Information about undertaking internships with minors

Introduction

Article 1.8 of Spanish Law 26/2015, of 28 July, amending the system for the protection of children and adolescents, adds paragraph 5 to Article 13 of the Organic Law 1/1996:

"Those who intend to enter and practise professions, trades and activities involving regular contact with minors must demonstrate that they have not been convicted by final judgment of a crime against sexual freedom and indemnity, including sexual aggression and abuse, sexual harassment, exhibitionism and sexual enticement, prostitution and sexual exploitation and corruption of minors, or human trafficking. To this end, those wishing to enter these professions, trades or activities must prove that such is the case by providing a clearance certificate from the Spanish Registry of Sex Offenders."

Therefore, students who have to or wish to do internships involving regular contact with minors must necessarily provide this certificate issued by the Ministry of Justice.

The University of Valencia shall inform students of the internship programmes with this requirement.

Find out how to obtain the certificate on the following link:
http://www.mjusticia.gob.es/cs/Satellite/Portal/es/registro-central-delincuentes

When should I provide this certificate?

The certificate has an expiration date so you should not submit it at the time of enrolment but a date as close to the internship period as possible. Each faculty or school will inform its students of the period or periods when it must be provided.

Procedure

The University of Valencia has set up an electronic procedure on its online office (entreu.uv.es) through which you can submit the digitised certificate and the details needed to verify its validity.
Student responsibilities

Students who are to undertake an internship that involves regular contact with minors are responsible for providing the clearance certificate from the central registry of sex offenders, both to the University of Valencia and to the institution hosting the internship. If the student has dual or foreign nationality he or she must provide, in addition to the Spanish certificate, the corresponding certificate or similar document issued in their country of origin. In this case, certificates must be translated and legalised in accordance with existing international agreements.

Consequences of failing to provide the certificate

Failure to provide the certificate will have the following consequences:
- The student will not be allowed to undertake any internship programme involving regular contact with minors and will have to choose another type of internship.
- Students of those degrees which necessarily require internships involving regular contact with minors will not be allowed to undertake the corresponding internship programme and will therefore be unable to graduate.

Data protection policy

According to Spanish Law 15/1999, of 13 December, on the protection of personal data, the certificates and associated data submitted will be added to the information systems owned by the University of Valencia for the purpose of complying with the obligations stipulated under Organic Law 1/1996, of 15 January, on the legal protection of minors. This information shall be kept for the maximum time limit established in the Criminal Code for the offences mentioned in this document. You may exercise your rights of access, modification, cancellation or opposition by contacting the University of Valencia Information Systems Service (Servei d’Informàtica, c/ Amadeu de Savoia, 4 - 46010 Valencia) in writing and providing proof of identity.