

University of Warsaw (UW)

Current state of national legislation regarding issuing diplomas and degrees for completion of an international joint programme

[ACT of 20 July 2018 - The Law on Higher Education and Science \(LHES\)](#), Art. 77 specifies the procedure of issuing the diploma and the titles awarded by Polish HEIs.

Titles:

- licencjat, inżynier or equivalent degree confirming higher education of the same level – in the case of first-cycle programmes.
- magister, magister inżynier or equivalent degree confirming higher education of the same level – in the case of second-cycle programmes or long-cycle programmes.

Timeline:

Within **30 days** from the graduation, Polish HEI shall issue a graduation **diploma** together with its **supplement** and two certified copies, including, at the student's request, certified copies in another language.

Template:

Diploma templates must be approved by the HEI's **Senate** (LHES, Art. 77, sec. 3).

Joint diploma:

It is possible to issue a joint diploma for graduating from a joint degree study programme (LHES, Art. 60, sec. 4).

Important note: From 2026, HEIs in Poland are supposed to start issuing **electronic** diplomas and diploma supplements **only**, and issue **parchment only upon request of the student**.

Specific internal regulations or instructions

[The Rules and Regulations of Study at the University of Warsaw](#) in §53 specify regulations regarding issuing diplomas. It is mostly a recapitulation of national legislation:

- Graduates shall receive a university diploma with a degree of licencjat, inżynier, magister or magister inżynier, together with a diploma supplement, at a date falling no later than thirty days after the date of the graduation.
- The diploma supplement shall contain information about all the courses completed during the studies, referred to in paragraph 42 section 7, and the grades received.

It should be specified in the **partnership agreement** what type of diploma is issued (joint or double/multiple), and which HEI is responsible for it in case of joint diploma and joint supplement.

National regulations regarding issuing joint diplomas and double/multiple diplomas

The elements and the diploma template are regulated by [the Regulation of the Minister of Science and Higher Education of 27 September 2020 on degree programmes](#) (available in Polish, any translation provided in this document is not official), Chapter 8, Necessary elements of the diploma, the joint diploma and the template of the diploma supplement, §32-34.

The **title** and the **final grade** on the copy of the **diploma** issued in English (or other language) and on the **diploma supplement** will always be in **Polish** (Regulation on degree programmes, §22 and Annex 3).

Paragraphs 33 and 34 of the Regulation on degree programmes regulate the necessary elements of the **joint diploma** and **separate diplomas issued by HEIs offering joint programmes** (so **double/multiple diplomas**).

In case **joint diploma** is issued, it shall contain the necessary elements listed in §32 of the Regulation, except that (among other things) the name of the diploma shall be supplemented with the word “joint” to indicate joint diploma, and the names of other HEIs that are parties to the joint programme partnership agreement and where the graduate has completed their studies, shall be listed.

§34 regulates the elements of the **separate diploma of joint programmes** (so double/multiple diploma issued by Polish HEI) - it contains all the elements listed in §32 of the Regulation except that the word “joint” is added to indicate joint programme (example of UW separate diploma of joint programmes: “Diploma of Higher Education Joint Second Cycle Programme”), and the names of other HEIs that are parties to the joint programme partnership agreement and where the graduate has completed their studies, shall be listed.

Please note: on the diploma, the level of studies is indicated as **first-cycle programme, second-cycle programme** or **long-cycle programme** (LHES, Art. 14, sec. 2). Polish HEIs cannot issue titles other than codified in Polish legislation (see above), therefore we do not indicate on the diplomas issued by Polish HEI “Master in...” or “Bachelor Programme” or any other term in English which may be misleading as regards the title awarded by a Polish HEI.

The **template** of the **University of Warsaw second cycle joint programme diploma** approved by the HEI’s Senate is available [here](#) (template of the original diploma in Polish and templates of the copy of diploma in English and German as examples). There is no joint diploma template available as UW has not issued one yet.

Diploma supplement

Template of the diploma supplement is part of [the Regulation on degree programmes](#) as Annex 3.

In case of a double/multiple degree, It is required that UW issues a diploma supplement even if a joint supplement is issued. In the future it may be possible to approve the joint supplement issued by a partner institution as issued by UW in case of a double/multiple degree joint programme.

In the case of a joint degree programme, a supplement shall be issued by the university which issues a joint degree/diploma.