decree is derived, the Ministry of Science and Innovation will adopt the appropriate measures to promote, in accordance with the provisions of the law, the cancellation, where appropriate, of the corresponding registrations and to carry out the legal actions that may be pertinent.

Article 6. *Management of the RUCT.*

The management of the RUCT and the performance of all acts deriving from the content of this Royal Decree is the responsibility of the Directorate General of Universities.

Article 7. *Consultation of the RUCT.*

1. Consultation of the RUCT will be public and will be carried out by making available to interested parties the computer supports in the manner established by the Ministry of Science and Innovation.

2. The computer supports referred to in paragraph 1 above shall take into account the provisions of the Regulation on the basic conditions for the access of persons with disabilities to technologies, products and services related to the information society and social media, approved by Royal Decree 1494/2007, of November 12.

3. In any case, the consultation provided for in the preceding paragraph shall take place within the framework of the provisions of Article 37 of Law 30/1992, of November 26, 1992, on the Legal Regime of the Public Administrations and Common Administrative Procedure.

CHAPTER II

Universities Section

Article 8. *Registration of Universities.*

In the Universities section, the entries relating to the Universities shall be made, each of them corresponding to a registry entry in which the data set forth in the following article shall be recorded.

Article 9. *Content of the registry entries relating to Universities.*

1. The registration in the Universities section must contain the following data:

a) Registry code: For the purposes of identification, the person responsible for the management of the Registry, as referred to in Article 6 of this Royal Decree, will grant a registry code to each of the Universities.

b) Full name.

c) Address.

d) Date and instrument of creation or recognition.

e) Public, private or Church ownership.

f) Responsible educational administration.

g) Nature of the Center.

Communication of registry data relating to Universities.

1. The registry data referring to the Universities, as well as any modification thereof, shall be transferred to the RUCT by the Rector of the University, except for the following

The competent body of said Educational Administration shall be responsible for the transfer of such acts, as well as any other acts of an equivalent nature that may be adopted by the same.

2. Without prejudice to the provisions of the preceding article, the Ministry of Science and Innovation shall be responsible for transferring to the RUCT the registry data referring to the Universities referred to in section 1.b) of article 4 of Organic Law 6/2001, of December 21, 2001, on Universities, as well as any modification thereof.

3. The RUCT will transfer to the competent body of the autonomous communities the entries that are registered, referring to the universities belonging to their respective areas of competence.

CHAPTER III

Centers Section

Article 11. *Registration of Centers.*

In the Centers section, the registrations relating to the university centers shall be made, each of them corresponding to a registry entry in which the data set forth in the following article shall be recorded.

Article 12. *Content of the registry entries relating to Centers.*

1. The registration in the Centers section must contain the following data:
 - a) Registry code: For identification purposes, a registry code will be assigned to each of the Centers.
 - b) Name.
 - c) University to which it is linked.
 - d) Nature of the linkage.
 - e) Address.
 - f) Date and instrument of creation.
 - g) Its nature of School, Faculty, Department, University Research Institute or other center or structure integrated or attached to a University.
 - h) In the case of University Research Institutes, the entities that constitute it.

Communication of registry data relating to Centers.

1. The registry data referring to the Centers, as well as any modification that they may undergo, will be transferred to the RUCT by the Rector of the University, except for those relating to their creation or recognition, or to their suppression or revocation, or modification of the original constitutive act by the responsible Educational Administration, whose transfer will correspond, if applicable, to the competent body of said Educational Administration, as well as any acts of an equivalent nature that may correspond to the same.

2. Without prejudice to the provisions of the preceding article, the Ministry of Science and Innovation shall be responsible for transferring to the RUCT the registry data referring to the Universities referred to in section 1.b) of article 4 of Organic Law 6/2001, of December 21, 2001, on Universities, as well as any modification thereof.

3. The RUCT will transfer to the competent body of the Autonomous Communities the entries that are registered, referring to the universities belonging to their respective areas of competence.

CHAPTER IV

Titles Section

Article 14. Registration of titles.

In the Titles section, entries shall be made in the respective subsection, each title corresponding to a registry entry in which the data set forth in the following article shall be recorded.

Article 15. Content of the registry entries relating to official titles.

