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The Organic Law 8/2013, of December 9, 2013, for the Improvement of Educational Quality (LOMCE) modifies the requirements for access and admission to official Degree courses from the title of Baccalaureate or equivalent, from the title of Higher Technician in Vocational Training, Higher Technician in Plastic Arts and Design or Higher Sports Technician as well as for students coming from foreign educational systems.

In this new regulation, the passing of the university entrance exam as a requirement for access to official undergraduate university studies disappears and the possession of the degree that gives access to the university is established as a requirement: high school diploma or equivalent degree, diploma or studies, and degrees of Higher Technician in Vocational Training, Higher Technician in Plastic Arts and Design, or Higher Sports Technician.

In addition, according to the new wording of Article 38 of the Organic Law 2/2006, of May 3, 2006, on Education, the Universities are the ones who determine, in accordance with different assessment criteria, the admission to these courses of those students who have obtained the degree that gives access to the university.

The evaluation criteria and admission procedures established by the Universities are also applicable to students from foreign educational systems. In the case of European Baccalaureate and International Baccalaureate graduates and students from educational systems of European Union member states or other states with which international agreements applicable in this respect have been signed, on a reciprocal basis, accreditation of the corresponding degree is established as a requirement for access and the same admission criteria are established as may be established by the Universities for students in possession of a degree from the Spanish Educational System.

Students coming from educational systems belonging to countries with which international agreements have not been signed for the recognition of degrees on a reciprocal basis may access official undergraduate studies after having their studies approved by the corresponding Spanish ones, in accordance with the specific admission criteria established by the Universities and regulated in this Royal Decree.

This new regulation requires, in accordance with the provisions of article 42 of Organic Law 6/2001, of December 21, 2001, on Universities, in its wording introduced by Organic Law 8/2013, of December 9, 2013, that the Government, following a report from the General Conference on University Policy, establish the basic rules for the admission of students applying for admission to university centers, always with respect for the principles of equality, merit and ability and in any case in accordance with the provisions of Article 38 of Organic Law 2/2006, of May 3, 2006, on Education.

In accordance with this mandate, the purpose of this Royal Decree is to establish the basic regulations for admission procedures to official undergraduate university studies. It also establishes the timetable for the implementation of this procedure, determines the criteria and conditions for the maintenance of the grade obtained in the university entrance exam and establishes a transitional period until the general implementation of these new regulations.

Regarding the implementation schedule, this new system of admission to official undergraduate university studies will be applicable to students who have obtained the Baccalaureate degree of the Spanish Educational System regulated in Organic Law 8/2013, of December 9, and who access these studies as of the 2017-2018 academic year. For students in possession of the titles of Higher Technician in Vocational Training, Higher Technician in Plastic Arts and Design or Higher Sports Technician, as well as for students coming from foreign educational systems, the new criteria for access and admission to official undergraduate university studies will be applicable as of the 2014-2015 academic year.

For this transitional period covering the 2014-2015 to 2016-2017 academic years, this royal decree regulates specific admission criteria that Universities may apply to guarantee admission under equal conditions.

This Royal Decree is in line with the regime of distribution of competences between the State and the Autonomous Communities. University access falls within the field of higher education, in accordance with the Constitutional Court's ruling 207/2012, of November 14, 2012. In this matter, in addition to the regulation of the conditions for obtaining, issuing and homologation of academic degrees, the State has the power to dictate basic rules for the development of article 27 of the Constitution, in order to guarantee compliance with the obligations of the public authorities in this matter, although this power must be understood, in accordance with the constitutional and statutory framework, to be limited to the basic content of the same.

This Royal Decree has the character of a basic regulation and is issued under the protection of Article 149.1.30 of the Constitution, which attributes to the State the competences for the regulation of the conditions for obtaining, issuing and homologation of academic and professional degrees and basic rules for the development of Article 27 of the Constitution, in order to guarantee compliance with the obligations of the public authorities in this area.

In the processing of this Royal Decree, the autonomous communities have been consulted within the General Conference on University Policy and the Conference on Education, the Council of Universities, the State School Council and the State University Student Council.

By virtue thereof, at the proposal of the Minister of Education, Culture and Sports, after approval of the Minister of Finance and Public Administrations, in agreement with the Council of State and after deliberation of the Council of Ministers at its meeting held on June 6, 2014,

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CHAPTER I

General Provisions

Article 1. *Purpose and scope of application.*

The purpose of this Royal Decree is to establish the access requirements and the basic regulations regarding admission procedures to official undergraduate university education, in accordance with the criteria established in articles 38 and 69 and the thirty-third and thirty-sixth additional provisions of Organic Law 2/2006, of May 3, 2006, on Education.

