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MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING

HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Policy update: Higher Education in Vietnam and partnership with overseas universities

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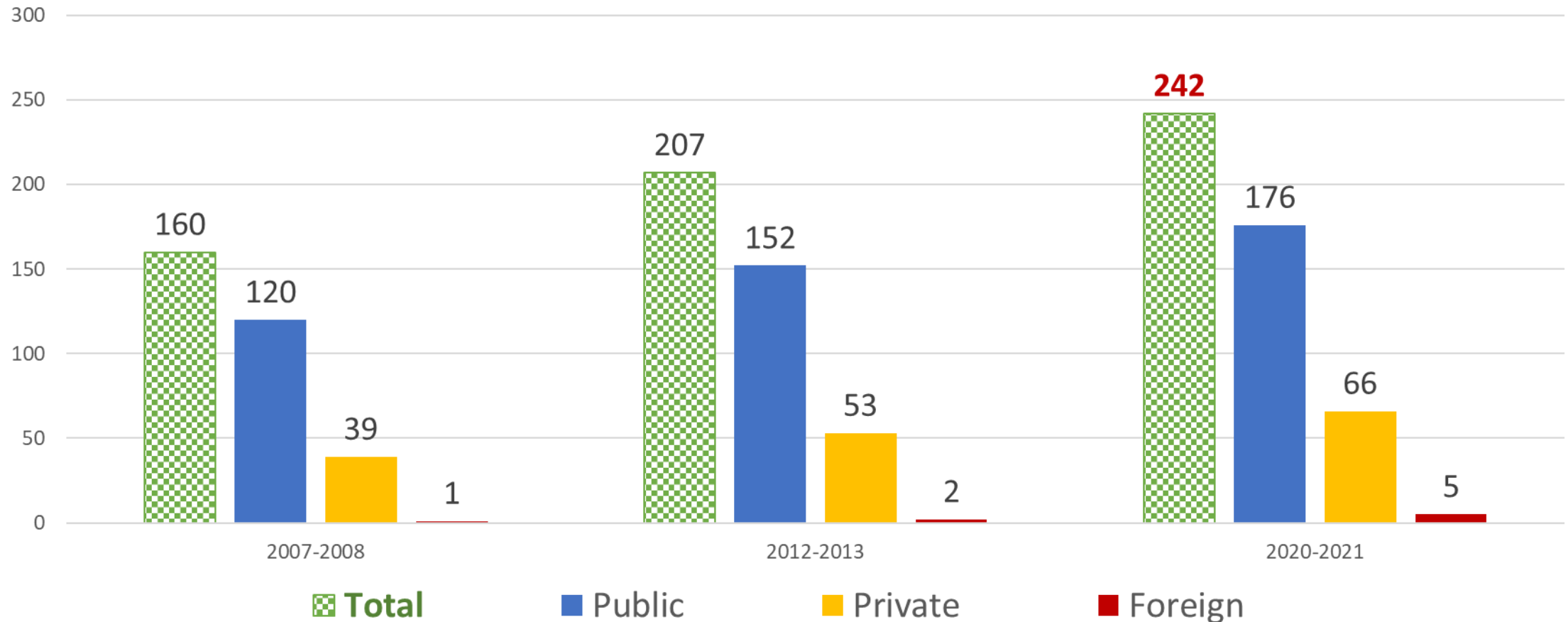
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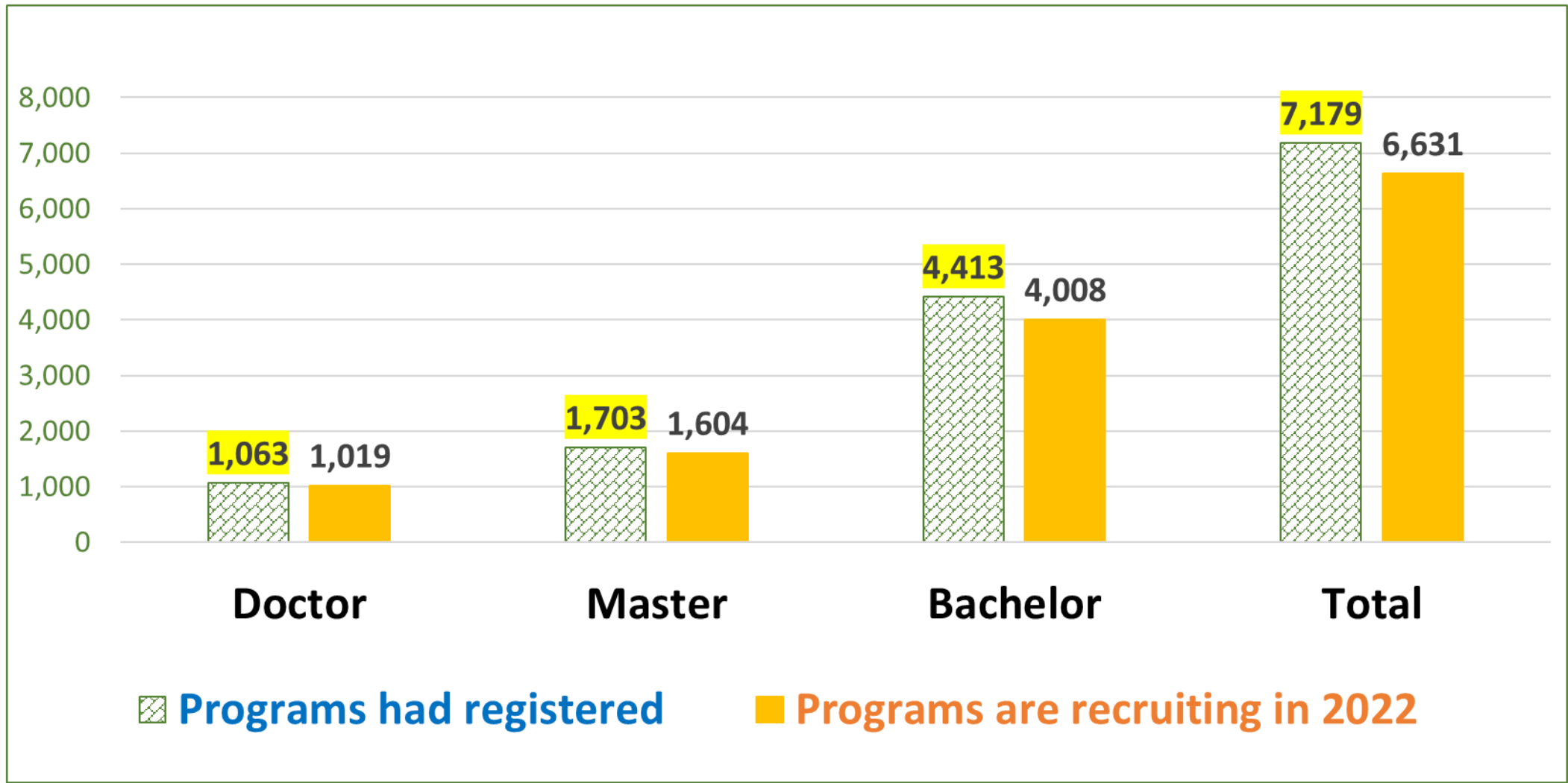
HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS IN VIETNAM

