Agentur für Qualitätssicherung und Akkreditierung

# Ergebnisbericht: Verfahren zum Antrag der Karl Landsteiner Privatuniversität für Gesundheitswissenschaften GmbH auf Änderung des akkreditierten Bachelorstudiengangs „Psychologie", durchgeführt in Krems an der Donau

## 1 Antragsgegenstand

Die Agentur für Qualitätssicherung und Akkreditierung Austria (AQ Austria) führte ein Akkreditierungsverfahren zu oben genanntem Antrag gemäß § 24 Hochschul-Qualitätssicherungsgesetz (HS-QSG), BGBl I Nr. 74/2011 idgF, iVm § 2 Privathochschulgesetz (PrivHG), BGBl I Nr. 74/2011 idgF sowie § 17 Privathochschul-Akkreditierungsverordnung 2024 (PrivH-AkkVO 2024) durch. Gemäß § 21 HS-QSG veröffentlicht die AQ Austria folgenden Ergebnisbericht:

## 2 Verfahrensablauf

Das Akkreditierungsverfahren umfasste folgende Verfahrensschritte:

| **Verfahrensschritt** | **Zeitpunkt** |
|---|---|
| Antrag | Version vom 16.12.2025, eingelangt am 17.12.2025 |
| Mitteilung an Antragstellerin: Abschluss der Antragsprüfung | 13.02.2026 |
| Nachreichungen eingelangt am | 26.02.2026 |
| Bestellung der Gutachterin und Beschluss über Vorgangsweise und Kosten des Verfahrens | 12.03.2026 |
| Information an Antragstellerin über Gutachterin | 27.03.2026 |
| Virtuelles Vorbereitungsgespräch mit Gutachterin | 23.04.2026 |
| Vorlage des Gutachtens | 15.07.2026 |
| Übermittlung des Gutachtens an Antragstellerin zur Stellungnahme | 16.07.2026 |
| Stellungnahme der Antragstellerin zum Gutachten eingelangt am | 28.07.2026 |
| Stellungnahme der Antragstellerin zum Gutachten an Gutachterin | 29.07.2026 |



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# 3 Akkreditierungsentscheidung

Das Board der AQ Austria hat mit Beschluss vom 24.09.2026 entschieden, dem Antrag auf Änderung des akkreditierten Bachelorstudiengangs „Psychologie" unter einer Auflage stattzugeben, da die von der Änderung betroffenen Akkreditierungsvoraussetzungen gemäß § 24 HS-QSG iVm § 2 PrivHG iVm § 17 PrivH-AkkVO 2024 nicht vollständig erfüllt sind. Folgende Kriterien wurden als erfüllt eingestuft:

- § 17 Abs. 2 Z 2 PrivH-AkkVO 2024 (Studiengang und Studiengangsmanagement)
- § 17 Abs. 5 Z 1 und 2 PrivH-AkkVO 2024 (Finanzierung)
- § 17 Abs. 6 PrivH-AkkVO 2024 (Infrastruktur)

Das folgende Kriterium wurde als erfüllt unter Auflagen eingestuft:

- § 17 Abs. 4 Z 1 PrivH-AkkVO 2024 (Personal)

Auf Grund der Stellungnahme stufte das Board der AQ Austria den im Gutachten negativ beurteilten Prüfbereich § 17 Abs. 5 PrivH-AkkVO 2024 als erfüllt ein. Hinsichtlich des Kriteriums § 17 Abs. 4 Z 1 PrivH-AkkVO 2024 folgte es hingegen der Einschätzung der Gutachterin, da zum Zeitpunkt der Akkreditierungsentscheidung noch nicht für alle vorgesehenen Stellen ausreichende Nachweise zur Qualifikation des Lehr- und Forschungs-personals vorlagen. Das Board der AQ Austria stellte einen behebbaren Mangel fest und erteilte eine entsprechende Auflage.

Die Entscheidung wurde gemäß § 25 Abs. 3 HS-QSG von der hierfür zuständigen Bundesministerin für Frauen, Wissenschaft und Forschung mit Schreiben vom 29.09.2026, eingelangt am 29.09.2026, genehmigt.

