



## ACCREDITATION EVALUATION OF SEMMELWEIS UNIVERSITY

### I. Accreditation outcome

<b>SEMMELWEIS UNIVERSITY</b>	<b>HAC Decision 2015/8/V/2</b> <b>A (accredited)</b> The University is accredited until <b>31 December 2020</b> , <i>subject to continuous compliance with the institutional accreditation requirements</i>
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#### Reasoning

Pursuant to the relevant sections of Act CCIV of 2011 on National Higher Education (HE Act) and in line with the accreditation requirements of the HAC, **Semmelweis University is accredited by the HAC as a university**. In the context of compliance with the laws and the accreditation requirements, the HAC established the following<sup>1</sup>:

- The institution has at least **three** university faculties (in reality it has **5**).
- The institution's teaching activities<sup>2</sup> are aligned with the structure specified by the HE Act;<sup>3</sup> there are at least **two** fields of study<sup>4</sup> (in reality: **3**) in which the institution is entitled to offer master programmes, and at least **two** disciplines<sup>5</sup> (in reality: **3**) in which it is entitled to offer doctoral studies and grant a doctoral degree. It also offers postgraduate specialisation programmes.
- It has a permanent staff of researchers and teachers necessary to carry out its tasks: it employs at least **sixty** percent of the teachers and researchers necessary for its core activities under a labour contract or as a public employee (**1177 out of 1596 persons: 74%**).
- At least **fifty** percent of the teachers and researchers employed under a labour contract or as a public employee possess a doctoral degree (**803 out of 1177: 68%**).
- It maintains student research societies.
- Some of its study programmes are delivered in a foreign language.
- It possesses the physical resources required for teaching and scientific research (a suitable building with an arrangement of spaces that makes it appropriate for the relevant functions; auditoriums, seminar rooms, institutional library, IT background, relevant access right, laboratory, rooms for experiments and practical training, instruments, as well as dormitory capacities, sport and cultural establishments and eating facilities for students), as well as the requisite funds.
- The institution's documents<sup>6</sup> are substantially existing and available.
- **The Institution's quality assurance<sup>6</sup> and development principles and processes** - including its management, planning, checking, measurement and evaluation processes - *having regard also to the comments specified in Chapters 2 and 3* - are well-defined and integrate both centralised and decentralised elements.

<sup>1</sup> The HAC completed its assessment on the basis of the Act on National Higher Education in effect on 31 August 2015. The amendment of Section 9(3) of the HE Act as of 1 September 2015 introduced new criteria for the 'university' status, which existing universities must meet by 1 September 2017.

<sup>2</sup> See the list of study programmes in the *Annex*

<sup>3</sup> Section 6(2) of the HE Act: at least four programmes are offered in at least two fields of study or disciplines or branches of art, at any of the following combination of levels: bachelor, bachelor and master, bachelor, master and doctoral, or master and doctoral.

<sup>4</sup> Relevant fields of study: **medical and health sciences; social sciences; humanities**

<sup>5</sup> Relevant disciplines: **medical sciences, social sciences, natural sciences**.

<sup>6</sup> Deed of foundation; mission statement; organogram; institutional development plan; research and development and innovation strategy; rules of organisation and operation; quality assurance policy; the institution's action plan based on the previous accreditation, and its implementation