- 242 Higher Education Institutions (HEIs)
- 37 Research Institutions authorized to offer PhD programs





HIGHER EDUCATION PROGRAMS





VIETNAM QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORK (VQF)

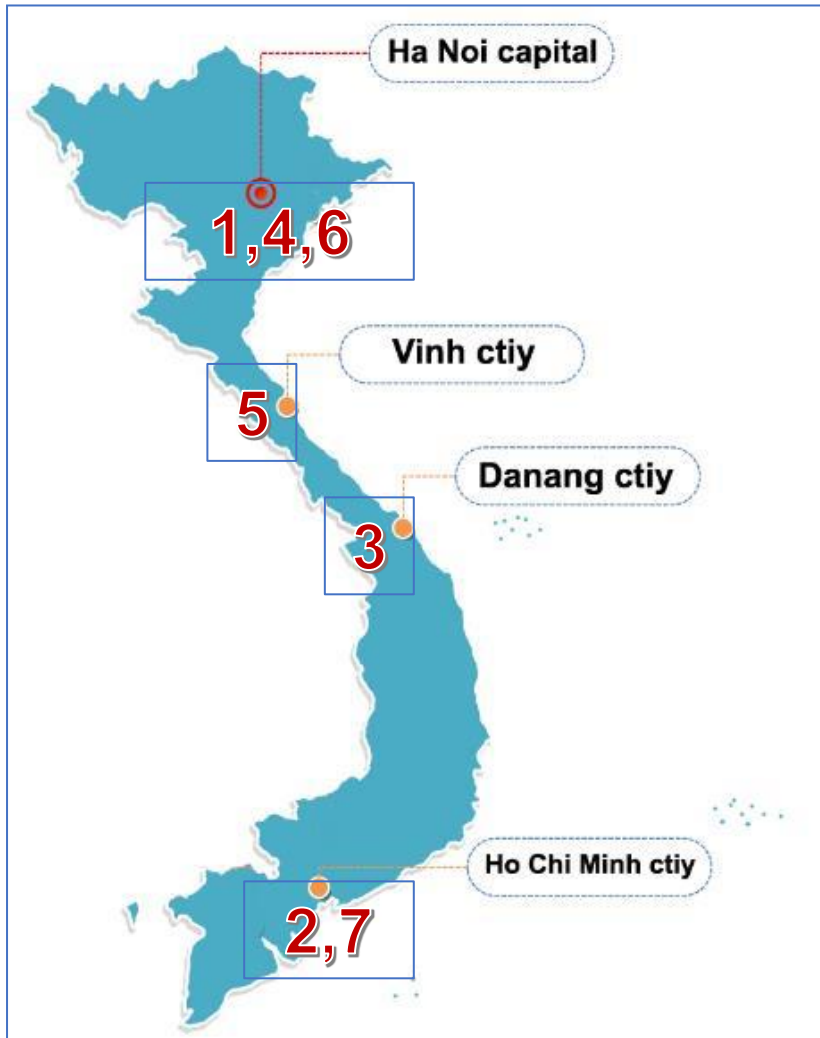
- VQF is aligned with the ASEAN Qualifications Reference Framework (AQRF)
- VQF intended to ease the international transferability of qualifications

| Level | Qualifications Type | Minimum Academic Load |
|-------|---|---|
| 1 | Certificate I | 5 credits |
| 2 | Certificate II | 15 credits |
| 3 | Certificate III | 25 credits |
| 4 | Diploma's degree | 35 - 55 credits |
| 5 | Higher Diploma's degree | 60 credits |
| 6 | Bachelor's degree | 120 credits |
| 7 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Specialist (Engineering, Architect, Doctor, Pharmacist, Dentist, ...)• Master's degree | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 150-180 credits (or 30-60 credits from Bachelor)• 60 credits (from Bachelor) |
| 8 | PhD degree | 90 credits (from Master) |

Source: Decision No. 1982/QĐ-TTg on 18 Oct. 2016 of The Prime Minister to approve the Vietnamese Qualifications Framework (VQF)



