**EMJM proposal / Attachment explaining the national situation regarding University of Applied Sciences status, degree-awarding rights and accreditation in Finland**

The universities of applied sciences in Finland are regulated by the Universities of Applied Sciences Act (932/2014). According to the Act universities of applied sciences need an operating license granted by the Government in order to receive government funding and award degrees ([List of licenses](https://minedu.fi/toimiluvat) <https://minedu.fi/toimiluvat>). Individual degrees and degree programmes are not accredited in Finland. The provisions pertaining to the degrees awarded by the universities of applied sciences, the objectives of the degrees and the structure of the studies and other study requirements are enacted by Government Decree (1129/2014). [Name of university of applied sciences] has an operating license granted by the Government which states that [name of university of applied sciences] has the right to offer programmes and award 2nd cycle university of applied sciences degrees (Master’s degrees) in the field of [name of field].