

Greece: Certification of 'Private security personnel' in cooperation with the Centre for Security Studies (KEMEA)

Type of provider

EDUC/OTHER : EOPPEP/Centre for Security Studies (KEMEA)

The examinations are designed by EOPPEP as also one additional body is included, the Centre for Security Studies (KEMEA) of the Ministry of Civil Protection and Public Security.

Objectives

In this direction, the new speciality for «Private security personnel» has been legislated (Government Official Gazette 1715/17-05-2012) and entails a six-month vocational training programme attendance accompanied by the accreditation exam procedure for the certification award. Private security services is a recognised specialisation in many EU countries and has been included in the HQF.

These individuals usually have developed their professional skills only through work experience. Regardless of whether they have prior training, these professionals can apply to the Centre for Security Studies (KEMEA), an entity of the Ministry of Civil Protection and Public Order.

KEMEA, in cooperation with EOPPEP, holds responsibility for the organisation and implementation of examinations and goes through the process of certification.

Assessment approaches

When applying, individuals:

- Have to provide proof of professional experience.
- Participate in Examinations that include written tests and practical application. The written tests are evaluated by the Central Evaluation Committee (KEA), formed for this purpose. KEA has five members: two representatives of EOPPEP with experience in certification examinations, a representative of the employers, a representative of employee unions, and a representative of KEMEA (Ministerial decision in Government Gazette 25 of 10 January 2013).
- Successful applicants receive a Certificate of Proficiency (Vevaiosí Eparkeias) which is equivalent to Vocational Training Certificate Level 1, according to the former relevant legislation (Law 2009/1992). The Vocational Training Certificate Level 1, however, following the provisions of the law 4186/2013, is no longer in use. Therefore the abovementioned Certificate of Proficiency has to be matched to one of the levels of non-formal learning, established via the law 4186/2103.

Target Group

Compulsory education graduates (lower secondary education graduates)
Only EU citizens can obtain a Certificate of Proficiency (or the one to replace it under the Law reform).

Potential transferability/ scalability

Element of transferability: “The individuals usually have developed their professional skills only through work experience. Regardless of whether they have prior training, these professionals can apply to the Centre for Security Studies (KEMEA).”

Summaries or Basic elements of analysis

Training providers do not take part in the validation process. Since the only official certification process is the one run by EOPPEP, training providers in IVET or CVET only provide certifications of vocational training to their participants. In order to obtain and sustain their operational licence, private providers are obliged to conform to specific regulations regarding their infrastructure and trainers.