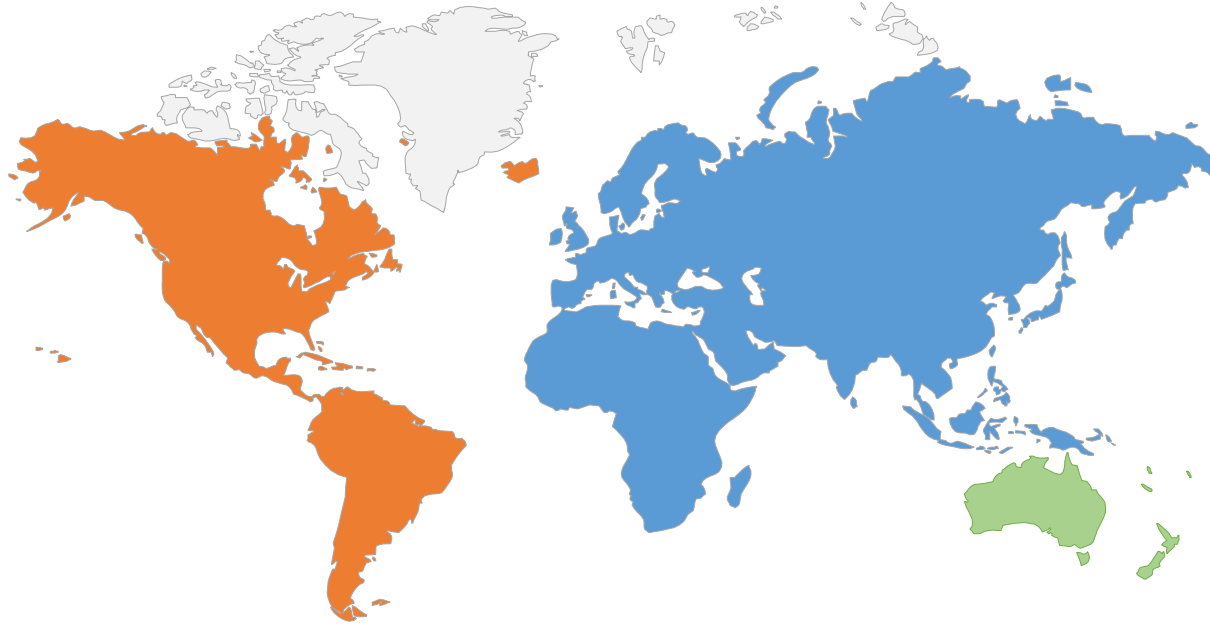
EDUCATION ACCREDITATION AGENCIES



- 1 Viet Nam National University Center for Education Accreditation (VNU HN-CEA)
- 2 Viet Nam National University Ho Chi Minh City Center for Education Accreditation (VNU HCM-CEA)
- 3 Center for Education Accreditation - The University of Danang (CEA-UND)
- 4 Center for Education Accreditation Association of Viet Nam Universities and Colleges (CEA-AVU&C)
- 5 Center for Education Accreditation - Vinh University (CEA-Vinh University)
- 6 Centre for Education Accreditation Thang Long (CEA-Thanglong)
- 7 Centre for Education Accreditation Sai Gon (CEA-Saigon)



FORMS OF PARTNERSHIP



International branch campus
Foreign investment university



Joint training programs between Vietnamese HEIs and foreign HEIs:

- International franchises: single foreign degree
- TNE arrangements: dual degree or single Vietnamese degree.



POLICY UPDATE (1)



The Law on
amendments to
the Law on
Higher Education
(Law no.
34/2018/QH14)
in 2018.

Joint training programs (mostly TNE) : **Article 45**

- ❑ Definition
- ❑ Criteria for foreign HEIs
- ❑ Authorities to approve the program: MOET or **Autonomous HEIs**
- ❑ Transparent information (detail in Article 13 of Decree 99/2019/ND-CP)
- ❑ Other regulations

International branch campus: Article 27, 31, 36 and 38.

If HEI meets the conditions to be **autonomous** by Higher Education Law (Article 32 and 45)

- ❑ Self-approval TNE programs at **Bachelor level**
- ❑ Bachelor program in the same major is accredited: Self-approval TNE programs at **Master level**
- ❑ Bachelor and Master programs in the same major are accredited: Self-approval TNE programs at **Doctoral level**



POLICY UPDATE (2)



Decree **86/2018/ND-CP**
of the Government

on foreign cooperation
and investment in education

- **Joint training programs** at higher education level: Article 15 - 27
 - MOET or Autonomous HEIs when approving joint training programs must following the Decree 86
 - Conditions, process and procedure to establish and approve a joint training program project

- **International branch campus**: Article 28 - 51

(Government are amending and supplementing a number of articles of the Decree 86 in this year)



