

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND HIGHER EDUCATION

Minister’s Office

Order No. 7761/2017

The awarding of merit scholarships to higher education students with exceptional academic performance in the course they attend was introduced in 1998, aimed solely at students of initial training courses at public higher education institutions.

In 2009, through Order n. 13531/2009 (2nd series), of 9 June, the awarding of merit scholarships was extended to the private higher education as well as to students enrolled in Master’s degrees and courses of technological specialization. Considering that, since that date, a new training typology was created within higher education, namely the Advanced Professional Technical Courses (Cursos Técnicos Superiores Profissionais - TeSP), it becomes relevant to adapt the rules of scholarships awards to this new reality. In this revision, it is also important to ensure the eligibility of students enrolled in Technological Specialization Courses taught at higher education institutions, until the final date for their discontinuation, set for December 31, 2016.

Thus, this Dispatch aims at amending the Regulation of Scholarship Grants for Students of Higher Education Institutions, highlighting the following changes:

- a) The extension of merit scholarships awards to students enrolled in Advanced Professional Technical Courses (TeSP);
- b) Changes in the transfer procedures of the scholarships’ amounts, which is now made by the Directorate-General for Higher Education directly to the student;

The opportunity is taken to introduce specific amendments aimed at clarifying aspects related to the award year of the scholarship as well as to update designations of entities and instruments by virtue of the current framework.

Thus:

Under the provision of Article 22(2) of Law no. 37/2003, of August 22, as amended by Law no. 49/2005 of August 30 and by article 20(6) of Law no. 62/2007, of September 10, I do hereby determine:

Article 1 Amendment

Articles 3, 5, 8, 9, 11 and 13 of the Merit Scholarships Allocation Rule for Students of Higher Education Institutions, approved by Order no. 13531/2009 (2nd series) of June 9, shall be replaced by the following:

“Article 3 [...]

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- e) In a Advanced Professional Technical Course.
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Article 5 [...]

- a) In the academic year to which the scholarship award refers to, the students will have been approved in all the curricular units in the study plan of the curricular year;
- b)

Article 8 [...]

1. Within the time limit set by Article 16, the Directorate-General for Higher Education shall communicate to each higher education institution the maximum number of merit scholarships that can be awarded in that institution, based on the official statistical

information provided by the Directorate-General for Statistics on Education and Science.

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Article 9 [...]

3 - Merit scholarships are awarded annually, by each institution of higher education, to those who, in the academic year in which the scholarship was awarded, have performed exceptionally, to the limit referred to in Article 7.

Article 11 [...]

- c)
- i)
- ii)
- iii)
- (iv) The international bank account number (IBAN) necessary for the bank transfer to be processed.
- d)

Article 13 [...]

Within the period established according to article 16, the Directorate-General for Higher Education shall pay the merit scholarship, directly to the student, by bank transfer, to the international bank account number (IBAN) designated by the latter.”

Article 2 Implementation

The provisions set forth in this order shall enter into force on the following workday to its publication.

August 8, 2017. - The Minister of Science, Technology and Higher Education, Manuel Frederico Tojal de Valsassina Heitor.

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