

## **Valuing VET background when entering higher education**

In 2009 a Description of Procedure for Ranking of the Best Graduates from Upper Secondary General Education Programmes (*Geriausiai vidurinio ugdymo programą baigusiuju eiles sudarymo 2009 metais tvarkos aprasas*) was approved. It defines the selection criteria and procedure for ranking of graduates who apply for higher education and wish that their studies would be funded from the State budget.

This document introduces a novelty that applicants to higher education who have graduated VET programme under the same field of education exceptionally well or have graduated VET programme under the same field of education and have not less than one year of work experience according to the qualification acquired are awarded additional points.

Association of Lithuanian Higher Education Institutions (*Lietuvos aukstuju mokyklų asociacijos bendram priemimui organizuoti, LAMA BPO*) is responsible for management of database on entrants to higher education. Based on its data, in 2009 additional points following the above mentioned rule were awarded to one fifth of applicants having VET background. This increased their opportunities to receive the “study baskets” (i.e. funding for studies from the State budget).

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