Article 2. *Definitions.*

For the purposes of this Royal Decree, the following definitions shall apply:

a) Admission requirements: set of requirements necessary to study official undergraduate university studies in Spanish universities. The fulfillment of these requirements is prior to admission to the university.

b) Admission: the awarding of places offered by Spanish universities for undergraduate university studies to those who, meeting the admission requirements, have applied for them. Admission can be made directly after applying for a place, or through an admission procedure.

c) Admission procedure: a set of actions aimed at awarding the places offered by the Spanish Universities for official undergraduate university studies to those who, fulfilling the access requirements, have applied for them. The actions may consist of tests or evaluations, but also in the assessment of the documentation that accredits the previous training, interviews, and other formats that the Universities may use to assess the merits of the candidates for the places offered.

CHAPTER II

Access to official undergraduate university studies

Article 3. Access to official undergraduate university studies.

1. Those who meet any of the following requirements may be admitted to official undergraduate university studies at Spanish universities, under the conditions determined for each case in this Royal Decree:

a) Students in possession of the Bachiller's degree of the Spanish Educational System or other declared equivalent.

b) Students in possession of the European Baccalaureate diploma or the International Baccalaureate diploma.

c) Students in possession of titles, diplomas or studies of Baccalaureate or Baccalaureate from educational systems of Member States of the European Union or other States with which international agreements applicable in this regard have been signed, on a reciprocal basis.

d) Students in possession of degrees, diplomas or studies homologated to the Baccalaureate degree of the Spanish Educational System, obtained or carried out in educational systems of States that are not members of the European Union with which international agreements have not been signed for the recognition of the Baccalaureate degree on a reciprocal basis, without prejudice to the provisions of article 4.

e) Students in possession of the official titles of Higher Technician of Vocational Training, Higher Technician of Plastic Arts and Design or Higher Sports Technician belonging to the Spanish Educational System, or titles, diplomas or studies declared equivalent or homologated to such titles, without prejudice to the provisions of article 4.

f) Students in possession of degrees, diplomas or studies, other than those equivalent to the degrees of Bachiller, Higher Vocational Training Technician, Higher Technician in Plastic Arts and Design, or Higher Sports Technician of the Spanish Educational System, obtained or carried out in a Member State of the European Union or in other States with which international agreements applicable in this respect have been signed, on a reciprocal basis, when such students meet the academic requirements demanded in said Member State for access to its Universities.

g) Persons over twenty-five years of age who pass the entrance exam established in this Royal Decree.

h) Persons over forty years of age with work or professional experience related to education.

i) Persons over forty-five years of age who pass the entrance exam established in this Royal Decree.

j) Students in possession of an official university degree of Bachelor's, Master's or equivalent degree.

k) Students in possession of an official university degree of University Diploma, Technical Architect, Technical Engineer, Graduate, Architect, Engineer, corresponding to the previous university education system or equivalent degree.

l) Students who have completed partial foreign or Spanish university studies, or who, having completed foreign university studies, have not obtained their recognition in Spain and wish to continue their studies at a Spanish university. In this case, it will be an indispensable requirement that the corresponding university has recognized at least 30 ECTS credits.

m) Students who were able to access the university according to the Spanish Educational System regulations prior to the Organic Law 8/2013, of December 9.

2. Within the scope of their competences, the educational Administrations may coordinate the procedures for access to the Universities in their territory.

Article 4. *Applications for homologation of the degree, diploma or study obtained or carried out in foreign educational systems in process.*

In all those cases in which the homologation of any degree, diploma or study obtained or carried out in foreign educational systems is required for university access, the Universities may conditionally admit students who can prove that they have submitted the corresponding application for homologation while the procedure for such homologation is being resolved.

CHAPTER III

Admission to official undergraduate university studies

Article 5. *General principles of admission to official undergraduate university studies.*

1. Admission to official undergraduate university studies will be carried out with respect for the principles of equality, non-discrimination, merit and ability.

2. All university admission procedures must be carried out under conditions of accessibility for students with disabilities and in general with special educational needs. The educational administrations will determine the necessary measures to guarantee the access and admission of these students to official undergraduate university studies under equal conditions. These measures may consist of the adaptation of times, the elaboration of special examination models and the provision of material and human resources, assistance and support and technical aids that the student may need to carry out the evaluations and tests established by the Universities, as well as the guarantee of accessibility of the information and communication of the procedures and the physical space where they are carried out. The determination of such measures shall be carried out, where appropriate, on the basis of the curricular adaptations that were applied to the student in the previous educational stage, for whose knowledge the educational Administrations and the educational centers shall collaborate.

3. In the case of students in possession of a degree, diploma or study obtained or carried out in foreign educational systems, the Universities may carry out the evaluations established in the admission procedures in English, or in other foreign languages.

In the assessment of previous education in the admission procedures, the different subjects of the curriculum of the foreign educational systems will be taken into account.

4. Students who meet the requirements regulated in the current regulations for access to undergraduate university studies may apply for a place in the Spanish universities of their choice.

5. Students who, having begun their university studies at a given center, have passed at least six ECTS credits and have temporarily abandoned them, may continue them at the same center without the need to participate in any admission process, without prejudice to the rules of permanence that the university may have established.

