



# GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA

## **RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO 149 OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA OF 1 MARCH 2017 ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LAW OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA ON HIGHER EDUCATION AND RESEARCH**

14 March 2018 No 248

Vilnius

The Government of the Republic of Lithuania has **r e s o l v e d** :

To amend Resolution No 149 of the Government of the Republic of Lithuania of 1 March 2017 on the implementation of the Law of the Republic of Lithuania on Higher Education and Research:

1. To amend the preamble and to set it forth to read as follows:

“Pursuant to Article 42(1), Article 44(1), Article 52(10), Article 53(8), (13), Article 75(2), (3), (4), Article 77(7), (13), (14), Article 79(1), and Article 83(4) of the Law of the Republic of Lithuania on Higher Education and research, the Government of the Republic of Lithuania has **r e s o l v e d** :”.

2. To supplement with subparagraph 3.9:

“3.9. Description of the procedure for the implementation requirements and supervision of the veterinary medicine residency study programmes”.

Prime Minister

Saulius Skvernelis

Minister of Education and Science

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APPROVED  
by Resolution No 248 of the  
Government of the Republic of  
Lithuania of 14 March 2018 m

## **DESCRIPTION OF THE PROCEDURE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION REQUIREMENTS AND SUPERVISION OF THE VETERINARY MEDICINE STUDY PROGRAMMES**

### **CHAPTER I GENERAL PROVISIONS**

1. Description of the procedure for the implementation requirements and supervision of the veterinary medicine residency study programmes (hereinafter – the Description) defines the veterinary medicine residency organisation, implementation and supervision procedure.

2. The terms used in the Description:

2.1. **Cycle** (module) – means a part of the veterinary medicine residency study programme during which a veterinary medicine resident, with the support of a veterinary medicine resident's supervisor (hereinafter – the resident's supervisor), acquires practical skills and experience in the relevant type of the veterinary medicine practice (specialisation), and is evaluated.

2.2. **Residency base** – means a university providing the veterinary medicine residency, or a legal entity, other organisation, or a subdivision (branch, representative office) of a legal entity or other organisation, assessed and selected by the university, to carry out a part of the veterinary medicine residency study programme.

2.3. **Veterinary medicine resident** – means a veterinary surgeon studying under the veterinary medicine residency study programme in the field of veterinary studies.

3. Other terms used in the Description shall be understood as defined in the Law of the Republic of Lithuania on Higher Education and Research.

### **CHAPTER II DURATION, ORGANISATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE VETERINARY MEDICINE RESIDENCY STUDY PROGRAMME**

4. The duration of the veterinary medicine residency programmes shall be 2 years. If the university intends to run a new veterinary medicine residency study programme, the university shall apply to the State Food and Veterinary Service, which shall issue a conclusion to the University and the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Lithuania on the need for specialists.

5. The total volume of the theoretical and practical part of a one-year veterinary medicine residency study programme shall be 66 study credits.

6. The study objectives linked to the expected learning outcomes shall be clearly formulated in the veterinary medicine residency study programme.

7. The veterinary medicine residency study programme consists of a theoretical part (25 %) and the veterinary medicine resident's practice (75 %), divided into cycles (modules). Up to 5 % of the content of the veterinary medicine residency study programme may be reserved for the study subjects chosen by the veterinary medicine resident.

8. Admission to the veterinary medicine residency shall be open to persons holding a master's degree in veterinary sciences, a qualification of a veterinary surgeon (or an equivalent higher education qualification) and a valid veterinary practice licence.

9. The university shall implement the veterinary medicine residency according to the residency regulation drawn up in compliance with the Law of the Republic of Lithuania on Higher Education and Research and the present Description.

10. The theoretical part of the veterinary medicine residency shall be run by the university.

11. The veterinary medicine residency practice shall be carried out at the residency base during the veterinary medicine residency study programme cycle (module). The veterinary medicine residency practice may consist of several cycles (modules).

