

## Learning Outcomes Verification for Level 8 of Polish Qualification Frame Guidelines for Candidates

The verification of learning outcomes for Level 8 qualifications, PRK, is a legislated procedure designed to allow the verifying entity to assess the extent of knowledge, skills, and social competencies of individuals seeking a doctoral degree in an external mode, as well as their familiarity with the fundamental issues relevant to the discipline in which the degree is sought. Upon a candidate's request, the Collegium Civitas Scientific Council of Disciplines appoints a three-person Verification Team. Before this team, the candidate demonstrates compliance with the criteria specified for Level 8 of the Polish Qualifications Framework. This is conducted through an analysis of the documents submitted by the candidate and a conversation held at Collegium Civitas or online.

In consideration of the scientific activity standards adopted at Collegium Civitas and the smooth conduct of verification, the following guidelines are established:

1. At least **eight weeks prior** to the scheduled verification, the candidate must send an **updated list of scientific achievements** and other academic and professional activities.
2. **The list of achievements and the candidate presentation should be organized into three blocks related to knowledge, skills, and competencies:**

### **Block 1. Knowledge**

List all educational activities related to the discipline in which the degree is sought, including

- bachelor's, master's, and postgraduate studies;
- courses;
- workshops;
- seminars;
- summer schools.

The Verification Team will assess the advanced level of knowledge in the field based on a specified list of topics and recommended readings.

### **Block 2. Skills**

List achievements related to the discipline aimed at earning the degree, including

- scholarly publications (articles and monographs from the ministerial list) and outreach efforts;

- conference and seminar presentations;
- public lectures;
- participation in panel and expert discussions;
- media appearances, if related to the discipline.

### **Block 3. Competencies**

List activities related to the discipline that demonstrate statutory competencies, such as

- organizing or co-organizing conferences;
- leading or co-leading seminars;
- teaching student courses;
- conducting training or workshops for adults;
- completing pedagogical courses or others;
- engaging in community activities in NGOs related to knowledge cycles, significance of knowledge for solving social problems, and implementing social innovations.

### **3. In addition to the list (see above), the application must include:**

- a) A detailed **outline of the dissertation** (title, rationale, objective, methodology, structure of the work along with bibliography) in PDF format;
- b) A **presentation** illustrating the dissertation concept to be delivered by the candidate during the verification;
- c) **Scientific and popular science publications** in the field of the discipline, published in journals or publishing houses listed in the ministerial list for the year of publication, in electronic format.

## **Scope of Topics and Readings in Sociological Sciences for Candidates Undergoing Verification at Level 8, PRK**

The verification process concludes with a discussion between the Verification Team and the candidate, ending either positively or negatively. If the outcome is negative, the candidate may reapply for a second attempt, set by the Verification Team, but no earlier than six weeks from the date of the first attempt.

The discussion focuses on

- theoretical perspectives,
- methodology
- results of the doctoral work.

Four weeks before the verification date, the candidate receives two issues related to the thesis theme, expanding them with a selected theoretical, methodological, or research results context, prepared by the Verification Team after reviewing the doctoral thesis.

The aim of the procedure is to determine whether the candidate can justify the theoretical and methodological choices made in the doctoral thesis with the current state of sociological knowledge.