



1. Title of the certificate ¹

**Δίπλωμα Επαγγελματικής Ειδικότητας Εκπαίδευσης και Κατάρτισης Επιπέδου 5. Ειδικότητα Ι.Ε.Κ.:
ΘΡΗΣΚΕΥΤΙΚΟΣ ΤΟΥΡΙΣΜΟΣ ΚΑΙ ΠΡΟΣΚΥΝΗΜΑΤΙΚΕΣ ΠΕΡΙΗΓΗΣΕΙΣ**

2. Translated title of the certificate ²

**Vocational Training Diploma Initial Vocational Training (I.E.K.) Level 5. Specialty of I.E.K.:
RELIGIOUS TOURISM AND PILGRIMAGE TOURS**

3. Profile of skills and competences

LEARNING OUTCOMES (KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, COMPETENCES).

A typical holder of the certificate is able to:

KNOWLEDGE

- Describe a travel agency operation and the accommodation and transportation services for tourists.
- Understand the techniques of organising religious excursions and pilgrimage tours in Greece and abroad.
- Understand the regulations and current tourism and archaeological legislation related to religious tourism.
- Recognise elements of Christian archaeology, architecture and monumental painting.
- Understand basic elements, terms and symbols of Religion and Theology.
- Determine the basic principles of Tourism Marketing.
- Understand English tourism terminology and a 2nd language of choice, both orally and in writing.
- Know how to deal with emergencies and the rules of first aid and hygiene.

SKILLS

- Use theological knowledge to plan religious travels.
- Implement sales techniques regarding tourism services, goods and products.
- Organise specialised visits at holy areas, places and monuments.
- Apply techniques of alternative tourism in combination with religious tourism.
- Communicate in writing and orally in English and a 2nd language of choice.
- Handle emergencies and implement first aid rules.
- Conduct market research and promote tourism products in selected markets.

COMPETENCES

- Effectively collaborate with colleagues and tourism service providers.
- Plan, organise, promote and implement religious excursions and pilgrimage tours in Greece and abroad.
- Support the efficient service and proper information of travellers.

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

The VET graduate of this specialty can work in Travel Agencies and Tourism Undertakings which are active in the field of Religious Tourism, in Public bodies, institutions and municipalities in the field of Religious Tourism, in Organisations and Bodies of the Church of Greece in relation to Religious Tourism, in private companies with services or synergies related to Religious Tourism and Pilgrimage Tours.

The Vocational Training Diploma is recognised as a qualification for appointment in the public sector according to the Presidential Decree no. 50/2001 (Greek Official Gazette 39/Vol. A/5-3-2001), as in effect.

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

5. Official basis of the certificate

| Body awarding the certificate | Authority providing accreditation / recognition of the certificate |
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| E.O.P.P.E.P. (National Organisation for the Certification of Qualifications and Vocational Guidance) 41 Ethnikis Antistaseos Avenue, 142 34 N. Ionia https://www.eoppep.gr/ | E.O.P.P.E.P. (National Organisation for the Certification of Qualifications and Vocational Guidance) 41 Ethnikis Antistaseos Avenue, 142 34 N. Ionia https://www.eoppep.gr/ |
| Level of the certificate (national or European) ¹ | Grading scale / Pass requirements |
| Level 5 National and European Qualifications Framework | 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 | International agreements on recognition of qualifications ¹ |
| Yes | 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 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:

Principles of Religious Tourism, Travel Planning Techniques, Tourism Geography and Religious Monuments in Greece and Abroad, Elements of Christian Archaeology, Elements of Theology and Religion, Entrepreneurship and Religious Tourism, English Tourism Terminology, 2nd Language (of choice), Hygiene – First Aid, Communication Techniques – Pilgrimage, Tourism Marketing – Sales Skills, Elements of Tourism Legislation, Synergies for Alternative Forms of Tourism.

More information

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

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¹ If applicable.