Article 6. *Maximum number of vacancies.*

The Government, by virtue of Article 44 of Organic Law 6/2001, of December 21, 2001, on Universities, with the prior agreement of the General Conference on University Policy, may, in order to comply with the requirements derived from Community Directives or international agreements, or for reasons of general interest also agreed upon at the General Conference on University Policy, establish maximum limits for the admission of students to the studies in question. These maximum limits of places shall affect all public and private universities.

Article 7. *Establishment of admission procedures, pre-enrollment deadlines and enrollment periods, and of the rules for establishing the order of priority in the awarding of places in public universities.*

1. The public universities will establish the evaluation criteria, the rules to be applied to establish the order of priority in the allocation of places and, where appropriate, the admission procedures.

2. The General Conference on University Policy shall ensure the right of students to apply to different Universities. To this end, before April 30 of each year, the General Conference on University Policy shall publish the maximum number of places offered by each of the public universities for each degree program and center for the following academic year. These places will be proposed by the Universities and must have the prior approval of the corresponding educational Administration.

Excluded from this rule are the defense university centers whose vacancies will be determined, each year, by the publication of the Royal Decree approving the provision of positions in the Armed Forces and the Higher Scale of Officers of the Civil Guard.

The General Conference on University Policy, depending on the dates set for the final evaluation of the Baccalaureate, will set the minimum pre-enrollment and enrollment deadlines in public universities to allow students to attend the offerings of all universities. The decision adopted by the General Conference on University Policy will be published in the "Official State Gazette".

No public University may leave vacancies previously offered, as long as there are applications for them that meet the requirements and have been formalized within the deadlines established by each University.

3. The educational administrations shall adopt the corresponding decisions within the scope of their competencies for the application of these measures.

4. The public universities shall make public the procedures to be applied for admission to the different official undergraduate university courses, their content, operating rules and the dates on which they are to be carried out, as well as the evaluation criteria and their weighting and scales, and the rules for establishing the order of priority in the awarding of places to be applied, at least one academic year in advance.

Article 8. *Coordination mechanisms between Universities.*

It is up to the Universities to adopt as many decisions as necessary for the application of the admission procedures regulated in this decree, as well as to establish coordination mechanisms among them.

Likewise, they may agree to jointly carry out all or part of the admission procedures, as well as the mutual recognition of the results of the assessments made in the admission procedures, with the scope they deem appropriate. The decisions adopted will be communicated to the General Conference on University Policy and to the Council of Universities.

Article 9. *Forms of admission to official undergraduate university studies.*

1. In any of the cases indicated below, the Universities may either determine admission to official undergraduate university studies using exclusively the criterion of the final grade obtained in the Baccalaureate, or establish admission procedures:

a) Students in possession of a high school diploma of the Spanish Educational System or declared equivalent.

b) Students holding the European Baccalaureate diploma in accordance with the provisions contained in the Convention establishing the Statute of the European Schools, done at Luxembourg on June 21, 1994; students who have obtained the International Baccalaureate Diploma, issued by the International Baccalaureate Organization, based in Geneva, Switzerland, and students in possession of diplomas,

diplomas or baccalaureate or baccalaureate studies from educational systems of member states of the European Union or other states with which international agreements applicable in this regard have been signed, on a reciprocal basis, provided that such students meet the academic requirements of their educational systems for access to their universities.

2. In the cases indicated below, the Universities will in all cases establish admission procedures for official undergraduate university studies:

a) Students in possession of the official titles of Higher Technician of Vocational Training, Higher Technician of Plastic Arts and Design, or Higher Sports Technician of the Spanish Educational System, or in possession of titles, diplomas or studies homologated or declared equivalent to such titles, without prejudice to the provisions of article 4.

b) Students in possession of degrees, diplomas or studies equivalent to the title of Bachelor of the Spanish Educational System, from educational systems of Member States of the European Union or those of other States with which international agreements applicable in this regard have been signed, on a reciprocal basis, when such students do not meet the academic requirements demanded in their educational systems for access to their Universities.

c) Students in possession of degrees, diplomas or studies, obtained or carried out in educational systems of States that are not members of the European Union with which international agreements have not been signed for the recognition of the Baccalaureate degree on a reciprocal basis, homologated or declared equivalent to the Baccalaureate degree of the Spanish Educational System, without prejudice to the provisions of article 4.

3. In the cases indicated below, the Universities may establish procedures for admission to official undergraduate university studies:

a) Students in possession of an official university degree of Bachelor's, Master's or equivalent degree.

b) Students in possession of an official university degree of University Diploma, Technical Architect, Technical Engineer, Graduate, Architect, Engineer, corresponding to the previous university education system or equivalent degree.

c) Students who have completed partial foreign or Spanish university studies, or who, having completed foreign university studies, have not obtained their homologation or equivalence in Spain and wish to continue their studies in a Spanish university. In this case, it will be an indispensable requirement that the corresponding University has recognized at least 30 ECTS credits.

d) Students who were able to access the university according to the Spanish Educational System regulations prior to the Organic Law 8/2013, of December 9.

e) Students in possession of degrees, diplomas or studies other than those equivalent to the degrees of Bachiller, Higher Vocational Training Technician, Higher Technician in Plastic Arts and Design, or Higher Sports Technician of the Spanish Educational System, obtained or carried out in a Member State of the European Union or in other States with which international agreements applicable in this respect have been signed, on a reciprocal basis, when such students meet the academic requirements demanded in said Member State for access to its Universities.

