

Limitation on starting a second degree

As a general rule, the limitation on starting a second degree means that you can no longer be admitted to one of KEA's fulltime higher education programmes if you already have a Danish degree at the same or a higher level. On 19 December 2016, the Folketing (the Danish Parliament) passed a bill on limitation on starting a second degree. The new law will have effect from the summer intake 2017.

However, the new rules only apply to applicants who have completed a fully government-funded Danish higher education programme. Applicants with foreign degrees only are not affected.

See more here:

<https://ufm.dk/en/education-and-institutions/recognition-and-transparency/recognition-guide/admission-he>

In Danish: <https://ufm.dk/uddannelse-og-institutioner/indsatsomrader/begransning-af-dobbeltuddannelse>

Rules of exemption

According to the new rules on limitation on starting a second degree, you cannot be admitted to an academy profession programme or a professional bachelor programme, if you have already completed a Danish higher education programme at the same or a higher level. However, you can apply for exemption if you can document that:

- you are unable to use your degree in the labour market on health grounds, or
- your degree has been significantly altered or has ceased to exist, or
- you completed your previous degree at least six years before the study start of the academy profession programme or the professional bachelor programme applied for. The date of the issue of your degree certificate and the date of the start of the programme applied for are important in determining if you can be granted exemption.

Further, irrespective of the above and according to a transition rule, you can be admitted to an independent top-up bachelor programme if by 1 February 2017, at the latest, you were admitted to an academy professional programme at the same education institution offering the top-up programme and if the top-up programme is a natural top-up to the subject area of the academy profession programme.

You can write your own application for exemption and attach it to your application for admission to one of KEA's programmes. You must attach relevant documentation to your application for exemption.

If you are unable to use your previously completed higher education on health grounds, you must document this by a medical certificate.

If your previously completed higher education programme has been significantly altered or has ceased to exist, you must document this by a statement from your previous place of education.

If you completed your previous Danish higher education more than six years ago, you must attach your exam certificate as documentation.

Legal framework

The rules on limitation of starting a second degree are stipulated in the Danish Ministerial Order:

[Bekendtgørelse nr. 107 af 27/01/2017 om adgang til erhvervsakademiuddannelser og professionsbacheloruddannelser, § 13,](#)

Under the authority of the following act: [Lov nr. 1742 af 27/12/2016 om ændring af lov om adgangsregulering ved videregående uddannelser](#)