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Directive VŠTE No. 3/2026 on the Basic Principles of Assuring and Evaluating the Internal Quality System (Smernica VŠTE č. 3/2026 o východiskových princípoch zabezpečovania a hodnotenia vnútorného systému kvality)

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PART ONE

Article 1 Introductory Provision

1. This internal regulation defines the principles of assuring and evaluating the internal quality system of the educational, creative and other related activities of the Institute of Technology and Business in Prešov (hereinafter "VŠTE in Prešov") in accordance with Article 11(5) of the Statute of VŠTE in Prešov, in accordance with Section 31(1)(b) of Act No. 300/2025 Coll. on Higher Education and on Amendments to Certain Acts (Higher Education Act) (hereinafter the "Act") and Section 3 of Act No. 269/2018 Coll. on Quality Assurance in Higher Education and on Amendments to Act No. 343/2015 Coll. on Public Procurement and on Amendments to Certain Acts, as amended (hereinafter the "Quality Assurance Act").

2. This internal regulation is also supported by the Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance in the European Higher Education Area ESG 2015, by the standards of the Slovak Accreditation Agency for Higher Education (hereinafter "SAAVŠ"), in particular the Standards for the Internal Quality Assurance System of Higher Education, Educational Programmes Leading to a Micro-credential and Short-Cycle Study Programmes (effective from 1 September 2026), the Standards for the Study Programme and the Standards for Habilitation and Inaugural Procedures, and takes into account further national, European and international standards concerning the assurance and evaluation of the internal quality system of higher education institutions.

Article 2 Assurance and Evaluation of the IQS

1. In assuring and evaluating the internal quality system of VŠTE in Prešov (hereinafter the "IQS"), the development of VŠTE in Prešov is supported. This is an understanding of development in the European conception of the quality of higher education, and further of scientific, research, development, innovation and other creative activity, which contribute to the development of the individual as well as to his or her preparation for life in today's globalised society. It is also development which supports academic and research staff, their own growth and their cooperation with students in the academic environment. Finally, in terms of supporting the development of quality, no less important is the preparation of graduates who are able to find employment on both the national and the international labour market, who are able to implement the latest knowledge in their work, and who will know how to preserve, disseminate and further advance the results achieved so far by humanity in the scientific, technical, cultural and social fields.

2. Quality assurance in higher education falls within the self-governing competence of VŠTE in Prešov (Section 17(1) of the Act).

3. Quality means the fulfilment of the standards that VŠTE in Prešov places on the activities it carries out, in accordance with its mission and objectives.

4. Quality assurance means, for VŠTE in Prešov, systematic and structured care for the quality of education, of scientific, research, development, innovation, creative and other related activities, as well as the maintenance and improvement of these activities.

5. Quality evaluation means, for VŠTE in Prešov, the verification of the degree of fulfilment of objectives and compliance with standards through the performance of activities that are set for VŠTE in Prešov in advance.

6. The assurance and evaluation of the IQS stems from the definition of the mission and objectives of VŠTE in Prešov as set out in its Statute, and also from the concept of the development of VŠTE in Prešov formulated in the long-term strategic plan, in the strategies for the development of science and research and of education, in the strategy of internationalisation, of environmental sustainability, of equal treatment and protection against discrimination, and of further creative or artistic activity of VŠTE in Prešov.

7. The above assurance and evaluation of the IQS responds continuously to current suggestions from the academic community of VŠTE in Prešov, to suggestions from the other constituent parts of VŠTE in Prešov and to suggestions from other stakeholders.

8. In assuring and evaluating the IQS of its activities, VŠTE in Prešov cooperates with other higher education institutions, with other scientific institutions, with state and public administration bodies, with SAAVŠ, with the internal and external assessors (stakeholders) of the Convent of VŠTE (Konvent VŠTE) (hereinafter the "Convent") and with other relevant bodies.

9. The assurance and evaluation of the IQS takes place in the context of the fields of study and areas of education that are carried out at VŠTE in Prešov and its constituent parts.

10. The assurance and evaluation of the IQS is carried out according to the organisational structure in Annex No. 1.

11. The main responsibility for the quality of the ongoing processes connected with the assurance and evaluation of the IQS lies with the Rector of VŠTE in Prešov, who is at the same time the Chair of the Convent. The Rector of VŠTE in Prešov is represented, to the extent determined by the Rector, by a Vice-Rector, who is at the same time the Vice-Chair of the Convent. The competence, bodies and main activities of the Convent are defined in its Statute. This Statute is a separate internal regulation of VŠTE in Prešov.