Anlagen

- Gutachten vom 15.07.2026
- Stellungnahme vom 28.07.2026

Agentur für Qualitätssicherung und Akkreditierung

# Expert report on the application for amendment of the accredited study programme in Psychology of the Karl-Landsteiner Private University, offered in Krems an der Donau

pursuant to § 7 of the Accreditation Decree of Private Higher Education 2024



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# 1 Overview of the accreditation process

| **Information on the applicant institution** | |
|---|---|
| **Applicant insitution** | Karl Landsteiner Privatuniversität für Gesundheitswissenschaften GmbH |
| **Site of the institution** | Krems an der Donau |
| **Legal status** | Gesellschaft mit beschränkter Haftung |
| **Initial institutional accreditation** | 04.12.2013 |
| **Last extension of the institutional accreditation** | 17.10.2019 |
| **Number of students** | 937 (2024/25) |
| **Accredited study programmes** | 5 |

| **Information on the application for the accreditation of changes** | |
|---|---|
| **Programme title** | Psychologie |
| **Type of study programme** | Bachelor's degree programme |
| **ECTS-credit points** | 180 |
| **Regular study period** | 6 semesters |
| **Maximum intake per year** | 60 (presently 40) |
| **Academic degree** | Bachelor of Science, abgekürzt BSc |
| **Study formate** | Full time |
| **Language of study** | German |
| **Site of study programme** | Krems an der Donau |
| **Tuition fees** | € 4.500 -/ semester |

The applicant institution submitted the application for the amendment of its accredited bachelor's degree programme in Psychology on the 17.12.2025. By decision of 26.03.2026 the Board of AQ Austria decided to appoint following expert in the procedure:

| Name | Position and Institutional Affiliation | Expertise |
|---|---|---|
| Prof. Dr. Heather Foran | University of Klagenfurt / Institute for Psychology / Department of Health Psychology | Scientific qualification in psychology |

# 2 § 17 (2) PrivH-AkkVO 2024: Degree programme and degree programme management

**Taking into account a heterogeneous student body, the following criteria shall apply. In the case of degree programmes with special profile elements, the descriptions shall address these characteristics defining the profile. Special profile elements are, for example, access to a regulated profession, mandatory vocational practice in the case of master's programmes, study formats alongside professional activity, dual degree programmes, degree programmes with distance learning components and fully online degree programmes, joint study programmes or jointly offered study programmes that are conducted at more than one location.**

**2. The curriculum of the degree programme**

**a. corresponds to the scientific and/or artistic or scientific-artistic and didactic requirements of the respective subject area and/or the respective subject areas, and is related to the focal areas of research and development and appreciation of the arts at the private university college;**

**b. comprises defined core subject areas which reflect the main subjects of the degree programme and thus the central competences to be acquired in the degree programme;**

**c. ensures the achievement of the intended learning outcomes according to the respective qualification level of the National Qualifications Framework through content and structure;**

**d. comprises modules and/or courses with suitable learning/teaching methods that promote the active participation of students in the learning process and provide for suitable assessment methods to achieve the intended learning outcomes;**

**e. comprises modules and/or courses whose workload, expressed in ECTS credits, enables the degree programme to be completed within the specified duration of study.**

*Summary of facts*: The curriculum changes are provided in three detailed attached documents provided by the KLPU. This includes minor changes in ECTS credit points for some courses. This also includes a detailed list of changes for each course modified including the course descriptions for new courses. Most of the changes are minor revisions to existing courses and do not represent a significant deviation from the current curriculum. The curriculum is also provided with all necessary details to evaluate this criterion. The curriculum is in line with scientific and didactic requirements in psychology at the bachelor's level. It includes the core required subject areas for a study programme in Psychology and the core

competencies expected to be taught. This includes coverage of modules in the area of General Psychology, Biological Psychology, Health Psychology, Clinical Psychology, Social Psychology, Developmental Psychology, Individual Differences, Assessment, Social Psychology, Psychological Methods and Statistics, as well as Work and Organization Psychology. Courses in ethics, diversity and gender are also covered. Practical experiences and supervision of a bachelor thesis are structurally anchored in the curriculum. The structure of the modules and division of seminars and lectures is in line with best practices and requirements for training in Psychology at the bachelor's level. ECTS credits are clearly defined in tabular format with corresponding workload reported. The structure of the modules and division of seminars and lectures is in line with best practices and requirements for training in Psychology at the bachelor's level. The structure and clarity of workload across the six semesters provides a feasible plan for completion of the study programme in the 3-year time frame.