4. In the cases indicated below, students must meet the requirements indicated in this Royal Decree:

a) Persons over twenty-five years of age who pass the entrance exam established in this Royal Decree.

b) Persons over forty years of age who can prove work or professional experience related to education.

c) Persons over forty-five years of age who pass the entrance exam established in this Royal Decree.

Article 10. General admission procedures.

1. For the cases mentioned in section 1 of Article 9 of this Royal Decree, the admission procedures to official undergraduate university studies that may be established by the Universities will use one or some of the following assessment criteria:

- a) Modality and subjects taken in previous studies equivalent to the Baccalaureate Degree, in relation to the degree chosen.
- b) Grades obtained in specific subjects taken in courses equivalent to the Spanish Baccalaureate, or from the final evaluation of courses equivalent to the Spanish Baccalaureate.
- c) Complementary academic or professional training.
- d) Previous higher education.

In addition, exceptionally, they may establish specific knowledge and/or competence evaluations.

The weighting of the final grade obtained in the Baccalaureate or equivalent studies must have a value of at least 60% of the final result of the admission procedure.

2. For the cases mentioned in sections 2 and 3 of Article 9 of this Royal Decree, the admission procedures to official undergraduate university studies established by the Universities will use one or some of the following assessment criteria:

- a) Final grade obtained in the courses taken, and/or in specific modules or subjects.
- b) Relationship between the curricula vitae of previous degrees and the university degrees requested.

In addition, the official degrees of Higher Technician in Vocational Training, Higher Technician in Plastic Arts and Design and Higher Sports Technician will take into account their assignment to the branches of knowledge established in Royal Decree 1618/2011, of November 14, on the recognition of studies in the field of Higher Education, as well as the direct relations established between the aforementioned studies and the University Degrees.

- c) Complementary academic or professional training.
- d) Previous higher education.

In addition, they may exceptionally establish specific knowledge and/or competence evaluations.

3. After the publication of the results of the procedures, and in accordance with the deadlines and procedures determined by each University, students may file a complaint by means of a reasoned letter addressed to the corresponding University.

4. For the cases mentioned in section 4 of article 9, the admission criteria will be based on the evaluations obtained in the entrance exams and criteria of accreditation and scope of work or professional experience in relation to each of the teachings, included in this Royal Decree.

CHAPTER IV

Specific access and admission procedures

Section 1. " Persons over 25 years of age

Article 11. Access to official undergraduate university studies for persons over 25 years of age.

Persons over 25 years of age who do not have any academic degree that gives access to the university by other routes, may access the official undergraduate university education by passing an entrance exam. Only

Those who are or have reached 25 years of age in the calendar year in which the entrance examination is held may take the entrance examination.

Article 12. *University entrance exam for those over 25 years of age.*

1. The university entrance exam will be structured in two phases, one general and one specific.

2. The general phase of the test will be aimed at assessing the maturity and suitability of the candidates to successfully pursue university studies, as well as their reasoning and written expression skills. It will comprise three exercises in the following areas:

- a) Text commentary or development of a general current topic.
- b) Spanish language.
- c) Foreign language, to choose between German, French, English, Italian, Portuguese and German.

In the event that the exam is held in Universities within the scope of management of Autonomous Communities with another co-official language, the competent Autonomous Community may establish the compulsory nature of a fourth exercise referring to the co-official language.

3. The purpose of the specific phase of the test is to assess the skills, abilities and aptitudes of the candidates to successfully complete the different university courses linked to each of the branches of knowledge around which the official undergraduate degrees are organized. For this purpose, the specific phase of the test will be structured in five options linked to the five branches of knowledge: option A (arts and humanities); option B (sciences); option C (health sciences); option D (social and legal sciences) and option E (engineering and architecture).

4. The establishment of the general lines of the methodology, the development and the contents of the exercises that make up both the general phase and the specific phase, as well as the establishment of the criteria and formulas for their evaluation, will be carried out by each Educational Administration, after a report from the Universities in its area of management.

5. The organization of the entrance examinations will be the responsibility of the Universities, within the framework established by the Educational Administrations.

The candidate may take the entrance exam in as many Universities as he/she deems appropriate.

6. The candidate may take the specific phase in the option or options of his/her choice, and will have preference in admission to the University or Universities where he/she has taken the entrance exam and in the branch or branches of knowledge linked to the options chosen in the specific phase.