12. The Vice-Rector designated by the Rector, in cooperation with other officials and bodies of VŠTE in Prešov, discusses in particular:

- a) the development of the overall concept of assuring and evaluating the IQS,
- b) the preparation of methodological guidelines for VŠTE in Prešov and its constituent parts,
- c) the preparation of strategic materials submitted for discussion and approval to the institution's collegiate bodies,

- d) materials concerning the IQS and materials requiring a decision of the Rector in relation to the IQS,
- e) the coordination of the elaboration of the IQS assurance policy into measurable long-term and operational objectives of VŠTE in Prešov and its units,
- f) the ongoing evaluation of the results of monitoring in the field of IQS assurance in connection with the fulfilment of the adopted objectives and the adoption of positions in the event of their non-fulfilment,
- g) the preparation of annual reports on the quality of teaching activity, which are submitted for discussion to the management of VŠTE in Prešov,
- h) the preparation of annual reports on the quality of scientific and research activity, which are submitted for discussion to the management of VŠTE in Prešov,
- i) the carrying out of audits that monitor the adopted strategies and their further direction.

13. The Quality Manager, appointed by the Rector, is responsible for:

- a) coordinating the development, implementation and maintenance of the processes necessary for assuring and evaluating the IQS,
- b) raising awareness of the IQS at VŠTE in Prešov and its constituent parts,
- c) coordinating the carrying out of internal evaluations at VŠTE in Prešov,
- d) cooperating with the relevant control bodies in dealing with suggestions and complaints connected with the functioning of the IQS, its development and improvement,
- e) fulfilling further tasks assigned by the Rector.

14. The internal system and the internal regulations that constitute it (including this Directive) are approved, on the proposal of the Rector, by the Academic Senate of VŠTE in Prešov as the body determined by the Statute whose members also include students (Section 31(2)(b) of the Act); they are subsequently approved and issued by the Board of Trustees of VŠTE in Prešov. VŠTE in Prešov brings the internal system into line with a change of the SAAVŠ standards within 12 months of the entry into effect of the change of the standards and informs SAAVŠ thereof (Section 23(9) of the Quality Assurance Act).

Article 3 Principles of Assuring and Evaluating the IQS

1. The assurance and evaluation of the IQS respects the organisational culture and environment of VŠTE in Prešov and its constituent parts. It also respects the specific features in the field of education of the fields of study, scientific disciplines and areas of education carried out at VŠTE in Prešov.

2. The assurance and evaluation of the IQS is transparent and takes place in accordance with the substantive, professional and ethical criteria that form part of the relevant internal regulations of VŠTE in Prešov.

3. The assurance and evaluation of the IQS is based on qualitative and quantitative data that have been verified. The assurance and evaluation of the IQS must always respect the context and must consist in an assessment of the facts established.

4. The requirements from which the objectives of the IQS, including its assurance, stem are the following:

- a) fulfilment of requirements that are in accordance with the SAAVŠ standards,

– b) fulfilment of the intentions that form part of the strategic policies of VŠTE in Prešov, namely the long-term strategic plan of VŠTE in Prešov, the strategy for the development of education, science and research, the strategy of internationalisation and of environmental sustainability of VŠTE in Prešov,

– c) fulfilment of the main principles of the IQS policy through the following tools and supporting activities:

– i. the management of VŠTE in Prešov, in cooperation with the management of the individual units, bears institutional responsibility for the offer and provision of quality education and for the development of science and research,

– ii. the IQS assurance system, through the fulfilment of its principles, contributes to the fulfilment of the long-term and short-term objectives of VŠTE in Prešov,

– iii. the IQS assurance system is supported by the creativity and activity of all employees of VŠTE in Prešov and by good cooperation with the internal and external assessors (stakeholders) of the Convent and with representatives of practice and employers (Section 3(3)(a) point 5 of the Quality Assurance Act),

– iv. the IQS assurance system contributes to ensuring the inseparability of education from science and also relies on the results of the institution's own research and development,

– v. the IQS assurance system is based on and ensures compliance with national and international quality standards,

– vi. the concept of the IQS assurance system is built on a rationally functioning management system with an emphasis on quality, which contributes to the efficiency of the functioning of processes, to their improvement and to the production of their outputs in the required quality.

