

**61/2000 Coll. of Laws
ACT
of 9 February 2000
on adult education and cultural activities**

The National Council of the Slovak Republic has adopted this Act:

**Article 1
Scope of Act**

This Act governs legal relationships ensuring adult education and cultural activities, the status of adult education and cultural centres, the rights and duties of founders of adult education and cultural centres, as well as the scope of competencies of state administration authorities in the field of adult education and cultural activities.

**Article 2
Adult education and cultural activities**

- (1) Pursuant to this Act, adult education and cultural activities shall mean activities which contribute to the development of personality and the formation of a cultural way of living based on the principles of voluntary participation, interest and the creative abilities of people.
- (2) Adult education and cultural activities raise the universal cultural and educational levels of persons through:
- a. facilitating access to information and knowledge on culture, science and techniques;
 - b. intensifying a persons relationship with their own country, the cultural identity of the nation, national minorities and ethnic groups, and care for the environment;
 - c. educating through art and to art, in particular developing special-interest artistic activities;
 - d. investigating, protecting, preserving and providing access to folk traditions, emphasising traditional and folk culture, developing and using them creatively;
 - e. facilitating the prevention of antisocial activities and drug addiction;
 - f. allowing people to occupy their free time with cultural activities.
- (3) Adult education and cultural activities shall be performed by adult education and cultural centres.

**Article 3
Adult education and cultural centres**

From the point of view of professional orientation, an adult education and cultural centre is:

- a. any adult education and cultural centre with a general orientation;
- b. any adult education and cultural centre with special-purpose orientation, in particular an observatory or planetarium.

**Article 4
Establishment of adult education and cultural centres**

The founder of an adult education and cultural centre can be:

- a. central body of state administration;
- b. regional office;
- c. municipality; 1)

- d. other legal entities;
 - e. natural persons.
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1) Art. 4 par. 3 point j) of Act of the Slovak National Council No. 369/1990 Coll. on municipalities as amended by Act of the National Council of the Slovak Republic No. 252/1994 Coll. of Laws.

Article 5 **Founder's rights and duties**

(1) The founder of an adult education and cultural centre shall be entitled:

- a. to establish and liquidate their adult education and cultural centre;
- b. to determine the professional orientation of their adult education and cultural centre.

(2) The founder of an adult education and cultural centre shall be obliged:

- a. to issue a foundation charter 2) or statute for their adult education and cultural centre;
 - b. to ensure the activities of their adult education and cultural centre from a professional, personnel and financial point of view.
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2) Art. 21 Par. 8 of Act of the National Council of the Slovak Republic No. 303/1995 Coll. of Laws on budgetary rules.

Article 6 **State adult education and cultural centres**

(1) Any state adult education and cultural centre shall be established 3) as a legal entity.

(2) Before establishing or liquidating a state adult education and cultural centre, the founder shall require the consent of the Ministry of Culture of the Slovak Republic (hereinafter referred to as "the Ministry"), except for those adult education and culture centres referred to in paragraph 3.

(3) The Ministry is the founder of the National Adult Education and Cultural Centre in Bratislava and the Slovak Central Observatory in Hurbanovo.

3) Articles 21 to 23 of Act of the National Council of the Slovak Republic No. 303/1995 Coll. of Laws as amended by Act of the National Council of the Slovak Republic No. 386/1996 Coll. of Laws.

Article 7 **Scope of competencies of state administration authorities in the field of adult education and cultural activities**

(1) The state administration in the field of adult education and cultural activities according to this Act shall be performed by:

- a. the Ministry,
- b. regional offices.

(2) The Ministry shall:

- a. create legal and organisational conditions in order to ensure the development of adult education and cultural activities;
- b. support the creation and public presentation of the results of adult education and cultural activities within the Slovak Republic and abroad;
- c. establish state adult education and cultural centres with nation-wide activities.

(3) Regional offices shall:

- a. ensure adult education and cultural activities through state adult education and cultural centres under their territorial competency;
- b. co-ordinate adult education and cultural activities under their territorial competency;
- c. establish state adult education and cultural centres with the scope of activities within the territory of the region concerned;
- d. appoint an adult education and cultural centre with the scope of activities within the territory of the region concerned to perform professional advisory, methodical, information and documentation activities for other adult education and cultural centres in that region.

Article 8

State adult education and cultural centres shall create and maintain information databases containing information about culture.

Article 9

Transitional provisions

Adult education and cultural centres established before the entry into force of this Act shall be considered as established pursuant to this Act.

Article 10

Repealing provisions

Act No. 52/1959 Coll. on adult education and cultural activities (Adult Education and Cultural Act) as amended by Act of the Slovak National Council No. 131/1970 Coll., Act of the Slovak National Council No. 96/1991 and Act No 186/1997 Coll. of Laws are hereby repealed.

Article 11

Entry into force

This Act shall enter into force on 1 March 2000.

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