7. In order to carry out the exercises, candidates may use, at their choice, any of the official languages of the Autonomous Community in which they are taking the exam. However, the exercises corresponding to the Spanish language, the co-official language of the Autonomous Community and the foreign language must be carried out in the respective languages.

8. When registering for the entrance examination, candidates must state the foreign language chosen for the corresponding exercise of the general phase, as well as the option or options chosen in the specific phase.

9. After the publication of the qualifications, and in accordance with the deadlines and procedures determined by each Autonomous Community, the candidates may submit a claim by means of a reasoned letter addressed to the corresponding University.

Article 13. *Announcement of the entrance examination for persons over 25 years of age.*

1. The Universities will hold an annual entrance exam for students over 25 years of age, for each of the branches in which they offer courses.

2. Once the entrance examination has been passed, candidates may sit it again in successive calls, with the aim of improving their grade. The grade obtained in the new call will be taken into consideration, provided that it is higher than the previous one.

Article 14. Qualification of the entrance examination for persons over 25 years of age.

1. The qualification of the entrance examination, and of each of its exercises, will be carried out by the University, in accordance with the criteria and evaluation formulas established by the Educational Administration. The final grade will be determined by the arithmetic mean of the grades obtained in the general phase and the specific phase, graded from 0 to 10 and expressed to two decimal places, rounded to the nearest hundredth and in case of equidistance to the higher one.

2. It will be understood that the candidate has passed the entrance exam when he/she obtains a minimum of five points in the final grade, and in no case may the candidate be averaged when a minimum score of four points is not obtained in both the general phase and the specific phase.

Article 15. Organizing Committee of the entrance examination for persons over 25 years of age.

1. The educational Administrations, together with the public Universities in their area of management, may set up an organizing committee for the university entrance examination for persons over 25 years of age, to which, among others, the following tasks shall be attributed:

- a) Coordination of the entrance exam.
- b) Adoption of measures to guarantee the secrecy of the procedure for the preparation and selection of the examinations, as well as the anonymity of the exercises performed by the candidates.
- c) Adoption of the necessary measures to guarantee the provisions of Article 12.7 of this Royal Decree.
- d) Appointment and constitution of tribunals in accordance with the principle of balanced presence of women and men.
- e) Resolution of claims.

2. In the event that an educational administration decides not to make use of the possibility provided for in this article, the entrance examination must in any case be held at a public university.

Section 2." Proof of work or professional experience.

Article 16. Access through accreditation of work or professional experience.

1. Candidates with work or professional experience related to education, who do not hold any academic degree that qualifies them to enter the university through other routes and who are or have reached the age of 40 in the calendar year in which the academic year begins, may access the university through this route.

2. Access will be granted for specific courses offered by a University, for which purpose the interested party will send the corresponding application to the University of his/her choice.

3. For the purposes of the provisions of this article, the Universities shall include in the report of the verified study plan, in accordance with the provisions of Royal Decree 1393/2007, of October 29, establishing the organization of official university education, the criteria for accreditation and scope of work or professional experience in relation to each of the teachings, in such a way as to enable applicants to be ranked. These criteria will include, in any case, a personal interview with the candidate, which may be repeated on successive occasions.

Section 3." Persons over 45 aros.

Article 17. Access for persons over 45 years of age.

1. People over 45 years of age who do not have any academic degree that qualifies them to access the university through other routes, may access the following programs

official undergraduate university studies by passing an adapted entrance exam, if they reach or have reached the aforementioned age in the calendar year in which said exam is held.

2. The purpose of the test will be to assess the maturity and suitability of the candidates to successfully pursue university studies, as well as their reasoning and written expression skills. It will comprise two exercises in the following areas:

- a) Text commentary or development of a general current topic.
- b) Spanish language.

In the event that the exam is held in Universities within the scope of management of Autonomous Communities with another co-official language, the competent Autonomous Community may establish the obligatory nature of a third exercise referring to the co-official language.

3. The organization of the entrance exams for persons over 45 years of age will correspond to the Universities that offer the courses requested by the interested party, within the framework established by the Educational Administrations.

4. Candidates must undergo a personal interview. The result of the interview must be approved as a necessary condition for the subsequent favorable resolution of access of the interested party.

5. The establishment of the general lines of the methodology, development and contents of the exercises that make up the test, as well as the establishment of the criteria and formulas for their evaluation, will be carried out by each Educational Administration, after a report from the Universities of the territorial scope of said Educational Administration.

6. In order to carry out the exercises, candidates may use, at their choice, any of the official languages of the Autonomous Community in which the center where they are being examined is located. However, the exercises corresponding to the Spanish language and the co-official language of the Autonomous Community must be carried out in the respective languages.

7. After the publication of the qualifications, and in accordance with the deadlines and procedures determined by each Autonomous Community, the candidates may submit a claim by means of a reasoned letter addressed to the corresponding University.

Article 18. *Announcement of the entrance examination for persons over 45 years of age.*

1. The Universities will hold an annual call for the entrance examination referred to in Article 17 of this Royal Decree.