5. The assurance and evaluation of the IQS serves to support:

– a) the organisation of the IQS assurance system,

– b) academic integrity, academic freedoms and vigilance against possible academic fraud (Sections 101 and 102 of the Act),

– c) protection against any kind of intolerance and protection against discrimination of students or employees of VŠTE in Prešov,

– d) the management of VŠTE in Prešov and the management of its units,

– e) all employees and students, so that they continuously improve in the sense of enhancing the IQS,

– f) the involvement of internal and external assessors in the assurance of the IQS.

6. All stakeholders participate in the assurance and evaluation of the IQS and at the same time express their views on the results of the evaluation.

7. The assurance and evaluation of the IQS also relies on feedback from cooperating higher education institutions and other research institutions, from SAAVŠ, state and public administration bodies, the internal and external assessors of the Convent and other relevant bodies.

8. Part of every assurance and evaluation of the IQS is the carrying out of an internal evaluation, the aim of which is to establish whether the IQS of VŠTE in Prešov meets the set requirements, whether its implementation is effective and whether it is maintained.

9. The results of the evaluation, as well as the fulfilment of the adopted measures and the situation in the fulfilment of the adopted corrective and preventive measures, are the subject of annual evaluation reports.

10. Suggestions containing proposals for the creation and improvement of the objectives of the IQS may be submitted by all stakeholders throughout the year directly to the Quality Manager; suggestions from students are examined in accordance with the procedure under Section 3(3)(g) of the Quality Assurance Act and Directive VŠTE No. 10/2026 on the Involvement of Students in the IQS (Smernica VŠTE č. 10/2026 o zapojení študentov do VSK). These suggestions are then taken into account in the preparation of objectives for the next period.

11. The rules, procedures and criteria for assuring and evaluating the IQS are published and regularly updated (Section 18(1)(h) of the Act).

Article 4 Sources of the Assurance and Evaluation of the IQS

1. The assurance and evaluation of the IQS relies, as a rule, on:

- a) strategic, conceptual, balance, analytical and other documents or regulations of VŠTE in Prešov,
- b) data from the information systems and sources available at VŠTE in Prešov and also data from other publicly available sources,
- c) the institution's own evaluation reports concerning the IQS,
- d) expert assessments and evaluations,
- e) questionnaire surveys (including the anonymous questionnaire for students at least once a year under Section 91(1) of the Act),
- f) semi-structured interviews,
- g) indicators monitored in the annual reports of VŠTE in Prešov,
- h) the registers under the Quality Assurance Act and the registers under Sections 129 to 137 of the Act.

2. The assurance and evaluation of the IQS also relies on the documents and regulations approved by the Board of Trustees of VŠTE in Prešov, the Senate, the Scientific Board of VŠTE in Prešov or the Convent, which specify the particulars and procedures of assuring and evaluating the IQS.

PART TWO

System of Assuring and Evaluating the IQS of the Activities of VŠTE in Prešov

Article 5 Assurance and Evaluation of the IQS of Educational Activity in Study and Educational Programmes

1. The minimum requirements for assuring and evaluating the IQS of the educational activity of VŠTE in Prešov are determined in particular by the following acts:

- b) Act No. 300/2025 Coll. on Higher Education and on Amendments to Certain Acts (Higher Education Act),

– c) Act No. 269/2018 Coll. on Quality Assurance in Higher Education and on Amendments to Act No. 343/2015 Coll. on Public Procurement and on Amendments to Certain Acts, as amended,

– d) Act No. 292/2024 Coll. on Adult Education and on Amendments to Certain Acts,

– e) Decree of the Ministry of Education, Research, Development and Youth of the Slovak Republic No. 205/2026 Coll. implementing certain provisions of the Higher Education Act (in particular Sections 7 and 8 – credit system of studies),

– f) the conditions of admission to study,

– g) the approved accreditation file and teaching documentation,

– h) the Study Rules of VŠTE in Prešov (Directive VŠTE No. 21/2026) (Študijný poriadok),

– i) the Code of Ethics of VŠTE in Prešov (Directive VŠTE No. 5/2025) (Etický kódex),

– j) the directive on the creation, modification, approval and cancellation of study programmes and the submission of applications for the accreditation of study programmes and of fields of habilitation and inaugural procedures at VŠTE in Prešov (Directive VŠTE No. 4/2026),

– k) the directive on the quality assurance of educational programmes leading to a micro-credential (Directive VŠTE No. 12/2026),

– l) the SAAVŠ standards under Article 1(2).