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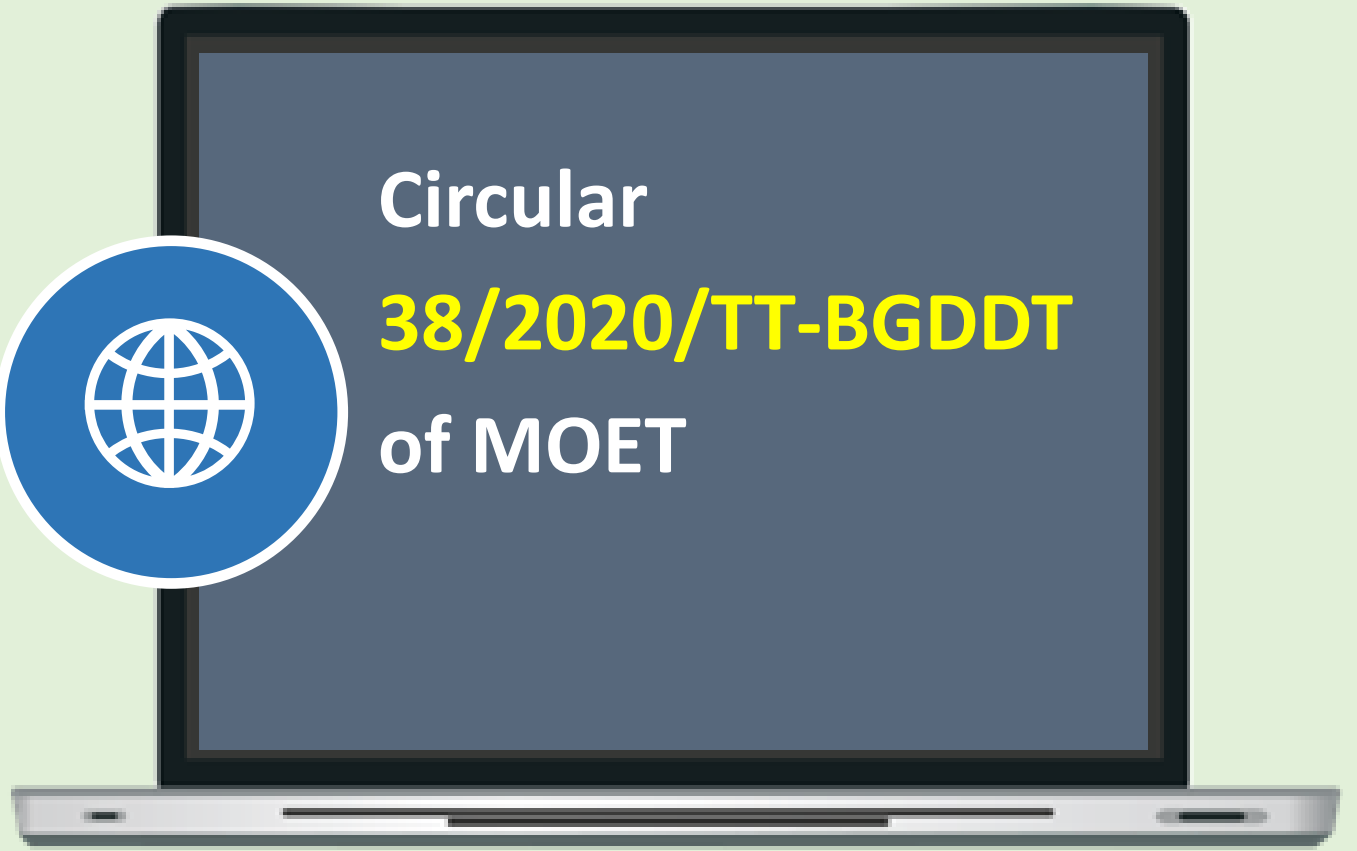
MOET or Autonomous HEIs approve
online/blended joint training program

Conditions for undergraduate and graduate:

- *All levels*: programs delivered at HEI main campus; Vietnamese HEI and foreign HEI are being delivered online in the same/similar majors; **all programs have produced graduates.**
- *Graduate*: blended learning with 30% online and 70% face to face.