*Analysis*: The curriculum is in line with recommendations for bachelor's programmes in Psychology and adheres to the criteria outlined in.

*Conclusion*: From the perspective of the reviewer, this criterion is fulfilled.

# 3 § 17 (4) PrivH-AkkVO 2024: Staff

**1. At all locations where the degree programme is offered, sufficient permanent and adjunct scientific and/or artistic or scientific-artistic teaching and research staff who are professionally and didactically qualified according to the requirements of the respective post, shall be available.**

*Summary of facts*: According to the application documents, sufficient internal and adjunct scientific staff will be available to cover the teaching needs for the study programme. This includes 90 ECTS credit points covered by internal staff and 72 ECTS credit points covered by external teaching staff. Excluded from these calculations are the remaining 18 ECTS credit points that is covered through the practicum and the bachelor's thesis credits. This includes plans for 6 professors by Winter Semester 2026. Three of these positions are new hires or in the process of being hired. A letter of intent related to the Professor in Psychotherapy is provided. In addition, other teaching staff members in each of the 6 areas of the professorships are described. This includes predoctoral and/or post-doctoral teaching staff in each of the 6 areas. In sum, 21 staff members are currently employed or planned to be hired. However, the teaching responsibilities are not only for the bachelor's program in Psychology, but also connected with the Master's program and how this divided or planned in the future is not entirely clear.

*Analysis*: Sufficient permanent and adjunct scientific teaching and research staff, with professional and didactic qualifications, are planned for the bachelor's study program in Psychology. Not all of these positions are yet filled. The institution provided specific plans for filling these positions. The assessment covers the number and the structure of the permanent academic staff involved in the study programme well. Not covered, due to the lack of information in the application, is the qualification of the new members of the academic staff. While the KLPU provides information on the stage of the recruitment process, there is no evidence on the qualification of the new scientific teaching and research staff to be hired.

Overlap with future developments in the master's program and teaching obligations across both programs should be carefully considered.

*Conclusion*: From the perspective of the reviewer, this criterion is fulfilled subject to certain conditions. Evidence for the qualification of the new scientific teaching and research staff hired should be provided within 3 months.

*Recommendation*: Overlap with future developments in the master's program and teaching obligations across both programs should be carefully considered.

*Conditions*: Pursuant to § 17 (4) 1 PrivH-AkkVo 2024 within three months from the service of the notification the applicant institution will present evidence for the qualification of the newly hired permanent faculty.

# 4 § 17 (5) PrivH-AkkVO 2024: Funding

**A financial plan for the first six years following accreditation, outlining costs per study place, shall include**

**1. a realistic, calculably plausible comparison of all expected income and expenses related to the implementation of the degree programme, and**

**2. precautionary measures which ensure the continuation of studies in the event that the degree programme is discontinued.**

**The application for accreditation of degree programmes shall be accompanied by the corresponding funding commitments from the funding bodies named in the financial plan. The financial calculations shall be attached to the application in Excel format.**

*Summary of facts*: A detailed financial plan was provided by the KLPU. This included the calculations for the amendment to the bachelor studies program in Psychology, which involves an increase of students from 40 to 60 per year. Expenses are provided by category and per year (e.g., Studiengebühren, Personalkosten, Risikovorsorge).

*Analysis*: The financial plan is realistic and plausible considering expected income and expenses related to implementation of the program. The financial plan is however only provided for 5 years and not the required 6 years according to the criterion.

Proof of funding, in the case that the study program is phased out, was not provided.

*Conclusion*: From the perspective of the reviewer, this criterion is fulfilled subject to certain conditions.

*Conditions*:

1. The financial plan should be revised to include the time frame of 6 years instead of only 5 years (pursuant to § 17 (5) PrivH-AkkVO 2024).
2. Proof of funding, in case the study program is phased out, should be provided. These requirements should be submitted within 3 months from service of the notice.