2. Support for the development of the quality of educational activity in study programmes (hereinafter "SP") is carried out through:

– a) evaluation of SPs,

– b) feedback from members of the academic community and graduates on the quality of teaching, the organisation of studies, the study facilities and infrastructure,

– c) evaluation of final theses and final internships,

– d) monitoring of the conditions, course and results of the admission procedure and of studies, including ensuring equal access to the admission procedure and to studies, and the employability of graduates of SPs and feedback from employers (Section 3(3)(f) of the Quality Assurance Act).

3. Support for the development of the quality of educational activity in educational programmes leading to a micro-credential (hereinafter "EP") and in short-cycle study programmes under Section 66 of the Act, if VŠTE in Prešov provides them (Section 3(3)(q) and (r) of the Quality Assurance Act), is carried out in an appropriate manner in accordance with paragraph 2.

4. VŠTE in Prešov and its units plan, ensure, continuously monitor and, where necessary, improve the effectiveness of support services, the creation and availability of study literature, the quality of teaching technology, information systems and other available resources to support education (hereinafter "resources").

5. VŠTE in Prešov draws up a long-term development plan and other strategies in which it defines plans in the field of resources and of the material and technical provision of the educational and scientific-research activity of VŠTE in Prešov.

6. VŠTE in Prešov administers an academic library which provides the literature needed for the education of students.

7. The publishing activity of VŠTE in Prešov ensures the publication of works that enhance the quality of education and of the creative activity of VŠTE in Prešov.

8. VŠTE in Prešov provides students with access to the internet and, where necessary, also to computer equipment, and the premises of VŠTE in Prešov are covered by a Wi-Fi signal.

9. VŠTE in Prešov has at its disposal the academic information system AiS2 (hereinafter "AiS2"), within which students are provided with information concerning their studies and through which electronic communication and service of documents under Section 95 of the Act take place.

10. VŠTE in Prešov has study advisers appointed for the individual SPs, who are in charge of providing any assistance to students in choosing courses and in solving any problems.

11. For students with special needs, a coordinator operates at VŠTE in Prešov who provides students with support services according to the type of their special needs (Section 119 of the Act; Directive VŠTE No. 19/2026).

12. VŠTE in Prešov regularly monitors and improves the provision of support services that correspond to the educational needs of students, including counselling services under Section 120 of the Act.

13. The persons responsible for SPs carry out the assurance and evaluation of the IQS and of educational activity in SPs by means of an internal evaluation report on the SP. This evaluation is carried out at least once in a period corresponding to the standard length of the SP.

14. The persons responsible for EPs carry out the assurance and evaluation of the IQS and of educational activity in EPs in an appropriate manner in accordance with paragraph 13.

15. The material and procedural aspects of the organisation and course of assuring and evaluating the IQS of educational activity in SPs and also in fields of habilitation and inaugural procedures are laid down in the directive on the creation, modification, approval and cancellation of study programmes and the submission of applications for the accreditation of study programmes and of fields of habilitation and inaugural procedures at VŠTE in Prešov (Directive VŠTE No. 4/2026).

16. The material and procedural aspects of the organisation and course of assuring and evaluating the IQS of educational activity in EPs are laid down in the directive on the quality assurance of educational programmes leading to a micro-credential (Directive VŠTE No. 12/2026).

17. The relevant internal regulations (in particular Directive VŠTE No. 10/2026 on the Involvement of Students in the IQS and Directive VŠTE No. 5/2026 on the Criteria and Rules for the Assessment of Students) also lay down the rules for assuring and evaluating the IQS of educational activity in SPs by the students and graduates of VŠTE in Prešov.

18. Interest in studies, the conditions, course and results of the admission procedure, and the monitoring of the course and results of studies are carried out mainly on the basis of data from AiS2, feedback from students and graduates, and the evaluations of state examination boards as well as of employers.

