



October 29, 2003

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Dear LIVIU MATEI

The Ministry of Advanced Education, Student Services Branch, recently received a request to have your institution be considered as a designated school for participation in the British Columbia Student Assistance Program (BCSAP).

We have reviewed the information and are pleased to inform you that your educational institution has met our designation criteria and students from British Columbia may be eligible for funding through this program.

The BCSAP school code assigned to your institution is QUQL. Please refer to this code in future correspondence with the Student Services Branch.

This designation applies only to full-time programs that are delivered through classroom instruction and are at least 12 weeks in length. For your information, a student is considered full time when taking at least 60 percent of a full academic course load for credit for the program concerned. Please note you must immediately report to this office the withdrawal of any students who cease to meet student loan eligibility criteria, including students who drop below a 60 percent course load. Programs offered solely through correspondence, on-line, or other distance delivery methods, are not fundable. Further details on program eligibility are available on our website at www.bcsap.bc.ca.

It is important to note that this approval for BCSAP designation does not imply recognition of the institution and/or its programs by the British Columbia Ministry of Advanced Education. The institution is neither being 'accredited' nor 'approved' for any other purposes except that of meeting the criteria for designation under this program.

If you require further information, please contact myself at (250) 356-7890 or Pam Lacey at (250) 952-6374.

Sincerely,

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Dear Ms. Pamela Lacey:

Thank you very much for your letter of 22 July 2003. As Academic Secretary at Central European University (CEU) it is one of my responsibilities to handle matters regarding the accreditation of University and its degree programs, and also regarding recognition of our students' diplomas.

Although I am not aware of any application submitted by CEU to participate in the British Columbia Student Assistance Program (BCSAP), I would like to correct the information that you mention in your letter.

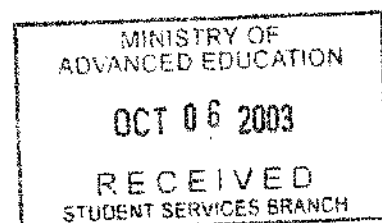
1. CEU is chartered by the Board of Regents of the New York State Education Department and has its only campus in Budapest, Hungary. All our degree programs (Master's and Doctoral) are individually registered by the Board of Regents.
2. In Hungary, the Ministry of Education recognizes CEU as a foreign institution of higher education.
3. Not only that our University is a full member of the International Association of Universities but our Executive Vice-President is a Deputy Member in the Administration Board of the Association.
4. Although I do not have the copy of the International Handbook of Universities to which to make reference I would like to indicate that in the International Handbook of Universities edited by UNESCO and the International Association of Universities (Palgrave 2001) CEU is listed on page 835.

It appears from the above that CEU does fulfill the requirements that are necessary in order to participated in the BCSAP.

Should you need additional information or any kind of official document please do not hesitate to contact me.

With best wishes,


Liviu Matei





July 22, 2003

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Dear Educational Institution:

The Ministry of Advanced Education, Student Services Branch recently received a request to have the Central European University be considered as a designated institution for participation in the British Columbia Student Assistance Program (BCSAP). The application has now been reviewed; unfortunately your institution does not meet all of the basic criteria for BCSAP designation at this time.

In order to designate a school, we must be able to determine that the school has at least one full-time program of study that meets all of the basic criteria. A review of the program information submitted indicates that the following criteria has not been met:

- If located outside the Canada and the United States, the school must be listed in the International Handbook of Universities (International Association of Universities, Stockton Press) or the Commonwealth Universities Yearbook (Association of Commonwealth Universities, U.B.C Press) and must have been approved continuously as a post-secondary institution by the home jurisdiction.
- If located outside Canada, schools requesting designation "must be defined as a post-secondary institution in accordance with their own country's Department of Education, and thus be eligible for its students to access student loans in their own country." We have not been able to find such documentation for your educational institution.

I wish to assure you that this denial of BCSAP designation is not a reflection on the quality or value of education and training provided by the school.