# 5 § 17 (6) PrivH-AkkVO 2024: Infrastructure

**The required facilities and equipment are available for the degree programme. In the case that external resources are required for the degree programme,**

**their right of disposal has been secured and the key points thereof shall be described in the application for programme accreditation.**

*Summary of facts*: According to the application document (executive summary), the necessary facilities in terms of rooms for implementation of the study program have been secured. The infrastructure named includes two new buildings that are already in use since 2023 and 2024 and a shared Campus Hall with sufficient seminar space. Other equipment needed for the study program is not explicitly mentioned under infrastructure in the executive summary, but can be assumed that technical equipment needed for seminars and lectures are readily available in multi-use rooms across the KLPU lecture halls and seminar rooms. The involvement of the Land NÖ in supporting the infrastructure projects and sharing agreement with UWK are explicitly mentioned in the applicant's executive summary.

*Analysis*: The necessary facilities and equipment are available.

*Conclusion*: From the perspective of the reviewer, this criterion is fulfilled.

# 6 Summary and final evaluation

**(1) Degree programme and degree programme management**
The amendments to the existing bachelor level study programme in Psychology are consistent with guidelines for curriculum in Psychology. The structure remains similar to the existing programme with minor changes in ECTS credit points for some courses and changes in content for specific seminars and modules. The learning requirements are clearly detailed and map on to clear workload expectations and ECTS credits. The opinion of the reviewer is that this criterion is filled.

**(2) Staff**
The applicants provided additional documents detailing the planned personal increases to accommodate the increase in students admitted per semester from 40 to 60. The plan is sufficient to cover the courses with at least 50% internal staff members and supplemented by external scientifically qualified teaching personal. One concern is related to the uncertainly of some of the planned positions as well the division of workload in relation to teaching in the master's programme for the same set of psychology staff members. However, the current review is focused only on the bachelor's study programme. Documentation is however missing in terms of the qualifications of the new scientific and research staff hired for implementation of the study programme. Based on the documentation provided, evidence should be provided related to the qualifications of the new staff hired to fulfil this criterion. Hence, it is the opinion of the reviewer that this criterion is fulfilled conditional on provision of requested missing documentation related to new staff qualifications.

**(3) Funding**
The financial plan was realistic and plausible, but did not provide detail on the required 6 years of planning. In addition, supplementary information is requested as part of this criterion as described below in the summary. It is the opinion of the reviewer that both of these additional requirements should be feasible to fulfil in a timely matter.

**(4) Infrastructure**
The infrastructure was clearly described including the availability of buildings with rooms for the teaching and staff members, and the number of students who could be offered courses in the available rooms. In the opinion of the review, this criterion is met.

**The expert recommends the Board of AQ Austria an accreditation of the amendments to the accredited degree programme in Psychology of the Karl Landsteiner Private University of Health Sciences, offered in Krems an der Donau, under the following conditions:**

1. *Staff, § 17 (4) 1: Within 3 months from the service of the notice, the applicant institution will provide evidence for the qualification of the newly hired academic staff.*

2. *Funding, § 17(5) PrivH-AkkVO 2024: Within 3 months from the service of the notice, the applicant institution will submit a financial plan covering a period of 6 years.*

3. *Funding, § 17 (5) PrivH-AkkVO 2024: Within 3 months from the service of the notice, the applicant institution will present proof that the funding of the teach-out, in case the programme is terminated, is covered.*

The indicated deadlines are a recommendation of the expert to the Board of AQ Austria.

# 7 Documents consulted

- Application of the Karl Landsteiner Privatuniversität für Gesundheitswissenschaften GmbH for amendment of its accredited bachelor's degree programme in Psychology, offered in Krems an der Donau, from the 17.12.2025 in the version from the 26.02.2026

# STELLUNGNAHME ZUM GUTACHTEN ZUM VERFAHREN ZUR ÄNDERUNG DES AKKREDITIERTEN BACHELORSTUDIENGANGS „PSYCHOLOGIE“

GZ: I/PU-128/2026

Karl Landsteiner Privatuniversität
für Gesundheitswissenschaften

Krems, 28. Juli 2026

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Sehr geehrte Mitglieder des Boards der AQ Austria,

die Karl Landsteiner Privatuniversität für Gesundheitswissenschaften (KL) nimmt hiermit als Antragstellerin zum Gutachten des Antrags auf Änderung des akkreditierten Bachelorstudiengangs „Psychologie“ Stellung. Wir bedanken uns bei der Gutachterin und den Mitarbeiter:innen der Geschäftsstelle der AQ Austria für die gute Zusammenarbeit in diesem Verfahren. Dem vorliegenden Gutachten ist zu entnehmen, dass sich die Gutachterin intensiv mit der geplanten Äderung auseinandergesetzt hat.

