

ECTS grades replaced by ECTS Grading Table (EGT)

In order to facilitate the mobility of students within Europe, the European Directorate General of Education and Culture in Brussels issues recommendations on how grades should be transferred between universities in different European countries. New recommendations are published every few years in the *ECTS Users' Guide*.

Until 2009 national/local grades were to be translated to what was known as the ECTS scale comprising the passing grades A-E. With the *ECTS Users' Guide 2009*, however, the ECTS scale was abolished, since it had proved to be difficult to implement and therefore had not been generally accepted. It was replaced by the ECTS Grading Table (EGT), which is a table presenting the distribution of the national/local grades.

Since January 2011 it is possible to print transcripts of records including EGT from Ladok (the national system for documentation of academic information at higher education institutions in Sweden). The EGT is generated automatically and based on all grades awarded on the course from the start until and including the date when the present student was graded.

However, the EGT of a specific course is normally only included in the transcript of records if grades from the course are available for a period of at least two years.

In the Vice-Chancellor's decision no. 21/11 (dnr 254-11) dated 8 February 2011; the Vice Chancellor cancels the right of international students to have their grades translated to the ECTS scale. Instead, all students who ask for international grades should be offered a transcript of records including the EGT.