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Regarding the request with which you have approached this ministry and in connection with verification of “the validity of the diplomas”, we draw attention to the following:

The Ministry of Education and Sport issued a decision number: I 612-00-232/2002-04 from 13. 10. 2003 which allowed the University of Novi Pazar to start its work and its activities.

The decision was issued on the basis of Article 12 Paragraph 3 of the Law on University (“Official Gazette of RoS”, No. 21/02, which proposed that the Ministry of Education and Sport determines whether the conditions for the start of the work and the activities of the universities and faculties and Article 192 Paragraph 1 of the Law on General Administrative Procedure, with which it is determined that on the basis of the established facts determined in the proceedings, the body responsible for resolving, issues a decision on an administrative matter that is the subject of proceedings.

Entering into force of the Law on Higher Education (Official Gazette of RoS”, No. 76/05, 100/07- authentic interpretation and 97/08), an obligation arose for all the institutions that have initiated activities in higher education in accordance with the previous regulations, i.e. based on the decision of the Ministry of the fulfilment of the conditions for starting the work and the activities, to comply with the law their organization, conditions and the manners of work.

With the transitional and final provisions of Article 116 paragraphs 2 and 4 of the Law on Higher Education it was established that until the completion of the procedure of accreditation and licensing, it would be considered that the universities, colleges or academies of art within the university, who received the decision on the fulfilment of the conditions for commencement of the work and activities until the entry into force of the law, have the permission to work, and that the teaching plans and programs that these higher education institutions perform are considered approved or accredited.

The University of Novi Pazar filed, to the National Council for Higher Education – The Commission for Accreditation and Quality Assurance, a request for accreditation of a higher education institution and study programmes, in accordance with the schedule established by the Commission, and this process is in progress.

Until the completion of the accreditation procedure and obtaining of a work permit, the University carries out the activities of higher education, including the issuance of public documents on the acquired higher education in accordance with Article 116 of the Law on Higher Education and the decision of the Ministry no.: I 612-00-232/2002-04 from 13/10/2003.

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