In der folgenden Stellungnahme replizieren wir auf die Empfehlungen der Gutachterin entlang der Prüfkriterien der PrivH-AkkVO 2024.

Hauptmerkmale des Bachelorstudiengangs Psychologie

| Bezeichnung | ECTS/ NQR | Regelstudien-dauer | Akadem. Grad, abgekürzte Form | Verwendete Sprache | Anzahl der Studienplätze |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Psychologie | 180/ 6 | 6 Semester | BSc | Deutsch | aktuell: 40 ***beantragt: 60*** |

# Stellungnahme zu den Empfehlungen entlang der Prüfkriterien der PrivH-AkkVO

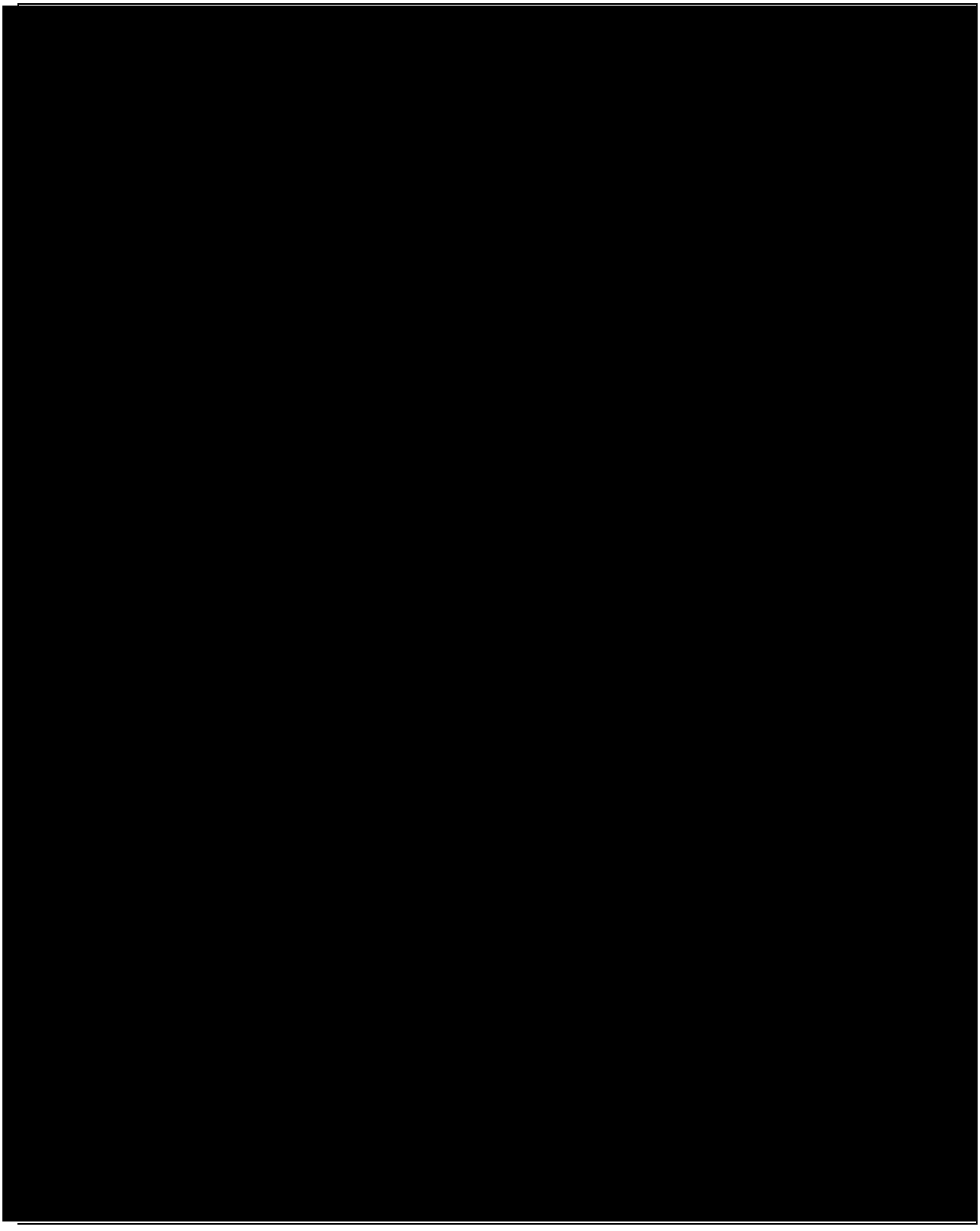
