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**Commercialization of Higher Education in Ukraine: an analysis
of the possibilities to become a Bachelor.**

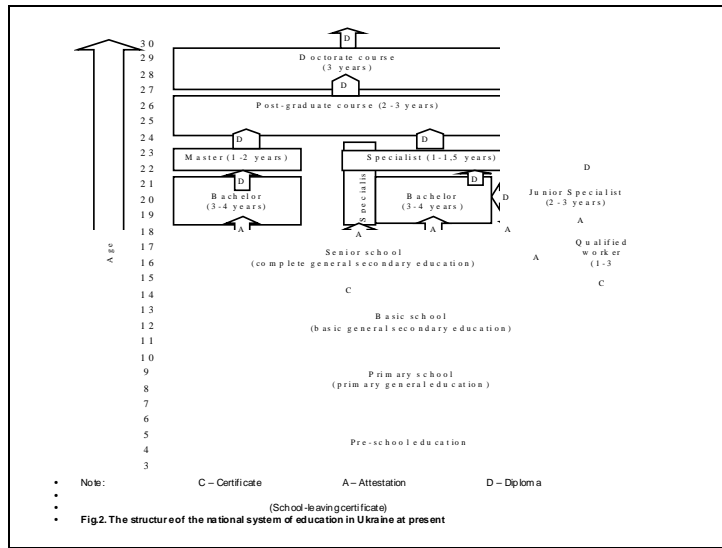
- **MAIN DEVELOPMENTS**

- **in the Higher Education System of Ukraine 2007-2009**

- Ukraine joined the Bologna Process in 2005. Key developments since then include: approval of an action plan on Quality Assurance in higher education; amendments to the law on HE has been prepared according to Bologna provisions and recommendations; Ukraine has become a governmental member of the European Quality Assurance Register.
- Future challenges include: introduction of the innovative institutional structure, threecycle system and joint degrees; establishing programmes for foreign students; aligning university programmes with Bologna structure; development of the national qualifications framework for lifelong learning; creating mechanisms for recognition of prior learning; implementation of the Diploma Supplement in the EU/CoE/UNESCO format; creation of the national QA agency; increasing outward and inward mobility; assuring portability of student grants and loans; provision of equal access to higher education; curriculum reform with a view to the needs of employers; promotion of cultural values and democratic ideals.

BOLOGNA SCORECARD – UKRAINE – JANUARY 2009	
DEGREE SYSTEM	
IMPLEMENTATION OF DEGREE SYSTEM	
1. Stage of implementation of the first and second cycle	5
2. Access to the next cycle	5
3. Implementation of national qualifications framework	1
QUALITY ASSURANCE	
NATIONAL IMPLEMENTATION OF STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES FOR QA IN THE EHEA	
4. Stage of development of external quality assurance system	3
5. Level of student participation in quality assurance	5
6. Level of international participation in quality assurance	2
RECOGNITION	
7. Stage of implementation of diploma supplement	1
8. National implementation of the principles of the Lisbon Recognition Convention	3
9. Stage of implementation of ECTS	5
10. Recognition of prior learning	2
<p>Source: Bologna Stocktaking Report - 2009: country summary and the scorecard based on Ukraine's national report on the implementation of the Bologna Process</p>	

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Dramatic social consequences of the present situation of increasing commercialization of HE institutional system in Ukraine

- The first dramatic consequence is determined by limitations of the state's budget concerning education programs. It is well-known that in former USSR education of all students was covered by budget resources. But in 2007 only near 60% bachelors from the state's academies and universities were educated by budget money. Another part of bachelors were educated on commercial base. Small size of the student's fellowship - 33USD (165 grn) was only near 30% of minimal living standard.
- Second dramatic consequence is determined by limitations of the family budget. According to recent sociological data 67% families identify themselves as "poverty-stricken families". Annual income of such families is near 2400USD. But annual payment for bachelor education in the most part of HE institutions has relative size – from 500 to 1500 USD. Small annual income is a real obstacle to obtain education loan from banks. Today only 10-15% families in Ukraine have sufficient money for payment 2000-4000 USD for bachelor education at elite universities.