19. The assurance and evaluation of the IQS of educational activity under this Article apply in full also to SPs and EPs delivered by the distance or blended method (Section 74 of the Act) and to all language versions of SPs, including education provided by VŠTE in Prešov under the trade name EUVERSA (Article 2(5) of the Statute of VŠTE in Prešov). For these programmes, VŠTE in Prešov provides the resources and support services referred to in paragraphs 4 to 12 in an equivalent electronic form, in particular through the e-learning environment of VŠTE in Prešov, remote access to the electronic information resources of the library and remote study advice and support services in the language in which the SP is delivered, and also evaluates quality in accordance with Article 12 of Directive VŠTE No. 26/2026 on the Distance Method and E-Learning (Smernica VŠTE č. 26/2026 o dištančnej metóde a e-learningu); the integrity of online examinations is ensured in accordance with Directive VŠTE No. 27/2026 on Online Examinations and Identity Verification (Smernica VŠTE č. 27/2026 o online skúškach a overovaní totožnosti). The accuracy and reliability of the artificial intelligence systems of VŠTE in Prešov used in education are evaluated in accordance with Article 7f(5) of Directive VŠTE No. 23/2026, and the report thereon forms part of the IQS.

Article 6 Assurance and Evaluation of the IQS of Creative Activity

1. VŠTE in Prešov assures and evaluates the conceptual development of creative activity primarily through strategies to support science, research and publishing activity.

2. The strategies to support science and research contribute to the development of the scientific disciplines carried out by VŠTE in Prešov and of its creative activity. They likewise contribute to the development of students, academic and research staff at the various stages of their scientific growth.

3. The preparation of strategies to support science and research is based, in addition to the mission, objectives and long-term strategic plan of VŠTE in Prešov, primarily on the evaluation of the implementation of existing strategies and on the results of creative activity achieved by VŠTE in Prešov in the period under review. The bodies of VŠTE in Prešov and, in particular, the academic and research staff of VŠTE in Prešov who are recognised professional authorities take part in the preparation.

4. The assurance and evaluation of the IQS of the creative activity of VŠTE in Prešov takes place according to groups of fields of study that are related in content to the SPs carried out in the individual areas of education. At the same time, VŠTE in Prešov organises the evaluation so that, where necessary, their interconnection between the individual units of VŠTE in Prešov is made possible.

5. The assurance and evaluation of the IQS of creative activity respects the specific features of the individual disciplines.

6. The assurance and evaluation of the IQS of creative activity at VŠTE in Prešov is based, as a rule, on:

- a) the institution's own evaluation report on creative activity (hereinafter the "report on creative activity"),
- b) an expert assessment of the results by independent, domestic or internationally recognised experts.

7. The report on creative activity, taking into account the specific features of the further constituent parts of VŠTE in Prešov or of the scientific disciplines carried out, as a rule describes and evaluates:

- a) the mission, vision and objectives in the field of creative activity,

– b) the strategic management of the development of creative activity,

– c) the measures adopted to support the development of creative activity,

– d) the link between creative activity and educational activity,

– e) staffing and the qualification growth of creative staff,

– f) student scientific and professional activity,

– g) the institutional, national and international scientific projects being carried out,

– h) the cooperation of individuals and units at institutional, national and international level,

– i) the social significance of the creative activity carried out,

– j) the most significant results achieved by the creative activity carried out,

– k) the method and results of the internal evaluation of creative activity,

– l) strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and risks in the field of creative activity.

8. The report on creative activity consists of the following documents:

– a) the report on teaching activity,

– b) the report on scientific and research activity.

9. Within the subject matter of the report on creative activity, the Convent may also request the preparation of other documents from the individual constituent parts of VŠTE in Prešov.

10. The report on creative activity is drawn up and discussed by the unit of VŠTE in Prešov. After discussion, the head of the department or unit forwards it to the Chair of the Convent for further discussion with the aim of assuring and evaluating the IQS of creative activities at VŠTE in Prešov in accordance with the quality standards.

11. The Chair of the Convent submits the report on creative activity to the Convent for discussion. The Scientific Board of VŠTE in Prešov may also be asked to discuss this report (Section 28(1) of the Act).

12. VŠTE in Prešov publishes the report on creative activity in the public part of the website of VŠTE in Prešov.

13. The report on creative activity serves as a basis for the development of scientific disciplines, in particular in relation to the preparation of the long-term strategic plan of VŠTE in Prešov and of the strategies to support education, science and research.

Article 7 Assurance and Evaluation of the IQS of Related Activities

1. The assurance and evaluation of the IQS of related activities means, for VŠTE in Prešov, the evaluation of those activities that support the educational and creative activity of VŠTE in Prešov.