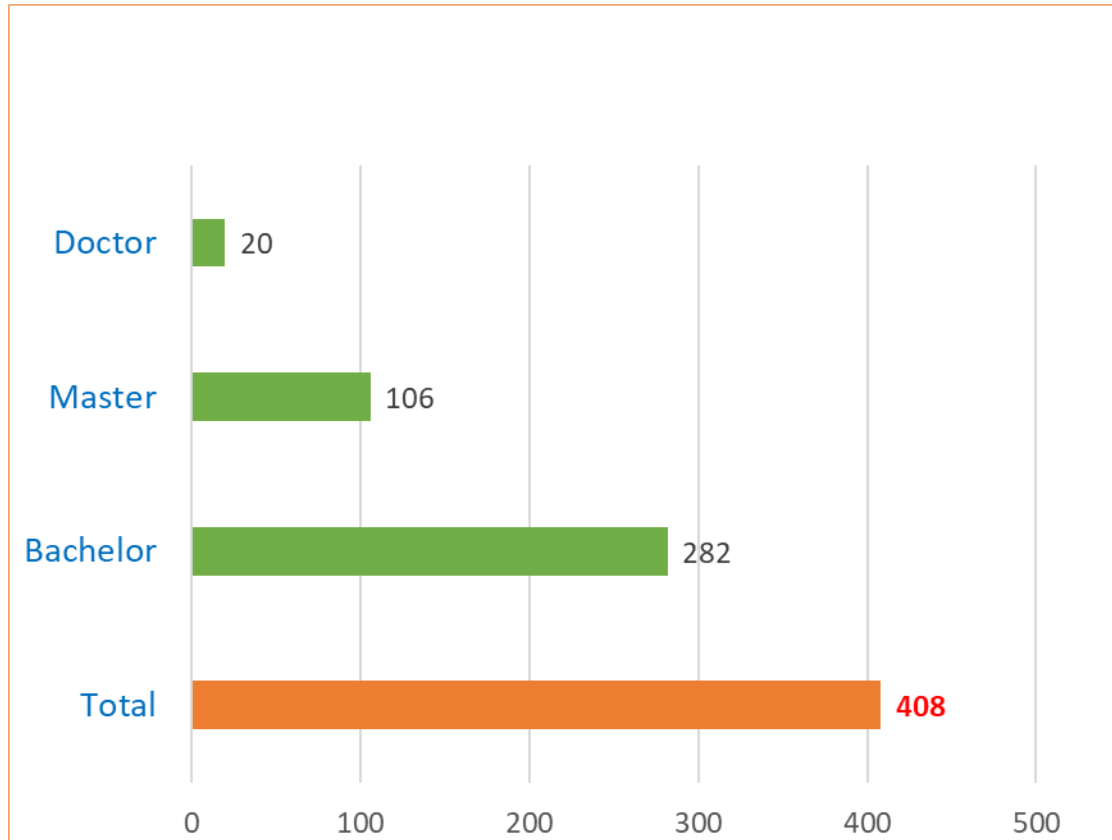
Circular
38/2020/TT-BGDDT
of MOET



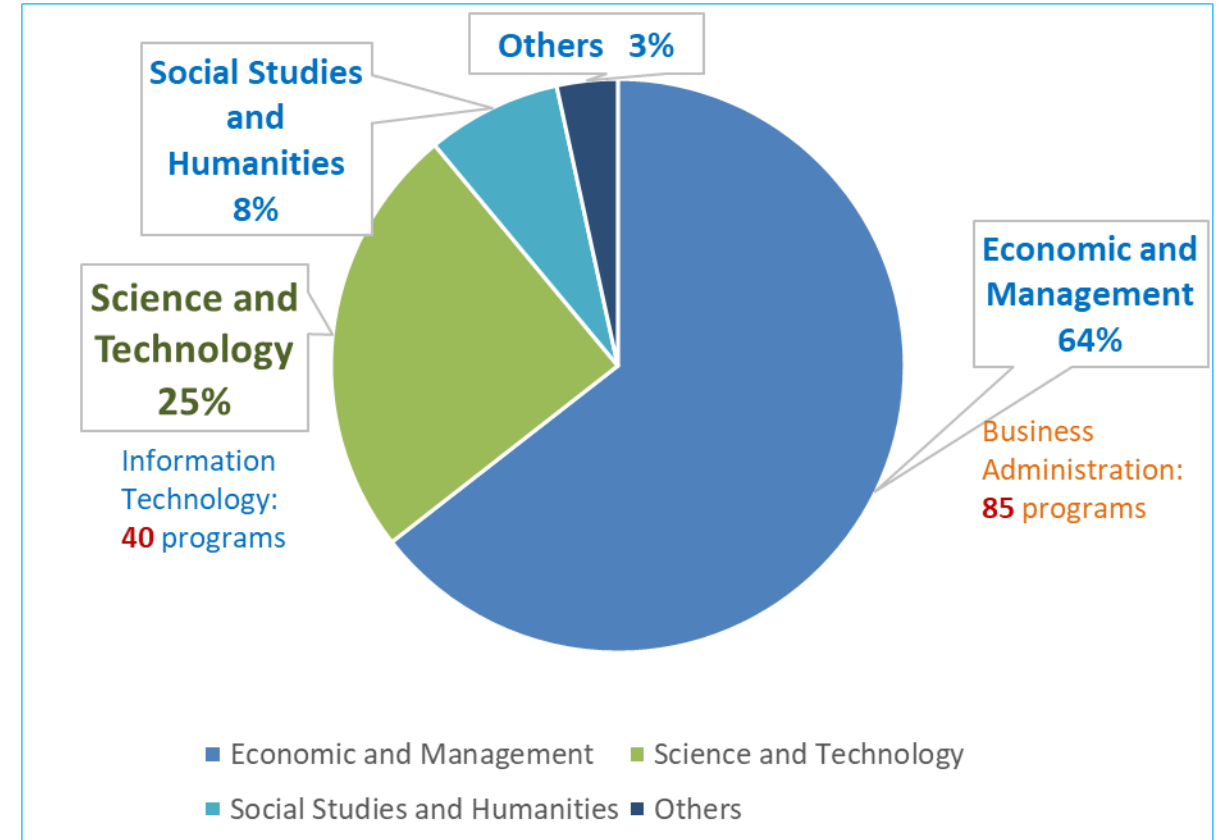


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Join training programs by qualification and major