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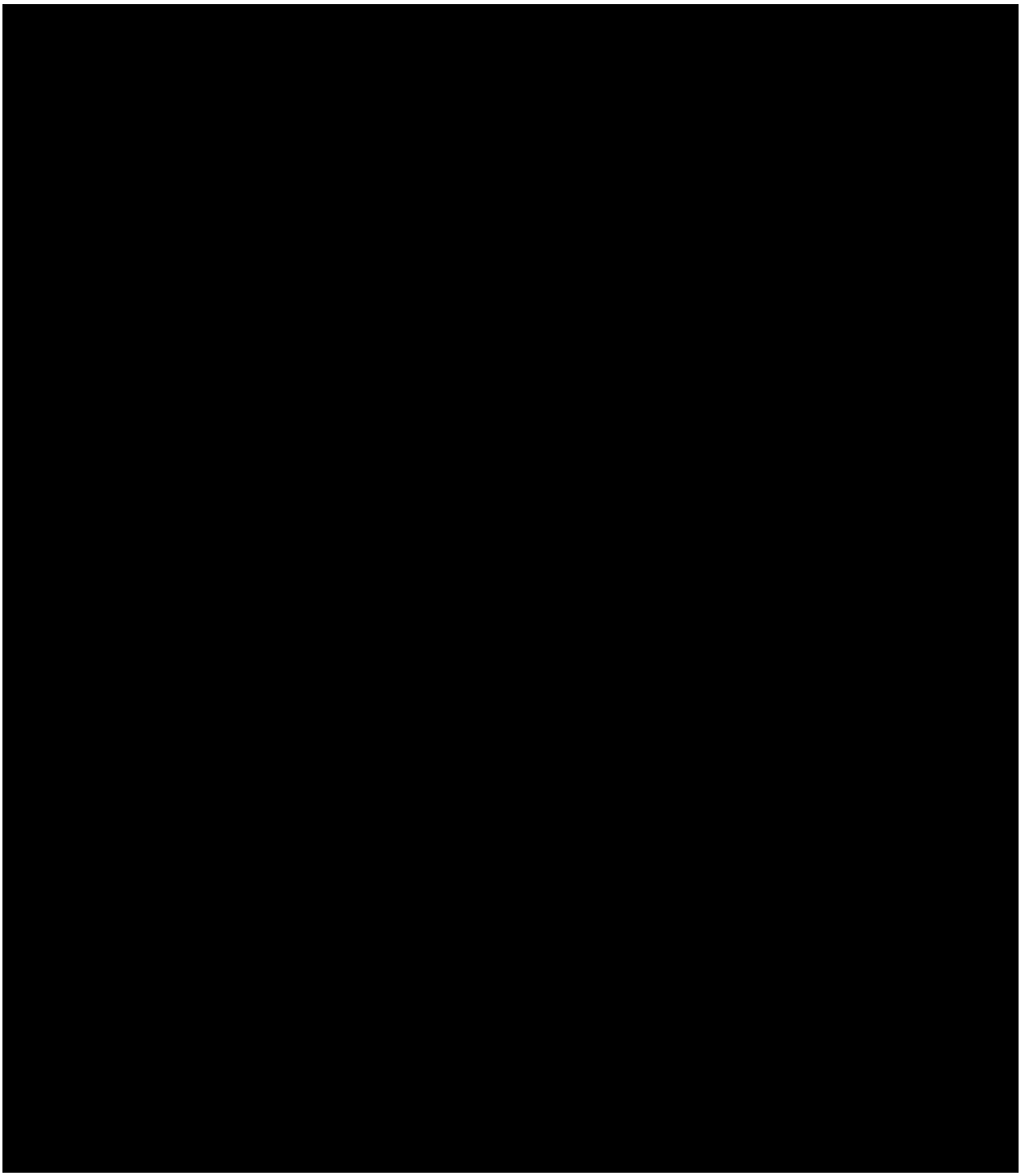
Die Gutachterin empfiehlt *"within three months from the service of the notification, the applicant institution will present evidence for the qualification of the newly hired permanent faculty."* und *"Within 3 months from the service of the notice, the applicant institution will provide evidence for the qualification of the newly hired academic staff."* *(vgl. Gutachten, S. 6 und S. 8).*