2. Candidates may take the entrance exam for those over 45 years of age in each call at the Universities of their choice, as long as the studies they wish to pursue are available at those Universities; passing the entrance exam will allow them to be admitted only to the Universities where they have taken the exam.

3. Once the entrance examination has been passed, the candidates may apply again in successive calls at the same University, in order to improve their grade. The grade obtained in the new call will be taken into consideration, provided that it is higher than the previous one.

Article 19. *Qualification of the entrance examination for persons over 45 years of age.*

1. The qualification of the entrance examination for persons over 45 years of age, and of each of its exercises, will be carried out by each University, in accordance with the criteria and assessment formulas established by the Educational Administration. The final grade will be determined by the arithmetic mean of the grades obtained in the exercises, graded from 0 to 10 and expressed to two decimal places, rounded to the nearest hundredth and in case of equidistance to the higher one.

2. It will be understood that the candidate has passed the entrance exam when he/she obtains a passing grade in the personal interview, and a minimum of five points in the final grade, not being possible in any case to average when a minimum score of four points is not obtained in each exercise.

Article 20. *Organizing Committee of the entrance examination for persons over 45 years of age.*

1. The educational Administrations, together with the public Universities in their area of management, may set up an organizing committee for the university entrance exam for those over 45 years of age, to which, among others, the following tasks will be attributed:

- a) Coordination of the entrance exam.
- b) Adoption of measures to guarantee the secrecy of the procedure for the preparation and selection of the examinations, as well as the anonymity of the exercises performed by the candidates.
- c) Adoption of the necessary measures to guarantee the provisions of Article 17.6 of this Royal Decree.
- d) Appointment and constitution of tribunals in accordance with the principle of balanced presence of women and men.
- f) Resolution of claims.

2. In the event that an educational administration decides not to make use of the possibility provided for in this article, the entrance examination must in any case be held at a public university.

Section 4.º Persons with disabilities

Article 21. *Persons who present some type of disability.*

1. The commissions organizing the entrance exams will determine the appropriate measures to guarantee that students who present some type of disability can take the exam under the appropriate conditions of equality. This possibility will be expressly indicated in the announcement.

2. These measures may consist of the adaptation of times, the development of special examination models and the provision to the student of the material and human resources, assistance and support and technical aids required for the performance of the entrance examination, as well as the guarantee of accessibility of information and communication of the processes and the physical space where it is carried out.

3. The qualifying tribunals may request reports and collaboration from the competent technical bodies of the educational administrations, as well as from the centers where the students with disabilities have studied, which must report on the curricular adaptations made.

CHAPTER V

**Specific criteria for the awarding of vacancies by the Universities
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Article 22. *Establishment by the public universities of the order of priority.*

The Universities shall establish the order of priority in the awarding of places to be applied, which in any case must respect the percentages of reserved places set forth in this chapter.

Likewise, they may establish quotas of reserved places and different rules of priority according to the different forms of access and admission to official undergraduate university studies.

Article 23. *Percentages of reserved seats.*

1. Of the total number of places offered by the public universities for each degree and center, at least the percentages referred to in articles 24 to 28, both inclusive, must be reserved.

2. The reserved places that remain unfilled in accordance with the provisions of the following articles will be allocated to the general quota and offered by the Universities in accordance with the provisions of Article 22 in each of the calls for admission, except as provided for high-level athletes in Royal Decree 971/2007, of July 13, 2007, on high-level and high-performance athletes.

3. Students who are eligible to apply for admission for more than one percentage of reserved places may make use of this possibility.

4. The arrangement and allocation of places within each quota will be carried out in accordance with the evaluation criteria established for this purpose.

Article 24. *Places reserved for persons over 25 years of age.*

For students who have passed the university entrance exam for those over 25 years of age, a number of places of no less than 2% will be reserved.

Article 25. *Places reserved for those over 45 years of age and for those over 40 years of age who can prove work or professional experience.*

For those persons accessing official undergraduate university studies after passing the university entrance exam for those over 45 years of age or the accreditation of work or professional experience referred to in Article 16, the Universities will reserve a number of places of no less than 1 percent and no more than 3 percent.

Article 26. *Places reserved for students with disabilities.*

At least 5 percent of the places offered will be reserved for students with a recognized degree of disability equal to or greater than 33 percent, as well as for those students with permanent special educational needs associated with personal circumstances of disability, who during their previous schooling have required resources and support for their full educational normalization.

For this purpose, students with disabilities must present a certificate of qualification and recognition of the degree of disability issued by the competent body of each Autonomous Community.

Article 27. *Places reserved for high-level and high-performance athletes.*

The reservation of places for high-level and high-performance athletes shall be governed by the provisions of Article 9.1 of Royal Decree 971/2007, of July 13, 2007, on high-level and high-performance athletes.

A minimum percentage of 3 percent of the places offered by the Universities will be reserved for those who can prove their status as high-level or high-performance athletes and meet the corresponding academic requirements.

