BAS minimum requirements

for the scientific and teaching activities of the candidates for acquiring a scientific degree and for occupying the academic positions „Assistant Professor“, „Associate Professor“ and „Professor“ in scientific fields and professional directions, defined according to the Classifier of the areas of higher education and the professional fields, approved by a Decree No. 125 of the Council of Ministers from the year 2002 (State Gazette, No.64 from the year 2002). (Decision of the BAS General Assembly from 22.10.2018 year).

Field 2. Humanities

Professional directions **2.2. History and archaeology**

Table 1. Minimum required points by groups of indicators for the various scientific degrees and academic positions

A group of indicators	Content	Doctor	Doctor of Sciences	Assistant Professor	Associate Professor	Professor
A	Indicator 1	50	50	50	50	50
B	Indicator 2	-	100	-	-	-
C	Indicator 3	-	-	-	100	100
D	Sum of the indicators from 4 to 11	30	100	-	220	220
E	Sum of the indicators from 12 to 14	-	100	-	60	120
F	Sum of the indicators from 15 to the end	-	-	-	-	100

Table 2. Number of points by indicators (Field 2. Humanities)

A group of indicators	Indicator	Number of points
A	1. A dissertation for awarding an educational and scientific degree "Doctor"	50
B	2. A dissertation for awarding a scientific degree "Doctor of Sciences"	100
C	3. A habilitation thesis - a monograph	100
D	4. A published monograph, which has not been presented as the main habilitation thesis	100
	5. A published book based on a defended dissertation for the awarding of an educational and scientific degree "Doctor" or for the awarding of a scientific degree "Doctor of Sciences"	75
	6. Articles and reports published in scientific journals that are referenced and indexed in world-renowned scientific databases	30/n
	7. Articles and reports published in non-refereed peer-reviewed journals or published in edited collective volumes	10/n
	8. Studies published in scientific journals that are referenced and indexed in world-renowned scientific databases	45/n

	9. Studies published in non-refereed peer-reviewed journals or published in edited collective volumes	15/n
	10. A published chapter in a collective monograph	20/n
	11. Compilation of dictionaries (only for 2.1)	40/n
E	12. Citations or reviews in scientific journals that are referenced and indexed in world-renowned scientific databases or in monographs and collective volumes	15
	13. Citations in edited monographs and collective volumes	10
	14. Citations or reviews in non-refereed peer-reviewed scientific journals	5
F	15. Obtained scientific degree "Doctor of Sciences"	40
	16. Supervision of a successfully defended doctoral candidate (n is the number of co-supervisors of the corresponding doctoral student)	40/n
	17. Participation in a national scientific or educational project	15
	18. Participation in an international scientific or educational project	20
	19. Leadership of a national scientific or educational project	30
	20. Leadership of an international scientific or educational project	40
	21. A published university textbook or a textbook that is used on the school network	40/n
	22. A published university study guide or a study guide that is used on the school network.	20/n

Appendix № 1

Field 3. Social, economic and legal sciences

Professional directions **3.1. Sociology, anthropology and cultural sciences**, **3.2. Psychology, 3.8. Economy**

Table 1. Minimum required points by groups of indicators for the various scientific degrees and academic positions

A group of indicators	Content	Doctor	Doctor of Sciences	Assistant Professor	Associate Professor	Professor
A	Indicator 1	50	50	50	50	50
B	Indicator 2	-	100	-	-	-
C	Indicator 3	-	-	-	100	100
D	Sum of the indicators from 4 to 10	30	100	-	220	220
E	Sum of the indicators from 11 to 13	-	100	-	60	120
F	Sum of the indicators from 14 to the end	-	-	-	-	100

Table 2. Number of points by indicators (Field 3. Social, economic and legal sciences)

A group of indicators	Indicator	Number of points
A	1. A dissertation for awarding an educational and scientific degree "Doctor"	50
B	2. A dissertation for awarding a scientific degree "Doctor of Sciences"	100
C	3. A habilitation thesis - a monograph	100
D	4. A published monograph, which has not been presented as the main habilitation thesis	100
	5. A published book based on a defended dissertation for the awarding of an educational and scientific degree "Doctor" or for the awarding of a scientific degree "Doctor of Sciences"	75
	6. Articles and reports published in scientific journals that are referenced and indexed in world-renowned scientific databases	30/n
	7. Articles and reports published in non-refereed peer-reviewed journals or published in edited collective volumes	10/n
	8. Studies published in scientific journals that are referenced and indexed in world-renowned scientific databases	45/n
	9. Studies published in non-refereed peer-reviewed journals or published in edited collective volumes	15/n
	10. A published chapter in a collective monograph	20/n
E	11. Citations or reviews in scientific journals that are referenced and indexed in world-renowned scientific databases or in monographs and collective volumes	15
	12. Citations in edited monographs and collective volumes	10
	13. Citations or reviews in non-refereed peer-reviewed scientific journals	5
F	14. Obtained scientific degree "Doctor of Sciences"	40
	15. Supervision of a successfully defended doctoral candidate (n is the number of co-supervisors of the corresponding doctoral student)	40/n
	16. Participation in a national scientific or educational project	15
	17. Participation in an international scientific or educational project	20
	18. Leadership of a national scientific or educational project	30
	19. Leadership of an international scientific or educational project	40
	20. A published university textbook or a textbook that is used on the school network	40/n
	21. A published university study guide or a study guide that is used on the school network.	20/n

Commentaries to the Rules for Application of ZRASRB:

1. The fulfilment of the minimum national requirements is only a condition to be admitted to participate in the competition procedures of the Scientific Research and Higher Education Act (ZRASRB).
2. Due to the requirement of article 24, paragraph 1, item 3 from ZRASRB for the presence of "a monograph or equivalent amount of publications" in the table there is a formula for equating the monograph to the equivalent amount of publications - articles or studies. The articles/studies that replace a monograph are excluded from the number of publications evaluated by other indicators.

