2019

There have been no reforms to date in this area.

2018

Amendment of the Act on vocational education

The Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the Slovak Republic prepared an amendment of the Act on vocational education, which amends and supplements the Act no. 61/2015 Coll. on vocational education and training.

The amendment reacted to the requirements of the application practice, particularly in connection with the system of dual education. The amended act became effective as of 01.09.2018

An overview of the most important changes in the amendment:

- it removed the reduction of normative funds for practical training,
- it amended deadlines for submitting applications for verification of competence,
- replaced the submission of some documents with declarations of honour,
- in defined cases, it made it possible to make a contract until 31. January of the respective year,
- it introduced the institute of a Company school and the position of the chief instructor,
- it amended the competences of self-governing regions in determining the number of secondary school classes.

2017
National programme for development of education “Learning Slovakia”

In March 2017, an expert advisors team of the minister of education presented the National programme for development of education “Learning Slovakia” (Národný program rozvoja výchovy a vzdelenia “Učiace sa Slovensko” [1]), which is becoming a basis for the implementation of the reform into the school system reform. At the same time, the draft of the document was subjected to review by professional and lay public, whose comments will be gradually incorporated.

Issues concerning adult education are dealt with in several places in the document. Recommendation 7-02.03 talks about the development of further education at higher education institutions as a part of lifelong learning. Target 3-09 Support of further education of adults expects an in-depth analysis of the causes of low participation of adult population in further education. At the same time, it also deems it important to set, implement and administrate two specific tools for support of further education of adults - individual educational accounts and 25% employee training cost deduction for businesses.

National programme for development of education will continue to be implemented as a series of action plans on a yearly basis.

Action plan of the National Programme for Development of Education for 2017


The action plan contains a list of specific tasks for this year including detailed information and deadlines. It represents another important step in achieving targets of the national programme.

The action plan contains two tasks directly connected with adult education. The ministry should prepare a proposal of various alternatives of implementation of a working and efficient system of co-financing of lifelong learning. The second task is to prepare a pilot version of the online testing tool for skills evaluation of adult population in Slovak language “Education and skills of the adult population” (so called PIAAC online). Both tasks have to be completed by the end of 2017.

Legislation references

National Council of the Slovak Republic, 2015. Act no. 61/2015 on vocational education and training and on the change and supplement to some acts (Zákon č. 61/2015 o odbornom vzdelávaní a priprave a o zmene a doplnení niektorých zákonov [3]) (Last accessed 15/05/2019).