

## Guidelines for Postdoctoral Theses/ Qualification as a University Lecturer (Habilitation)

According to §3 of the University Act, private universities have the right to use various names and titles related to the university as an institution provided that they add “private university“ to each one. The names and titles in question cannot, however, be used at will. According to §2 of the University Act, their use must be in line with international standards.

### **Prerequisites for institutions**

The procedure leading up to qualification as a university lecturer on the basis of a postdoctoral thesis (habilitation) requires a well-established research field in a given area. A well-established research field means that research activities are being systematically pursued at the institution and that their results are being presented in the relevant publications. The Accreditation Council basically assumes that the institution has the right to award doctoral and post-doctoral titles.

### **Prerequisites for awarding qualification to teach as university lecturer**

Prerequisites for awarding teaching status must comply with the qualification requirements laid down in the 2002 University Act.

### **Procedure**

The procedure is to be laid down in a special set of regulations according to the bylaws of the private university. These regulations must follow the prevailing standards within the German-language countries, just like the standards set out in the 2002 University Act. The regulations for the post-doctoral qualification procedure and the special areas of study where they apply are to be submitted to the Accreditation Council for approval.

If a private university does not (yet) have a sufficient number of university professors to form a commission the regulations must stipulate that a commission can be composed of external university professors.