In applying the article 24, paragraph 1, item 3 from ZRASRB in individual professional directions (for example, some from the humanities and from the social sciences) according to their specificity, only a monography is allowed without its equating to the equivalent amount of publications in specialized scientific publications. The importance of monographs in the humanities and social sciences is considered. In these sciences, the greatest recognition is obtained through monographs published in the country and abroad, not through articles or studies in journals.

3. The Ministry of Education and Science, through the National Center for Information and Documentation (NACID), maintains a List of contemporary Bulgarian scientific publications, referenced and indexed in world-renowned scientific databases, and makes relevant inquiries regarding foreign scientific publications, referenced and indexed in world-renowned scientific databases.

NACID defines the world-renowned scientific databases relevant to the respective professional direction.

4. (suppl. - State Gazette, No.15, from the year 2019) The Ministry of Education and Science, through the National Center for Information and Documentation (NACID), creates and maintains a List of contemporary Bulgarian scientific peer-reviewed publications. On the basis of this list, publications and citations in peer-reviewed journals that are not referenced and indexed are reported, and the publications and citations are reduced to publications and citations in referenced and indexed journals by corresponding numerical match values. At the discretion of the scientific jury or the faculty, respectively the scientific council, foreign peer-reviewed scientific publications that are not referenced and indexed in world-renowned scientific databases are equated to Bulgarian peer-reviewed scientific publications.
5. Regarding monographs with more than one author, there should be a mandatory separation protocol between the authors, and in order for the work to be considered a monograph, the author should independently have a number of pages that meet the definition of a monograph. In the case of authorship of a smaller number of pages, the

participation of the respective author is considered a study/article.

6. (amend. - State Gazette, No.15, from the year 2019) Articles with one author and with several co-authors are treated differently in different professional directions.

For most fields, the coefficient for the article must be divided equally between the co-authors, with "n" indicating their number.

An exception is made for professional direction 4.4. Earth sciences from field 4 as well as fields 5, 6 and 7, in which the leading contribution plays an important role. In case the authors have signed a protocol to determine their contribution to the publication, the points are distributed based on the ratio in the protocol. Letters from all co-authors are also accepted as a contribution determination protocol.

7. The system makes it possible to sum up the coefficients within one group of indicators (A, B, C, D, E, and F), so that internal compensation is carried out and the missing points from one indicator are supplemented with points from another.

8. Specific requirements for establishing indicators for the various academic positions:

   a) "Senior Assistant Professor" - no fulfilment of additional indicators is required after acquiring the educational and scientific degree "Doctor";

   b) "Associate Professor" - evidence (publications, etc.) on the various indicators presented for the acquisition of the educational and scientific degree "Doctor" or the scientific degree "Doctor of Sciences" cannot be repeated (article 24, paragraph 1, item 3 from ZRASRB);

   c) "Professor" - evidence (publications, etc.) on the various indicators presented for the acquisition of the educational and scientific degree "Doctor" or the scientific degree "Doctor of Sciences" or for occupying the academic position "Associate Professor" cannot be repeated (article 29, paragraph 1, item 3 from ZRASRB);

   d) when occupying the academic position of "Professor", without the candidate having previously held the academic position of "Associate Professor" (article 29, paragraph 1, item 2 from ZRASRB), the minimum national requirements for the academic position of "Professor" must be added to the minimum national requirements for the academic position "Associate Professor", with the educational and scientific degree "Doctor" being included only once;

   e) in the procedures under item "b" and "c", points can also be used for a published book based on a defended dissertation for awarding the educational and scientific degree "Doctor" or for awarding the scientific degree "Doctor of Sciences".

9. (suppl. - State Gazette, No.15, from the year 2019) Citations in which the cited and the citing publication have at least one coincidental author are subtracted from the total number of citations (i.e. self-citations). Each cited publication is only counted once for a given citing publication, regardless of how many times it is mentioned in the text of the citing article. Citations for all of the applicant's works may be submitted, and those

submitted for one procedure cannot be used in another. A review for one publication is equated to one citation for the same publication. Only reviews of the candidate's publications count, not reviews written by the candidate.

10. With a certificate from the relevant publisher, articles, studies, monographs, etc., which have been accepted for publication in publications that have an ISSN or ISBN, are also accepted as "published".
11. For international projects, only the funds attracted for use by the Bulgarian scientists involved in the project and the funds spent on the territory of Bulgaria are considered.
12. A habilitation thesis is a monograph or the equivalent articles submitted in accordance with article 24, paragraph 1, item 3 or article 29, paragraph 1, item 3 of ZRASRB.

In the procedure for occupying the academic position "Associate Professor" or "Professor" with a formula for equating a monograph with an equivalent number of articles, the Habilitation Extended Reference for Scientific Contributions is also applied, representing a brief statement in which the candidate describes the role of their conducted research in the relevant scientific field as well as their personal contributions. The habilitation reference should contain: 1. An introduction, which briefly describes the essence of the researched scientific problems and their role among the existing research of other researchers in the field; 2. Main scientific contributions, where the applicant comprehensively describes the specific original scientific contributions based on which they are applying to the competition; 3. A bibliography, where the publications based on which the candidate participates in the competition are clearly distinguished from the candidate's other publications and the publications of other authors.