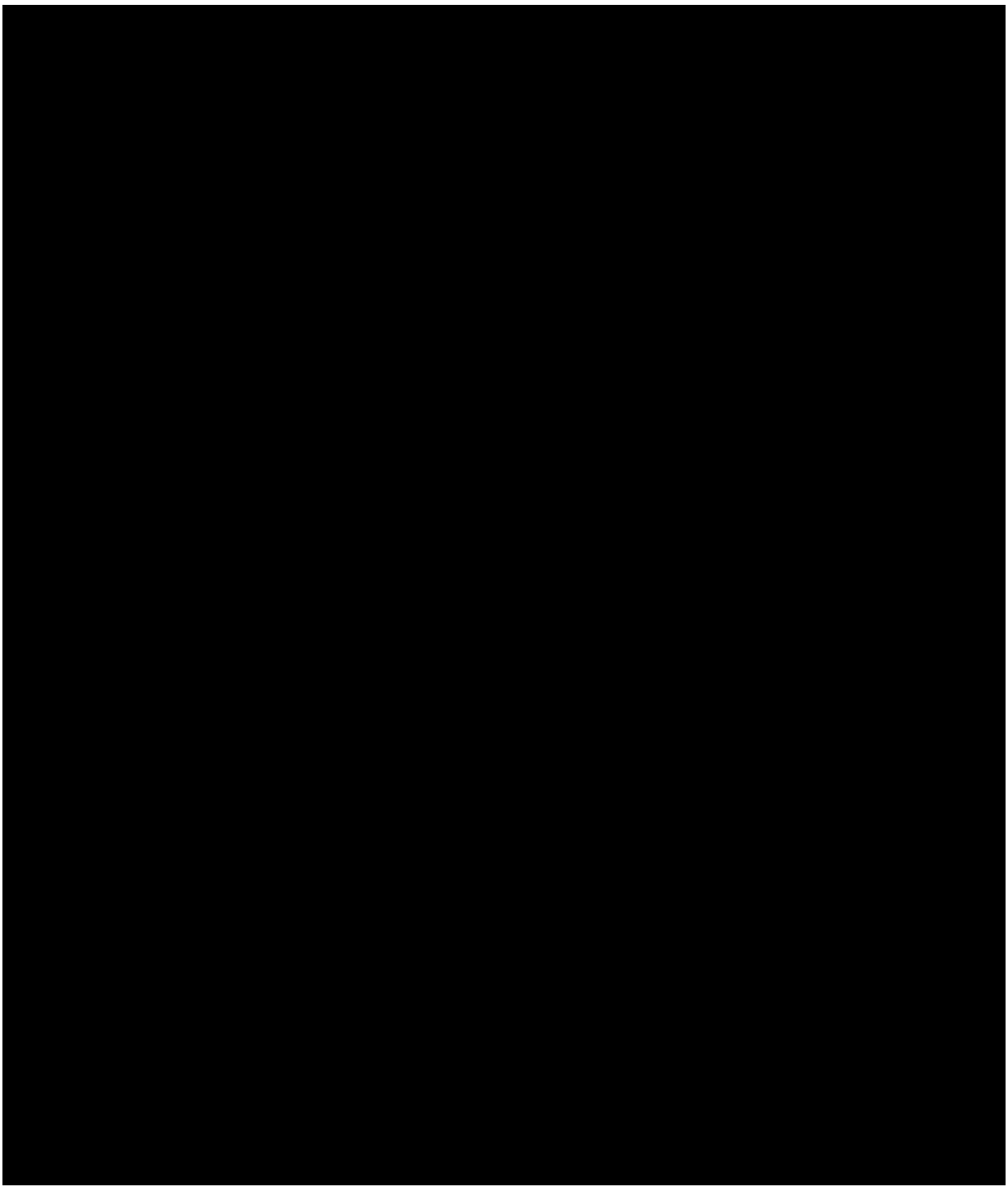
Die KL wird innerhalb von drei Monaten ab Zustellung des Akkreditierungsbescheids den Nachweis über die fachliche und wissenschaftliche Qualifikation des neu eingestellten akademischen Personals erbringen. Sollten Positionen, zu diesem Zeitpunkt noch unbesetzt sein, werden die vorgesehenen fachlichen und wissenschaftlichen Qualifikationsanforderungen vorgelegt. Für mittlerweile bereits besetzte neue Positionen wird der Nachweis im Folgenden erbracht.