1. The registration in the section of Titles must contain the following data:
 - a) Registry code: For purposes of identification, a registry code will be assigned to each title.
 - b) Title of the degree. In the case of Bachelor's and Master's degrees, the field of knowledge to which they are attached must be indicated.
 - c) University or center issuing the degree.
 - d) Agreement of the Council of Ministers establishing the official nature of the degree with indication of the date of publication in the "Official State Gazette".
 - e) In the case of the qualifications referred to in Article 2.2.d) of this Royal Decree, the rule by which the corresponding equivalence is declared.
2. The inscription in the section of Titles must contain the following complementary data:
 - a) Center or centers where the courses are taught.
 - b) Type of courses leading to the degree (face-to-face, blended, distance learning).
 - c) Number of places reserved for new students.
 - d) Minimum number of European credits of enrollment per student and academic period and, where appropriate, the rules of permanence in the courses.
 - e) In the case of undergraduate degrees, the system of recognition and transfer of credits with other courses of the same nature.
 - f) General and specific competencies that students must acquire in order to obtain the degree.
 - g) The information to be included in the European Diploma Supplement in accordance with article 4 of Royal Decree 1044/2003, of August 1.
 - h) The structure of the courses leading to the degree, including in this point the name and description of the modules or subjects that make up the curriculum in the terms provided in section 5.3 of Annex I of Royal Decree 1393/2007, which establishes the organization of official university education, their content in European credits (ECTS) and their compulsory or optional nature.
 - i) If applicable, the conditions or special access tests.
 - j) The procedures, including the system of recognition and accumulation of European credits, for the organization of the mobility of own and host students.
 - k) The timetable for the implementation of the degree and the procedures for the adaptation of students from previous courses to the new curriculum.
3. In the case of joint titles, the registration in each of the two previous sections will be made according to this condition.
4. The competent body for the management of the RUCT will differentiate, through the corresponding computerized means, the access to the registry data referring to titles according to whether they correspond to paragraph 1 or paragraph 2 of this article.

Communication of registry data relating to official titles.

1. Once the agreement referred to in Article 26.1 of Royal Decree 1393/2007, of October 29, 2007, has been published in the Official State Gazette, the person in charge of the RUCT will proceed with the registration referred to in the preceding article.

2. The Universities, after obtaining the authorization of the autonomous community and the verification by the Council of Universities under the terms provided for in article 28 of Royal Decree 1393/2007, of October 29, 2007, shall notify the RUCT of the modification of the registration data relating to their degrees.

Article 17. *Registration of non-official degrees.*

1. The Ministry of Science and Innovation, following a report from the Council of Universities and the General Conference on University Policy, will adapt the conditions and criteria for access to the registration of these degrees.

2. The Universities may request the registration, for information purposes, of the non-official degrees they offer.

3. The content of the registry entries relating to these degrees shall be governed, as far as applicable, by the provisions of this Royal Decree for the case of official university degrees.

Article 18. *Responsibility for the registered data.*

The responsibility for the information contained in the data registered in the RUCT corresponds to the University, the Educational Administration or the competent body in each case to transfer such data to the RUCT, except in those cases in which it is attributable to the Registry itself.

First Additional Provision. *National Registry of Universities, Centers and Teaching.*

The information registered in the National Register of Universities, Centers and Teaching, created by Royal Decree 1282/2002, of December 5, 2002, will be incorporated into the RUCT upon the entry into force of this Royal Decree.

Second additional provision. *Other registry entries.*

The Ministry of Science and Innovation may establish, following a report from the Council of Universities and the General Conference on University Policy, the conditions and criteria under which registry entries other than those contemplated in this regulation may be recorded in the sections referred to in Article 2.1 of this Royal Decree.

Third additional provision. *Human and material resources.*

The provisions contained in this Royal Decree will not entail an increase in public expenditure, and the management of the aforementioned Registry will be assumed with the human and material resources available to the Ministry of Science and Innovation.

Sole derogatory provision. *Repeal of Royal Decree 1282/2002.*

Royal Decree 1282/2002, of December 5, 2002, regulating the National Register of Universities, Centers and Education, is hereby repealed.

First final provision. *Authorization for regulatory development.*

The Minister of Science and Innovation is empowered to issue, within the scope of his powers, as many provisions as may be necessary for the application and development of the provisions of this Royal Decree.

Second final provision. *Competent title.*

This Royal Decree is issued pursuant to the provisions of Article 149.1.30 of the Spanish Constitution and in use of the mandate conferred on the Government by the twentieth additional provision of Organic Law 6/2001, of December 21, 2001, on Universities.

Third Final Provision. *Entry into force.*

This Royal Decree shall enter into force on the day following its publication in the Official Gazette.
"Boletín Oficial del Estado".

Given in Madrid, on September 12, 2008.

JUAN CARLOS R.

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<p>This consolidated text has no legal value.</p>
