

Clarification 1: Taking in consideration the changes in postgraduate education system in Romania over the last years, namely the fact that the duration of the postgraduate studies was reduced up to a period of 3 years and in order for these to be recognized it is mandatory to complete a 2 years master program, please confirm that the requirement “Postgraduate academic studies” applies to experts who graduated according to the current regulation of the academic system. Please confirm also that a diploma certifying the completion of a university stage of 4-5 years by an expert, together with other specialized courses is satisfying the requirement.

Answer 1: In order to fulfill the requirement represented by the term “**Postgraduate academic studies**”, the experts must have completed postgraduate academic studies as required by article 70, para. (1) and (2) of Educational Law No. 84/1995 – with subsequent modifications and completions, as follows:

“**Art. 70. – (1)** Postgraduate education ensures the specialization in the field or development and improvement of knowledge recognized by the diploma earned after completion of academic studies.

(2) Postgraduate education is organized in academic institutions and in schools for postgraduate studies, accredited for this purpose and is accomplished through: elaborated specialist studies, master studies, postgraduate academic studies, PhD studies, postgraduate studies for specialization and postgraduate training courses.”