

1. Title of the certificate ¹

**Δίπλωμα Επαγγελματικής Ειδικότητας Εκπαίδευσης και Κατάρτισης Επιπέδου 5 Ειδικότητα Ι.Ε.Κ.:
ΠΡΟΠΟΝΗΤΗΣ ΣΚΑΚΙ**

2. Translated title of the certificate ²

**Vocational Training Diploma Initial Vocational Training (I.E.K.) Level 5. Specialty of I.E.K.:
CHESS COACH**

3. Profile of skills and competences

LEARNING OUTCOMES (KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, COMPETENCES). A typical holder of the certificate is able to:

KNOWLEDGE

- Clarify the special terminology (Greek and international) related to the accessories of chess (pieces, board, timers), the progress of the game, and the recording of the result.
- Describe the historical course and development of chess (at international and domestic level), the theoretical schools emerged, the significant personalities of the sport, and the regulations governing it.
- Summarise the procedures related to the basic organizational issues about chess (scheduling, preparation, hosting of games, practices of draws, and management of chess clubs).
- Explain the basic elements of evolutionary psychology with regard to processes of the body, of the mind and of the soul (senses, feelings, emotions, perception, fantasy, conscience, and attention, presentations and associations, memory, intellect, understanding, use of language, learning).
- Specify the basic processes related to social psychology, such as the perception of other persons and groups, the dynamic and function of groups, interpersonal relations, and the development of a personality.
- Evaluate the methods and tools of the coaching theory, the forms of coaching procedure (personal, group, amateur, professional) and the principles governing it (rate, intensity, periodicity, balance between training and competitive action).
- Specify operations and special applications related to the use of a computer in Windows and Mac OS environments.

SKILLS

- Fully operate chess software that helps collect details of a chess game (Chess Base) and analyse the positions (Houdini, Fritz6).
- Prepare training programmes for athletes of different levels.
- Present to the chess athletes suitable methods for thinking and acting, related to victory (hierarchy of objectives, creation of a plan, organization of the attack, evaluation of strategic threats and traps, conversions of advantages and change of positions).
- Present to athletes procedures related to the tactics of a chess game: images of checkmate, threat, piece isolation, reveal, strategic sacrificing, temporary sacrificing, pinning, removal or destruction of defence, opening or closing of lines, combinations for the promotion of pieces or combinations aiming to a draw.
- Reproduce to chess athletes opening strategies: classic and modern ideals, sacrifice of materials, symmetry and asymmetry, reverse openings.
- Pass to the chess players concepts and procedures related to the chess endings: centering of pieces, value of a free piece, combination of pieces, the concepts of "stalemate" and "zugzwang", theoretical draw.
- Successfully prepare athletes depending on the category of game in which they are going to compete (normal game, rapid, blitz), while strengthening and supporting their mental condition before each game of chess.
- Prepare the chess athletes depending on the conditions of each game (characteristics of the opponent and piece colour) within the context of an event or tournament.

COMPETENCES

- Follow the code of ethics of the Hellenic Chess Federation and of the World Chess Federation (FIDE).
- Work with consistency and responsibility both individually and as a member of a group.
- Revise and renew coaching methods and techniques based on innovative teaching principles.

¹ In the original language. | ² If applicable. This translation has no legal status. | ³ If applicable.

4. Range of occupations accessible to the holder of the certificate ³

The holder of this specialisation certificate may work as a chess coach in athletic, educational, or other organisations. The Vocational Training Diploma is recognised as a qualification for appointment in the public sector falling in the category S.E. (Secondary Education) according to the Presidential Decree no.50/2001 (Greek Official Gazette 39/Vol.A/5-3-2001).

5. Official basis of the certificate

Body awarding the certificate

E.O.P.P.E.P.
(National Organisation for the Certification of Qualifications and Vocational Guidance)
Ethnikis Antistaseos 41 Avenue, 142 34 N. Ionia
<https://www.eoppep.gr/>

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Level of the certificate (national or European) ¹

Level 5 National and European Qualifications Framework

Grading scale / Pass requirements

- a) acquisition of the Vocational Training Certificate (V.E.K.) after successful completion of study at the Vocational Training Institute (I.E.K.)
- b) acquisition of the Vocational Training Diploma after:
 1. success in the theoretical part of Initial Vocational Training certification examinations (Grading scale = 1-20, Pass = 10) and
 2. success in the practical part of the Initial Vocational Training certification examinations (Pass/Fail)

Access to next level of education / training ¹

Yes

International agreements on recognition of qualifications¹

No

Legal basis

Law 2009/1992 on the National System of Vocational Education and Training
Law 4186/2013 on the Restructure of Secondary Education
Law 4763/2020 on National System of Vocational Education, Training and Lifelong Learning

6. Officially recognised ways of acquiring the certificate

Total duration of the education / training leading to the certificate
Success in the the Initial Vocational Training certification examinations
4 semesters (until law 4186/2013) / 5 semesters (after law 4186/2013)

7. Additional information

Entry requirements ¹

Certificate of Upper Secondary School. Qualification of Level 4 (NQF/EQF) // Certificate Vocational Training School (SEK) – Qualification of Level 3 (NQF/EQF)

Following the voting of L. 4763/2020, only by an Upper Secondary Education certificate or an equivalent title of studies (Qualification of Level 4 NQF/EQF)

Indicative subjects taught:

General didactics (General principles of teaching - teaching methodology), Elements of general and evolutionary psychology, Sociology, Elements of social psychology, Elements of cognitive psychology, Training evaluation, Entrepreneurship - Communication Technique, General coaching theory, Chess history, Chess organisation and Championships, School chess, Tactics (general strategy in chess), General theory of chess openings, (Advanced) Tactics and Combinations in Chess, General Closing principles, Chess software, Internet, Preparation of notes - Bulletins, Computer use, English.

More information

National Qualifications Framework : <https://nqf.gov.gr/> and <https://proson.eoppep.gr/en>

National Europass Centre: **EL/NEC - E.O.P.P.E.P.** National Organisation for the Certification of Qualifications and Vocational Guidance, Ethnikis Antistaseos 41 Avenue, 142 34 N. Ionia, Greece. T.0030 2102709000 europass@eoppep.gr
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¹ If applicable.