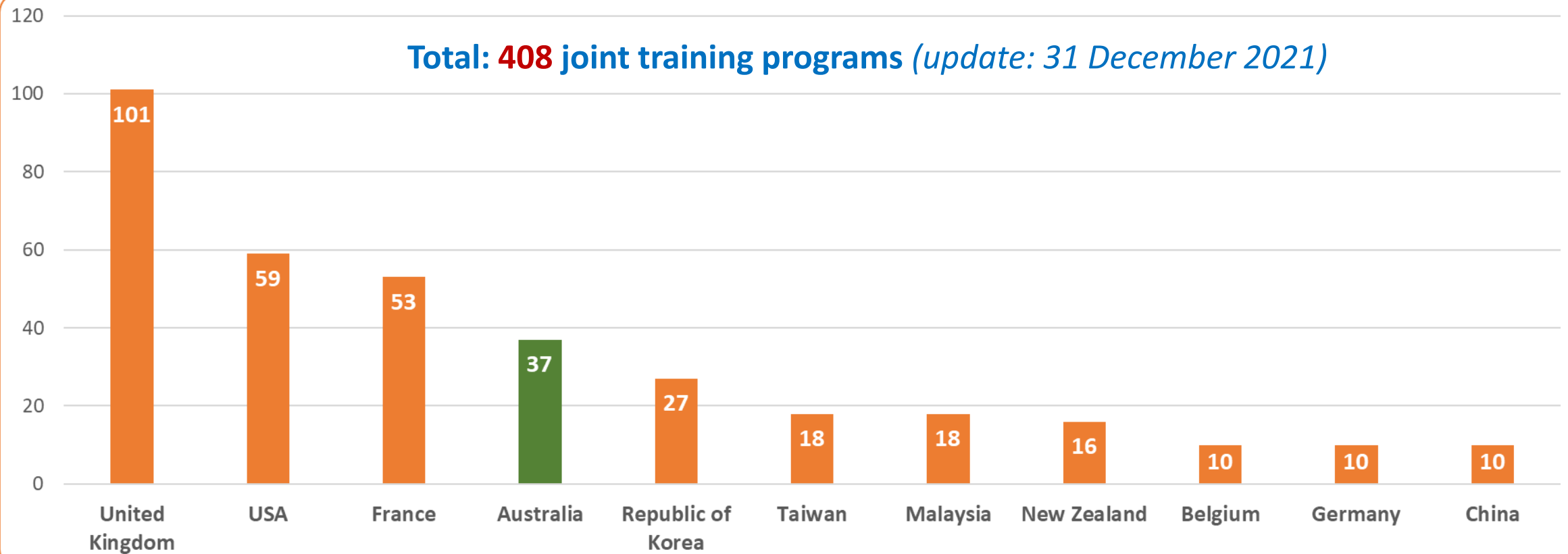
Programs by qualifications



Programs by majors



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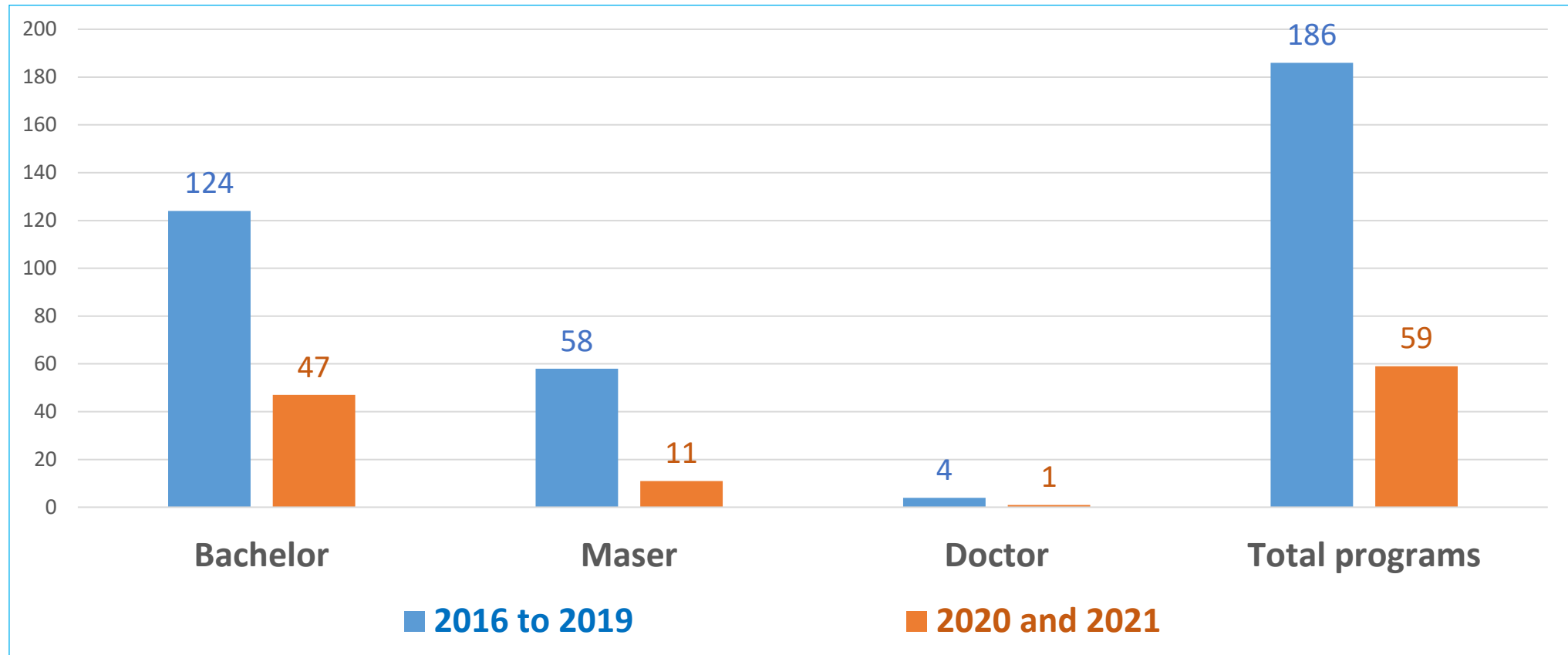
Except for:

- **Australia: 38** programs of **RMIT** Viet Nam
- **France: 44** TNE programs of **Vietnamese-French University**
- **Germany: 11** TNE programs of **Vietnamese-German University**
- **Japan: 10** TNE programs of **Vietnamese-Japan University**



FACTS AND FIGURES

The number of joint training programs approved by autonomous HEIs (2016-2019; 2020- 12/2021)



- The **Law on amendments to the Law on Higher Education** (Law no. 34/2018/QH14) took effect from **01 July 2019**
- The **Decree No. 99/2019/ND-CP** detailing the Law on amendments to the Law on Higher Education took effect from **15 February 2020**



