

## Information on the change in form of medical diplomas

Due to change in regulations in the higher education system, diplomas awarded in 2013 will be issued in two different forms. Students having begun their studies prior to 2006 will be given a brown hardcover diploma (approx. A/5 in size) bearing the title “általános orvos” (Nr. Tü. 1150/E/SZTE/ÁOK. r. sz.). Those students who have begun their medical studies either in 2006 or after that, will be awarded the A/4-size “Bologna type” diploma with the title “okleveles orvosdoktor”. Even though the Hungarian title will be different from now on, the title on diplomas in English remains unchanged: “Doctor of Medicine”.

The reason behind the change are the revisions in the regulations that follow. According to article 112, paragraphs (1) and (2) of the Act on national higher education (2011. CCIV.), the studies that were begun in agreement with the Hungarian Act 1993 and 2005 on higher education must be completed without any alteration in requirement, exam-regulation or *type of diploma*.

On the basis of the 36/1996. (III. 5.) government decree on graduate qualification requirements (in effect between September 1, 1996 and March 1, 2006), the title of the qualification in the diploma is “általános orvos” in the university-level medical program. The diploma issued is a typographically produced form, filled in with the student’s personal and examination data manually.

The shift to the Bologna system has ended, as a part of which the Ministry of Education decree Nr. 15/2006 (IV. 3) “On the educational and educational exit requirements regarding bachelor and master degrees” was enacted. As of May 31, 2010, the modification of said decree has changed the title of the qualification to “okleveles orvosdoktor”. From 2006, the “Bologna-diploma” was introduced, which is a locally printed document, containing data acquired from the student-database of the educational institution. As a consequence of the duration of the medical training, it is the first time – in 2013 – that the University of Szeged, Faculty of Medicine issues such a diploma.

**The same qualification is gained by holding either one of the two diplomas above in spite of the differences in their form and naming.**

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