The centers that impart the studies and teachings referred to in the fourth paragraph of section 1 of article 9 of Royal Decree 971/2007, of July 13, on high-level and high-performance athletes, will reserve an additional quota equivalent to at least 5 percent of the places offered for these athletes, and this quota may be increased. The quotas of reserved places will have to be maintained in the different calls made throughout the year.

Article 28. *Places reserved for students with a university degree or equivalent.*

For students already in possession of an official university degree or equivalent, a number of places will be reserved of not less than 1 percent and not more than 3 percent.

Change of university and/or official Spanish university studies.

1. Applications for places from students with partial official Spanish university studies who wish to be admitted to another university and/or official Spanish university studies and who have a minimum of 30 ECTS credits recognized in accordance with the provisions of this Law.

The decisions of the Rector of the University, in accordance with the criteria determined by the Governing Council of each university, will be resolved by the Rector of the University, in accordance with the criteria determined for this purpose by the Governing Council of each university.

2. Applications for places from students with partial official Spanish university studies who wish to be admitted to another university and/or official Spanish university studies and who do not have a minimum of 30 ECTS credits recognized in accordance with the provisions of article 6 of Royal Decree 1393/2007, must be included in the general admission process.

3. The awarding of a place in another university will give rise to the transfer of the corresponding academic record, which must be processed by the university of origin, once the interested party accredits having been admitted to another university.

4. For high-level and high-performance athletes who are forced to change their residence for sporting reasons, the necessary measures will be taken so that they can continue their training in their new place of residence, in accordance with the provisions of section 10 of article 9 of Royal Decree 971/2007, of July 13, on high-level and high-performance athletes.

Admission of students with foreign university studies.

1. Applications for places from students with partial or total foreign university studies who have not obtained the homologation or equivalence of their degrees, diplomas or studies in Spain will be resolved by the Rector of the University, in accordance with the following rules:

a) Applications for places from students with foreign university studies to which a minimum of 30 ECTS credits are recognized will be resolved by the University Rector, who will act in accordance with the criteria established by the Governing Council, which, in any case, will take into account the university transcript.

b) The recognized subjects will have the equivalence in points corresponding to the grade obtained in the center of origin, in accordance with the equivalences established by the Ministry of Education, Culture and Sports between the grades of said foreign systems and those of the Spanish Educational System; the recognition of ECTS credits in which there is no grade will not be taken into account for weighting purposes.

Students who do not obtain recognition of at least 30 ECTS credits will be able to access Spanish universities in accordance with the provisions of this Royal Decree.

2. Applications for places from students with total foreign university studies who have obtained the homologation or equivalence of their degrees, diplomas or studies in Spain shall be resolved under the same conditions as those established for those who meet the requirement referred to in article 3.1.j) and k).

The average grade of the academic record of the interested parties will be obtained in accordance with the equivalences established by the Minister of Education, Culture and Sports between the grades of said foreign systems and those of the Spanish Educational System.

First additional provision. *National University of Distance Education (UNED).*

In the case of the UNED, the Government is responsible for exercising the powers attributed to the educational Administrations in this Royal Decree.

Second additional provision. *Admission to the official undergraduate university courses taught in the system of university defense centers.*

Admission to the official undergraduate university courses taught in the system of defense university centers provided for by Law 39/2007, of November 19, 2007, on military careers, will require, in addition to the general requirements established by said Law for admission to the corresponding military educational training center, the following

fulfillment of the access and admission requirements established in this Royal Decree, with the following particularities:

1. The results of the specific evaluations carried out within the admission procedures to the military educational training centers for access to the officer scales of the General Corps of the Armies and the Marine Corps and to the higher scale of officers of the Civil Guard will be valid for admission to any of the three Defense University Centers.

2. The reserve quotas referred to in Articles 24 to 28, both inclusive, of this Royal Decree will not be applied to the total number of places offered for the defense university centers.

Third additional provision. *Students in possession of degrees, studies and diplomas obtained prior to the entry into force of Organic Law 8/2013, of December 9, for the Improvement of Educational Quality.*

1. Those students who have passed the university entrance exam established in article 38 of Organic Law 2/2006, of May 3, prior to its modification by Organic Law 8/2013, of December 9, will maintain the grade obtained in the same in the following terms:

a) The grade obtained in the general phase of the university entrance exam will be valid indefinitely as a requirement for access and admission to official undergraduate university studies.

b) The grade of the subjects of the specific phase will be valid as a requirement for access and admission to official undergraduate university studies during the two academic years following the passing of these subjects.

Likewise, and with the purpose of improving the grade obtained in this entrance exam, these students may take the admission procedures established by the Universities, in accordance with the provisions of this Royal Decree.

2. Those students who had passed Spanish university entrance exams prior to the one established in Article 38 of Organic Law 2/2006, of May 3, prior to its amendment by Organic Law 8/2013, of December 9, will maintain the grade obtained indefinitely, although they may apply to the admission procedures set by the Universities, in accordance with the provisions of this Royal Decree, with the aim of improving the grade obtained in this entrance exam.