FACTS AND FIGURES

| No. | UK Universities | No. of TNE programs in VN | No. of VN's universities |
|-----|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 | University of the West of England | 12 | 6 |
| 2 | Staffordshire University | 9 | 1 |
| 3 | University of Sunderland | 8 | 6 |
| 4 | Cardiff Metropolitan University | 5 | 2 |
| 5 | University of Greenwich | 5 | 2 |
| 6 | University of Lincoln | 5 | 1 |
| 7 | University of Nottingham | 4 | 1 |
| 8 | University of Northampton | 4 | 3 |
| 9 | Birmingham City University | 3 | 2 |
| 10 | University of Bedfordshire | 3 | 1 |
| 11 | University of Bolton | 3 | 1 |
| 12 | Solent University | 2 | 1 |
| 13 | Coventry University | 1 | 1 |
| 14 | London Metropolitan University | 1 | 1 |
| 15 | Middlesex University | 1 | 1 |
| 16 | Oxford Brookes University | 1 | 1 |
| 17 | University of Aberdeen | 1 | 1 |
| 18 | University of East London | 1 | 1 |
| 19 | University of Gloucestershire | 1 | 1 |
| 20 | University of Huddersfield | 1 | 1 |
| 21 | University of London | 1 | 1 |
| 22 | University of Stirling | 1 | 1 |
| 23 | York St. John University | 1 | 1 |



FACTS AND FIGURES



Context

- ✓ Vietnam HE Reform Agenda 2010-2020
- ✓ New laws: HE Law 2018 and Education Law 2019
- ✓ Decree 86/2018/ND-CP on international collaboration and investment in education



Projects

- ❖ **2018-2019**
 - ✓ 14 HE partnerships, 17 UK; 40 Vietnam & 13 business and other organisations
 - ✓ Leadership and Governance; University - Industry links; Quality Assurance in TNE; and Research & Mobility.
- ❖ **COVID-19:**
 - ✓ 6 VN universities joined Going Global Partnership UK-China-ASEAN on digital learning in HE
 - ✓ One Researcher Links Climate Challenge and One COP26 Trilateral Research Initiative



Legacy

- ✓ Collaboration agreement with Department of HE, MOET
- ✓ UK-VN HE Network with chairs and advisory group
- ✓ 2 engagement visit with UK HE sectors
- ✓ 2 conferences in Viet Nam
- ✓ Case study e-book



PROJECT 89 - POLICY

Decision No. 89/QD-TTg
dated January 18th, 2019

- enhancing competencies of lecturers and administrators of higher education institutions meeting requirements for radical changes in education and training during the period of 2019 – 2030

Circular No. 25/2021/TT-BGDĐT dated
September 8th, 2021

- guidelines on provision of doctoral and master degree courses for faculty members of higher education institutions under the Prime Minister's Decision No. 89/QD-TTg

Circular No. 30/2022/TT-BTC dated June 3rd, 2022

- guidelines for financial mechanism for implementation of the proposal for enhancing competencies of lecturers and administrators of higher education institutions



KEY OBJECTIVES OF PROJECT 89

80%

Culture, Arts and Sports fields

80% of lecturers have a **master's degree** or higher from Vietnam or foreign HEIs

1.500

Attract

Attracting 1,500 scientists, people with doctoral qualifications working in Vietnam and abroad to work at Vietnam's HEIs

Develop lecturers and managers of HEIs:

- 1) Quality assurance
- 2) Reasonable structure
- 3) Meeting the requirements of fundamental and comprehensive innovation in education
- 4) Training high-quality human resources, developing science and technology for the country, associated with:
 - Start-up
 - Creative innovation
 - Industrial revolution 4.0.

10%

For doctoral level

~10% of lecturers (~7.300 people)

- ✓ 7% of full-time training abroad
- ✓ 3% VN HEIs and joint training programs

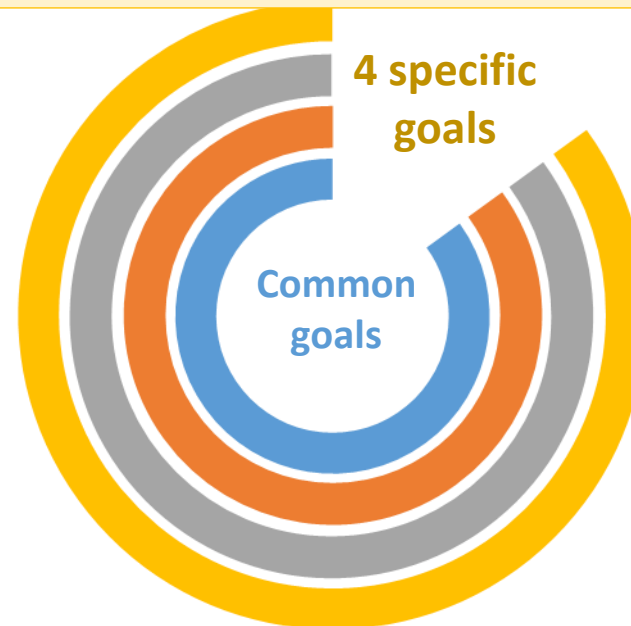
100%

2030, managers and lecturers of HEIs

100% *enhanced capacity*.

Focus on teacher competencies:

- ✓ Program development
- ✓ Modern method
- ✓ Research skills/capacity
- ✓ Foreign languages
- ✓ Information technology



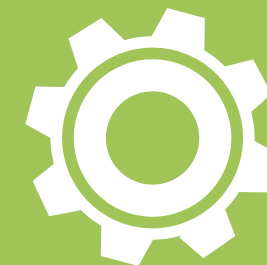


BUDGET AND IMPLEMENTATION PROJECT 89

Budget

- ✓ State budget shall be arranged according to current regulations on budget decentralisation
- ✓ Financial resources of Vietnamese HEIs
- ✓ Other legal sources

- ✓ Ministries and sectors shall perform tasks assigned by the Prime Minister according to their assigned functions of state management
- ✓ Ministry of Education and Training (MOET):
 - Acting as coordinator, coordinating with relevant ministries and sectors
 - Performing other tasks:
 - Planning, providing guidance for and monitoring the implementation process
 - Summarizing the results of implementation
 - Reporting to the Prime Minister