12. A part of the veterinary medicine residency study programme may also be carried out in higher education institutions or clinical bases in foreign countries on the basis of agreements concluded by the university.

13. The residency base shall enable the veterinary medicine resident to acquire the necessary practical skills and experience.

14. The procedure for conducting and evaluating the final examination of the veterinary medicine residency study programme shall be determined by the university.

### **CHAPTER III**

#### **VETERINARY MEDICINE RESIDENCY STUDY PROGRAMME COORDINATOR AND RESIDENCY SUPERVISOR**

15. The coordination, organisation of and responsibility for the progress of the veterinary medicine residency shall be vested in the coordinator of each veterinary medicine residency study programme appointed by the university head or a person authorised thereby.

16. The coordinator of the veterinary medicine residency study programme shall:

16.1. propose, according to the procedure established by the university, the candidatures of the supervisors of the residents;

16.2. draw up individual study plans for veterinary medicine residents in accordance with the relevant veterinary medicine residency study programme and control their fulfilment.

17. A university lecturer or researcher with a master's degree in veterinary science and a veterinary surgeon's qualification (or an equivalent higher education qualification) and at least 5 years' experience in the field of practice of veterinary medicine corresponding to the specialisation of the type of practice of veterinary medicine sought by the veterinary medicine resident shall be appointed as the resident's supervisor.

18. The supervisor of the resident shall:

18.1. supervise the veterinary medicine resident during the cycle (module) of the residency study programme;

18.2. coordinate the activities of the veterinary medicine resident, taking into account the theoretical knowledge, practical skills and abilities acquired by the veterinary medicine resident, in order to ensure that they are consistent with the veterinary medicine residency study programme;

18.3. inform the coordinator of the veterinary medicine residency study programme about the progress of the veterinary medicine residency study programme cycle (module), violations of professional ethics in veterinary medicine committed by the veterinary medicine resident, if any;

18.4. at the end of the cycle/module, evaluate the practical skills and competences acquired by the veterinary medicine resident according to the procedure laid down in the residency regulation.

19. The resident's supervisor may supervise not more than 4 veterinary medicine residents at a time.

#### **CHAPTER IV**

#### **RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE VETERINARY MEDICINE RESIDENT**

20. The rights and responsibilities of the veterinary medicine resident shall be determined by this Description, the residency regulation, the study agreement between the university and the veterinary medicine resident, and the practical training agreement.

21. Rights of the veterinary medicine resident:

21.1. to carry out the relevant activities having acquired, according to the procedure laid down in the Description, the necessary theoretical knowledge, practical skills and abilities

for the type of veterinary medicine practice (specialisation) and having received a written permission from the head of the residency base and the resident's supervisor;

21.2. to refuse in writing to carry out the instructions of the resident's supervisor if the resident does not have the necessary competence.

22. Responsibilities of the veterinary medicine resident:

22.1. to comply with the internal rules and legal acts of the university and the residency base governing the activities of the veterinary surgeon, as well as with the principles of ethics for veterinary surgeons;

22.2. to carry out the tasks set out in the veterinary medicine residency study programme according to individual study plans.

## **CHAPTER V SUPERVISION OF VETERINARY MEDICINE RESIDENCY STUDY PROGRAMMES**

23. The supervision of veterinary medicine residency study programmes shall encompass the monitoring of the delivery of studies, internal quality assurance, external evaluation and accreditation of studies, and continuous improvement of studies.

24. The responsibility for the internal quality of the implementation of the veterinary medicine residency (hereinafter – the internal quality), monitoring and continuous improvement of the studies shall lie with the university. The internal quality shall be ensured by applying the internal quality assurance system approved by the university.

25. The external evaluation and accreditation of the veterinary medicine residency study programme shall be carried out by the Centre for Quality Assessment in Higher Education. The procedure for external evaluation and accreditation of the veterinary medicine residency study programme shall be established by the Minister of Education and Science of the Republic of Lithuania.

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