3. Those who have not passed any university entrance examination and have obtained the Baccalaureate degree prior to the implementation of the final Baccalaureate evaluation established in Article 37 of Organic Law 2/2006, of May 3, as amended by Organic Law 8/2013, of December 9, may directly access official undergraduate university studies, although they must pass the admission procedures established by the Universities.

4. Students coming from foreign education systems who have passed the university entrance exam established in the Order EDU/473/2010, of February 26, 2010, which establishes the procedure for access to official undergraduate university studies for students coming from foreign education systems with studies homologated to the Spanish Baccalaureate degree, will maintain the grade obtained in the same in the following terms:

a) The grade obtained in the general phase will be valid indefinitely as a requirement for access and admission to official undergraduate university studies.

b) The grade of the subjects of the specific phase will be valid as a requirement for access and admission to official undergraduate university studies during the two academic years following the passing of these subjects.

Students may apply to the admission procedures set by the Universities to improve their qualification.

Fourth additional provision. *Timetable for implementation.*

The admission procedures for official undergraduate university studies regulated in this Royal Decree will be applied as of the following academic years:

- a) As of the 2017-2018 academic year, to students who have obtained the Baccalaureate degree of the Spanish Educational System in accordance with the wording of Article 37 of Organic Law 2/2006, of May 3, introduced by Organic Law 8/2013, of December 9.
- b) As of the 2014-2015 academic year, to the rest of the students.

Single transitory provision. *Academic years 2014-2015 to 2016-2017.*

1. Without prejudice to the provisions of the fourth additional provision, for admission to official undergraduate university studies at Spanish Universities in the 2014-2015, 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 academic years, the Universities may use as an assessment criterion in the admission procedures the passing of the subjects of the university entrance exam and the grade obtained in the same.

In order to take the university entrance exam, the provisions of chapters II, III and IV of Royal Decree 1892/2008, of 14 November, which regulates the conditions for access to official undergraduate university studies and the admission procedures to Spanish public universities, on the entrance exam to official undergraduate university studies for those who hold a baccalaureate degree or equivalent, will be taken into account, except with regard to the syllabus on which the exercises of the specific test for the admission of students who are in possession of a degree of Higher Technician of Vocational Training or artistic education, or Higher Sports Technician, whose content will be that established for the curriculum of the subjects of modality of the second year of Baccalaureate according to the distribution made by the educational Administrations, according to the assignment to the branches of knowledge contained in Annex I of Royal Decree 1892/2008, of November 14.

2. The deadline established in article 7.2 for the General Conference on University Policy to make public the maximum number of places offered by each public university for each degree program and center for the 2014-2015 academic year shall end on June 30, 2014.

3. The deadline established in article 7.4 for public universities to publish the procedures they will apply for admission to the different official undergraduate university courses and the dates on which they will be carried out, as well as the assessment criteria and the rules for establishing the order of priority in the awarding of places that they will apply in the 2014- 2015 academic year, will end on June 30, 2014.

4. The regulation of the tests for persons over 25 and 45 years of age contained in articles 11 to 15 and 17 to 20 of this Royal Decree will begin to apply in the access to the 2015-2016 academic year; for the access to the 2014-2015 academic year, the regulation contained in Royal Decree 1892/2008, of November 14, will apply.

5. For admission to official undergraduate university studies at Spanish Universities in the 2014-2015, 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 academic years, the Universities may use as an assessment criterion in the admission procedures the credential for access to the Spanish University issued by the Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia (UNED), in accordance with the requirements established in Order EDU/1161/2010, of May 4, which establishes the procedure for access to the Spanish University by students coming from educational systems to which Article 38.5 of the Organic Law 2/2006, of May 3, on Education, for the students indicated in Article 9.1.b) of this Royal Decree.

Sole derogatory provision. *Repeal of regulations.*

Royal Decree 1892/2008, of November 14, 2008, which regulates the conditions for access to undergraduate university education and admission procedures to Spanish public universities, is hereby repealed, without prejudice to the provisions of the fourth additional provision of this Royal Decree.

First final provision. *Competent title and basic nature.*

This Royal Decree has the character of a basic regulation and is issued under the protection of Article 149.1.30.a of the Constitution, which attributes to the State the powers to regulate the conditions for obtaining, issuing and homologation of academic and professional degrees and basic rules for the development of Article 27 of the Constitution, in order to ensure compliance with the obligations of the public authorities in this area.

Second final provision. *Development and execution.*

1. It is incumbent upon the Minister of Education, Culture and Sports to issue, within the scope of his competences, as many provisions as may be necessary for the development and execution of the provisions of this Royal Decree.

2. The application of the provisions contained in this Royal Decree will not result in an increase in public budget allocations, personnel costs, staff allocations or their remuneration.

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 June 6, 2014.

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