Der aktuelle Personalstand für das Wintersemester 2026 (Abweichungen bzw. Konkretisierungen zu "Voraussichtlicher Stand WiSe 2026" zur Nachreichung vom 26.02.2026 werden im Folgenden **ROT** gekennzeichnet und erläutert) sieht folgendermaßen aus:

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- Für alle weiteren geplanten internen Stellen, die innerhalb der gesetzten Frist von drei Monaten nach Übermittlung des Akkreditierungsbescheids besetzt werden, wird die KL die entsprechenden Lebensläufe und den Einsatz in der Lehre nachreichen. Für alle weiteren Stellen, die nicht innerhalb von drei Monaten nach Übermittlung des Akkreditierungsbescheids besetzt sind, können Ausschreibungsmerkmale, die die entsprechende fachliche Qualifizierung voraussetzen, an die AQ Austria übermittelt werden. Das externe Lehrpersonal wird erst durch die semesterweise Ausrollung des Curriculums definitiv rekrutiert. Hier kann eine prospektive Auflistung der in Frage kommenden Lehrpersonen und deren fachliche Qualifizierung innerhalb von drei Monaten nach Übermittlung des Akkreditierungsbescheids übermittelt werden.

## § 17 Abs. 5 Z 1

Die Gutachterin empfiehlt: *"The finance plan should be revised to include the time frame of 6 years instead of only 5 years."* und *"Within 3 months from the service of the notice, the applicant institution will submit a financial plan covering a period of 6 years." (vgl. Gutachten, S. 6 und S. 8)*

Der Finanzierungsplan wurde entsprechend der Empfehlung der Gutachterin auf einen Planungszeitraum von sechs Jahren erweitert. Die aktualisierte Planung ist nachstehend dargestellt .



## § 17 Abs. 5 Z 2

Die Gutachterin empfiehlt: *"Proof of funding, in case the study program is phased out, should be provided. These requirements should be submitted within 3 months from service of the notice."* und *"Within 3 months from the service of the notice, the applicant institution will present proof that the funding of the teach-out, in case the programme is terminated, is covered." (vgl. Gutachten, S. 6 und S. 8)*

Der Bachelorstudiengang Psychologie ist in der Mittelfristplanung der KL für die kommenden sechs Jahre berücksichtigt. Die gültige Mittelfristplanung (Stand: Jänner 2025) zeigt, dass die KL aufgrund der geplanten Entwicklung sowie der vertraglich gesicherten Finanzierung durch das Land Niederösterreich auch weiterhin von einem positiven und ausgeglichenen Jahresergebnis ausgeht.

Entsprechend der Empfehlung der Gutachterin wurde der Finanzierungsplan auf einen Planungszeitraum von sechs Jahren erweitert.

Darüber hinaus wurde eine Vorsorgerechnung für den Fall eines Auslaufens des Bachelorstudiengangs Psychologie erstellt. Dabei wird von einem Worst-Case-Szenario ausgegangen, in dem keine neuen Studierenden mehr aufgenommen werden, die bereits immatrikulierten Studierenden ihr Studium jedoch ordnungsgemäß abschließen können.

