

BRIEFING

ON GRADUATION CEREMONIES AND DOCTORAL INAUGURATIONS

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Published in the edition of 24 June 2021 of the Hungarian Gazette and in force from 25 June 2021, 350/2021. (VI. 24.) Government Decree on the legislation on the exemption on the requirement of passing a language exam during a state of emergency, and Government Decree 351/2021. (VI. 24.) on the rules for holding graduation and inauguration events in higher education institutions during a state of emergency.

In view of the referred legislations, the JOKT amends its Briefing for Graduation Events issued on 3 June 2021 as follows.

- 1. 1. According to the referred legislation, participation in a graduation ceremony without a protection certificate is permitted, and attendee's protection or vaccination against the virus may not be examined.
- 2. Deans of the faculties, and heads of the institutes holding a special status may continue to organize graduation ceremonies according to the preparations that have already commenced. Within this framework, based on the previously prepared ceremonies and their registered participants, the number of attendees simultaneously present at the event is established, which can also be determined by declaring the range of participants at the ceremony. In view of the increase in the number of students affected, a new date may be envisaged, or the number of participants in the previously organized ceremonies may be increased. It is the duty of the deans or the heads of the institutes holding a special status to examine the maximum number of participants, and to ensure compliance with the rules of conduct.
- 3. In view of the above, the following rules shall apply to graduation ceremonies:
 - a) Events may be entered within pre-determined participant limits.
 - b) The opening and closing of the event (entry, exodus) and the ceremony should be organized in a way that avoids congestion, allowing participants to keep their distance.
 - c) At an indoor event, guests are required to wear a mask. Should the law abolish the general obligation to use a mask indoors, the University still recommends that participants cover their noses and mouths with a mask during the ceremony.
 - d) Attendees shall not be required to provide their protection certificate and shall not be required to provide any proof of protection against the virus.
- 4. In areas not covered by the above rules, the departments may act in accordance with traditions during the awarding of diplomas and the inauguration of the doctoral degree in law.
- 5. To those students not attending the graduation ceremony for any reason, diplomas will be delivered by post.
- 6. In accordance with the advanced preparations, the doctoral inauguration is organized with the personal presence of the inaugurates, university management, and the organizers. Guests can follow the event through live broadcasting. The oath may be taken in writing, and on this basis the

inauguration may take place outside of the official ceremony, upon the request of those who wish to not appear at the inauguration ceremony due to the epidemiological emergency.

7. Otherwise, the rules of the <u>JOKT Briefing issued on 3 June 2021</u> will continue to apply.

Congratulations to our graduates and we wish you a successful career.

Budapest, 30th of June 2021.

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