Implementation



Circular No. 25/2021/TT-BGDĐT dated September 8th, 2021

- **New approach**
- **Enhance the autonomy and the activeness of home/sending institutions**
 - implement the selection of qualified candidates and send the official list to the MOET for approval
 - manage information about the scholarship holders; coordinate with the MOET carrying out procedures for funding; in charge of asking the scholarship recipients to recover expenses if they violate the provisions of Circular 25, or reimburse the training expenses if not fulfil the responsibility of home/sending institutions
 - Support the scholarships holders to contact or connect them with in-country and overseas host/training institutions
- **Level of training**
 - Master degrees in arts, sport education
 - Doctoral degrees at all disciplines
- **Mode of training**
 - Full time at in-country and overseas host/training institutions
 - Joint programs at doctoral level with maximum 02 years studying overseas
- **Criteria for overseas HEIs**
 - Disciplines are listed in the top 500 of subject or field of study global rankings recognized by the MOET at least once in the last 5 years when accepted as the Project 89 candidates
 - The list of HEIs in fields of art, sport education proposed by the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism
 - MOET will not mention the specific name of any discipline or HEI, all the disciplines among the top 500 are eligible as well as the HEIs



Circular No. 25/2021/TT-BGDDT dated September 8th, 2021

Scholarship

Duration

In – country training

Tuition fee

Supporting fee

Fee to attend conferences or internship or short training overseas maximum 03 months once during the training program

Overseas

Tuition fee
Fee relating to visa, air ticket and health insurance at basic level

Living allowance

Joint program

As in country policy when studying in Vietnam except supporting fee

As overseas policy

Doctoral level

Maximum 4 years
(48 months)

Master level

Maximum 2 years
(24 months)

The expenditure is followed by the Circular No. 30/2022/TT-BTC dated June 3rd, 2022
<https://vbpq.mof.gov.vn/Detail?contentType=LegalDocument&id=107848&tab=99>



Circular No. 30/2022/TT-BTC dated June 3rd, 2022

**Scholarship including: Tuition fee, Living allowance, Health Assurance (basic),
01 return Air ticket, Visa cost.**

Tuition fee

- **Max: 25,000 USD/year**
- **MOET will decide the higher tuition fees if the candidates meet the requirement in some special cases**
 - **Excellently graduated (at undergrad programs)**
 - **Special fields of study that are needed for Vietnam's development (and need to send candidates to study abroad)**

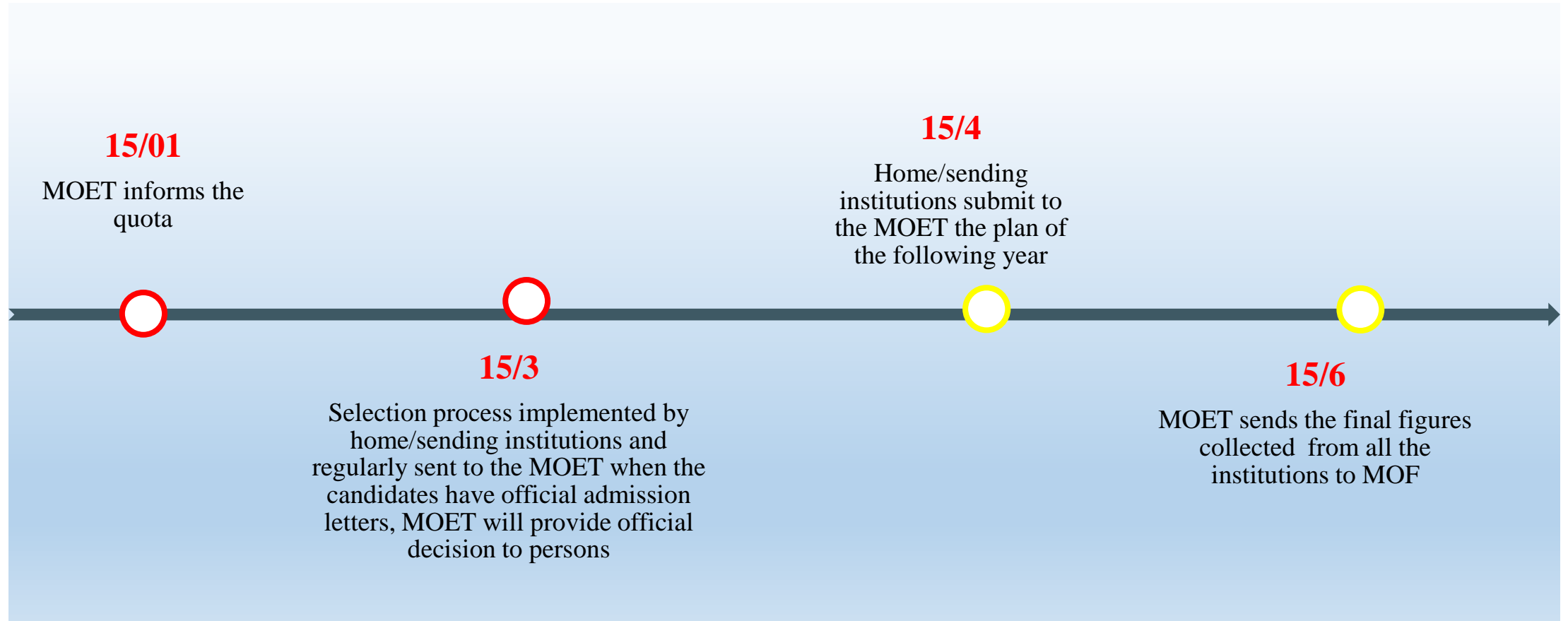
Living allowance

- **England: 1.300 USD/month**
- **Others European countries (except Eastern European countries): 960 USD/month**



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Timeline





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THANK YOU VERY MUCH!