

# Impact of the recent changes of the law of higher education in Serbia: are we going backward?

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Number of examination periods is **SIX**.

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Persons who have acquired or acquire the academic title of Magister in accordance with regulations that were applicable previously to this law can acquire PhD by defending the doctoral dissertation according to the previous regulations by the end of the school year 2015/2016.

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