2. The subject of the assurance and evaluation of the IQS of related activities may be understood as, in particular:

– a) the organisational management of VŠTE in Prešov,

– b) the use of the resources of VŠTE in Prešov (primarily financial and human resources),

– c) the infrastructure and material equipment of VŠTE in Prešov,

– d) information systems supporting the activities of VŠTE in Prešov,

– e) the information, counselling and support services of VŠTE in Prešov,

– f) services in the field of knowledge and technology transfer,

– g) the services of the academic library,

– h) the publishing and editorial activity of VŠTE in Prešov.

3. The assurance and evaluation of the IQS of related activities takes place, as a rule, after the drawing up of the long-term strategic plan of VŠTE in Prešov, the structure of which is decided by the management of VŠTE in Prešov.

4. In assuring and evaluating related activities, the activity of the units or constituent parts of VŠTE in Prešov that provide the related activities is assessed in particular.

Article 8 Strategic Documents, Regulations, Annual and Evaluation Reports of VŠTE in Prešov

1. The system of assuring and evaluating the IQS of VŠTE in Prešov comprises primarily the following acts:

– a) the long-term strategic plan of VŠTE in Prešov (Section 7(4) of the Act),

– b) the annual report on activities and the annual report on the financial management of VŠTE in Prešov (Section 18(1)(b) of the Act),

– c) the report on creative activity (consisting of the reports on teaching activity and on scientific and research activity),

– d) similar documents drawn up by other constituent parts of VŠTE in Prešov.

2. The main results of the report on the internal evaluation of the assurance of the IQS are described in the annual report on the activities of VŠTE in Prešov.

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Article 9 Assurance and Evaluation of the IQS of the Activities of VŠTE in Prešov

1. The Rector entrusts an employee of VŠTE in Prešov, as a rule one of the Vice-Rectors, with coordinating the activities connected with assuring and evaluating the IQS of VŠTE in Prešov.

2. The assurance and evaluation of the IQS of the activities of VŠTE in Prešov is carried out so as to meet the requirements of the Act, of Decree of the Ministry of Education, Research, Development and Youth of the Slovak Republic No. 205/2026 Coll., of the Quality Assurance Act, of Act No. 292/2024 Coll. on Adult Education and on Amendments to Certain Acts, of the SAAVŠ standards, of other legal regulations relating to the activities of VŠTE in Prešov, of its internal regulations or of the related guidelines of VŠTE in Prešov.

3. The internal system of VŠTE in Prešov is subject to assessment by SAAVŠ according to the assessment schedule published by SAAVŠ, at least once every six years (Section 24 of the Quality Assurance Act), and to the supervision of SAAVŠ over the fulfilment of the standards (Section 24a of the Quality Assurance Act).

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VŠTE in Prešov requests SAAVŠ to assess the compliance of the delivery of a study programme with the standards within the period under Section 30(12) of the Quality Assurance Act. VŠTE in Prešov provides cooperation to SAAVŠ and the Ministry of Education (Section 18(1)(e) of the Act).

PART FOUR

Final Provisions

Article 10 Related Regulations

1. Act No. 300/2025 Coll. on Higher Education and on Amendments to Certain Acts (Higher Education Act), in particular Sections 7, 8, 17, 18, 19(3), 31, 66, 81, 91, 95, 101, 102, 119, 120, 129 to 137 and 140; Decree of the Ministry of Education, Research, Development and Youth of the Slovak Republic No. 205/2026 Coll. implementing certain provisions of the Higher Education Act; Act No. 269/2018 Coll. on Quality Assurance in Higher Education and on Amendments to Act No. 343/2015 Coll. on Public Procurement and on Amendments to Certain Acts, as amended (in particular Sections 3, 23, 24, 24a and 30); Act No. 292/2024 Coll. on Adult Education and on Amendments to Certain Acts; the SAAVŠ standards; Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance in the European Higher Education Area (ESG 2015).

