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**PART ONE  
INTRODUCTORY PROVISIONS**

**Article 1  
Basic provisions**

- (1) This Directive regulates the principles governing the creation and implementation of joint degree programmes between Tomas Bata University in Zlín (hereinafter referred to as "TBU") and a foreign higher education institution operating in accordance with legal regulations of the country, in which the foreign higher education institution resides (hereinafter referred to as the "collaborating foreign higher education institution").
- (2) Studies in joint degree programmes are provided for in the relevant provisions of the Act No. 111/1998 Coll., on Higher Education Institutions and on Alterations and Amendments to Other Acts (Higher Education Act), as amended (hereinafter referred to as the "Act"), internal regulations of TBU, internal regulations of the foreign higher education institution and legal regulations of the country, in which the foreign higher education institution resides.

**PART TWO  
PRINCIPLES GOVERNING THE CREATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF JOINT  
DEGREE PROGRAMMES**

**Article 2  
Principles Governing the Creation and Implementation of Joint Degree Programmes**

- (1) The requirements for cooperation are provided for in an agreement concluded by the higher education institutions involved, which may particularly regulate admission to studies, specify details regarding the organization of the part of studies taken at the foreign higher education institution and the requirements for the completion thereof, details regarding the documents evidencing the completion of the given part of study and regarding the possible recognition of the examination taken or of other academic requirements fulfilled at the foreign higher education institution, details regarding the possible foreign academic degree to be jointly awarded and details concerning the academic rights and responsibilities of students in accordance with the internal regulations of the higher education institution and with the legal regulations of the country, in which the studies are carried out.

- (2) Graduates from joint degree programmes shall be awarded an academic degree in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Act and, eventually, also an academic degree conferred by the foreign higher education institution in accordance with the legal regulations of the relevant country. The name of the collaborating foreign higher education institution, and, eventually also the fact that the awarded foreign academic degree is a jointly awarded academic degree conferred also at the foreign higher education institution shall be specified in the degree certificate.
- (3) The accreditation of a joint degree programme carried out in collaboration with a foreign higher education institution shall adhere mainly to the Government Decree on Standards for Accreditation in Higher Education, the Methodological Material of the National Accreditation Bureau for Higher Education (hereinafter referred to as “NAB”) for the Submission of Specific Applications for Accreditation of Degree Programmes and to internal regulations of TBU (Rules Governing the Creation, Approval, Implementation of and Alterations to Degree Programmes Carried Out at TBU and the supporting Rector’s Directive – TBU Degree Programme Standards).
- (4) In addition to the application including all attachments and a complete self-evaluation report, the agreement on cooperation with the foreign higher education institution and information about the accreditation system and the status of processing of the application for accreditation abroad, including the name of the accreditation authority to which the collaborating foreign higher education institution has submitted the application for accreditation, shall also be submitted to the NAB.

**PART THREE  
FINAL PROVISIONS**

**Article 3  
Final provisions**

- (1) This Directive replaces and abrogates the Rector’s Directive No. 1/2012 Principles Governing the Creation and Implementation of Joint Degree Programmes of the Double/Multiple/Joint Degree Type as of 1 January 2012.