

National Comparative Exams

Are you looking for talented students in the Czech Republic and Slovakia with high academic expectations? We have found them.

National Comparative Exams or NCE (Národní srovnávací zkoušky or NSZ in Czech) are certified exams used as a criterion in the acceptance processes of many Czech universities.

In the 2007/2008 school year, these tests are being administered five times, at 27 locations in the Czech Republic and three locations in Slovakia.

Scio has been administering the NCE since 1996.

In 2006/2007, the NCE was used by 26 faculties. Most of these used the results of the Test of General Academic Prerequisites (GAP), which was taken by 21,000 applicants.

The GAP test is derived from the GRE (Graduate Record Examinations, see www.ets.org) test model, which has been used in tertiary education in the United States since 1966.

The GAP test determines the most various operational, combinational, comprehension and other abilities which directly shape the learning process:

- work with text
- work with information
- logical consideration
- work with quantities

For 2007/2008, NCE will be used by 47 faculties. We anticipate that the NCE will be taken by over 42,000 university applicants. That is more than a third of all university applicants in the Czech Republic.

NCE –Subjects

Wide choice of subjects

Students have the possibility to sit for exams in the following modules:

- *English*
- *German*
- *French*
- *Czech for Foreigners*
- *Mathematics*
- *Natural Sciences*
- *Social Sciences*
- *Test of General Academic Prerequisites*

Students can take any of the modules offered; it is not necessary to sit for all of them. The faculty determines which module an applicant has to pass. Each module consists of several parts (e.g. Natural Sciences consist of biology, chemistry and physics)

NCE – Results

By the agreed deadline, the given faculty will receive a list of applicants with NCE results and with other data according to their requirements.

The results of individual parts are calculated separately, e.g. for biology, chemistry and physics in the Natural Sciences module; constitution and law, philosophy and sociology in the Social Sciences module; basic observations, algebra, functions and geometry in the Mathematics module, etc.

University number	Program/field	Form	Code	Personal ID No.	HP*	VSP*	ASP*	QSP*	Result for faculty	Rank	Estimate of p-entrance
65027	B7401	P	10371	88511111	86.7	93	79	88	89.7	1	1
64854	B7401	P	10353	88511111	76.0	82	83	63	80.3	2	1.5
65381	B7401	P	10428	87511111	64.7	85	87	22	79.1	3	1.8
65950	B7401	P	10495	86611111	80.7	57	90	95	67.4	4	2.8
52867	B7401	P	10511	88511111	53.3	74	62	24	66.6	5	3.8
64520	B7401	P	10438	87511111	30.0	44	39	7	39.3	11	7.9
66057	B7401	P	10506	87611111	46.3	31	60	48	38.5	12	8.6
63547	B7401	P	10185	87611111	33.7	29	41	31	31.6	13	9.1
63232	B7401	P	10147	88511111	25.0	31	35	9	29.6	14	10.1
64655	B7401	P	10330	87611111	30.7	19	57	16	26.3	15	11.1
63512	B7401	P	10183	87511111	29.7	10	57	22	20.6	16	11.8
63776	B7401	P	10203	89011111	17.0	0	35	16	8.6	17	12.8

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HP = Harmonised percentile

VSP = Verbal section percentile

ASP = Analytical section percentile

QSP = Quantitative section percentile

Sample NCE output

NCE – Benefits

The modular construction enables each university to compose its own version of the test according to its needs. For example a law faculty can assign a greater weight to the constitution, law and political science parts of the Social Sciences module and, conversely, assign less importance to the economics and sociology parts.

Each applicant's NCE result is always presented as a harmonised percentile from 0 to 100. Thanks to the percentile, the NCE result can be incorporated into other acceptance criteria, for example with other internal tests administered by the faculty or additional information about the applicant.

We can also distribute your own tests using our NCE logistics system.

The NCE project is open to all institutions around the world.