2. Internal regulations of VŠTE in Prešov: Statute of VŠTE in Prešov (Štatút VŠTE v Prešove); Statute of the Convent of VŠTE (Štatút Konventu VŠTE); Internal Quality System of VŠTE (Vnútorný systém kvality VŠTE); General Principles for the Creation of Educational Programmes at VŠTE (Všeobecné princípy tvorby vzdelávacích programov na VŠTE); Long-Term Strategic Plan of VŠTE in Prešov for 2026–2032 (Dlhodobý zámer VŠTE v Prešove na roky 2026 – 2032); Directive VŠTE No. 4/2026; Directive VŠTE No. 5/2026; Directive VŠTE No. 6/2026 Strategy for the Development of Education (Stratégia rozvoja vzdelávania); Directive VŠTE No. 7/2026 Internationalisation Strategy (Stratégia internacionalizácie); Directive VŠTE No. 8/2026 Strategy for the Development of Science and Research (Stratégia rozvoja vedy a výskumu); Directive VŠTE No. 9/2026 Environmental Sustainability Strategy (Stratégia environmentálnej udržateľnosti); Directive VŠTE No. 10/2026; Directive VŠTE No. 12/2026; Directive VŠTE No. 13/2026 on Information Management for the Governance and Delivery of Study Programmes (o manažmente informácií pre riadenie a uskutočňovanie študijných programov); Directive VŠTE No. 15/2026 on the Publication of Information on Study and Educational Programmes (o zverejňovaní informácií o študijných a vzdelávacích programoch); Directive VŠTE No. 19/2026; Directive VŠTE No. 21/2026 Study Rules (Študijný poriadok); Directive VŠTE No. 23/2026 on the Use of Generative AI (o využívaní generatívnej AI); Directive VŠTE No. 26/2026 on the Distance Method and E-Learning (o dištančnej metóde a e-learningu); Directive VŠTE No. 27/2026 on Online Examinations and Identity Verification (o online skúškach a overovaní totožnosti); Directive VŠTE No. 5/2025 Code of Ethics (Etický kódex).

Article 11 Repealing Provisions

1. Rector's Directive No. 01/2022 VSK 01-02 on the Basic Principles of Assuring and Evaluating the Internal Quality System at the International Business College ISM Slovakia in Prešov (Smernica rektora č. 01/2022 VSK 01-02 o východiskových princípoch zabezpečovania a hodnotenia vnútorného systému kvality na Vysokej škole medzinárodného podnikania ISM Slovakia v Prešove) of 29 April 2022 is repealed. This regulation also

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replaces, to the extent of its subject matter, Directive No. 2/2017 Internal Quality Assurance System of VŠMP ISM Slovakia in Prešov (Smernica č. 2/2017 Vnútorný systém zabezpečenia kvality VŠMP ISM Slovakia v Prešove), which is replaced by the Internal Quality System of VŠTE (2026).

Article 12 Final Provisions

1. Annex No. 1 Organisational Structure of the Assurance and Evaluation of the IQS is an annex to this Directive. The annex is updated together with the Directive and upon any change of the Organisational Rules (Directive VŠTE No. 14/2026); the current wording is published by VŠTE in Prešov on its website (www.vste.sk).

2. The Senate of VŠTE in Prešov expressed a favourable opinion on this internal regulation on 17 April 2026.

3. This internal regulation was approved by the Board of Trustees of VŠTE in Prešov on 20 April 2026.

4. This internal regulation becomes valid and takes effect on 20 April 2026.

5. The Academic Senate of VŠTE in Prešov expressed its opinion on this version and, as the body designated by the Statute under Section 31(2)(b) of the Act whose members include students, approved it on 9 October 2026. This version was subsequently approved and issued by the Board of Trustees of VŠTE in Prešov on the proposal of the Rector on 29 October 2026. Effective from 29 October 2026.

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Prešov, 29 October 2026

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Annex No. 1 Organisational Structure of the Institute of Technology and Business in Prešov (VŠTE in Prešov)

Board of Trustees of VŠTE in Prešov

- Scientific Board of VŠTE in Prešov
- Rector of VŠTE in Prešov
- Academic Senate of VŠTE in Prešov
- Disciplinary Committee of VŠTE in Prešov

Rector of VŠTE in Prešov:

- Convent of VŠTE
- Guarantor(s) and stakeholders
- Expert committee (if established)

Vice-Rectors:

- Vice-Rector for Studies
- Vice-Rector for Science and Research
- Vice-Rector for Internationalisation and External Relations

Quality Manager of VŠTE in Prešov

Chancellor of VŠTE in Prešov

- Economic, Personnel and Payroll Unit

Heads of departments/units

- Guarantors of study programmes
- Teachers

Students