Success rates of standardised school leaving exams shifted from summer to autumn and winter

Vienna, 2019-06-18 – Standardised school leaving exams were first introduced in academic secondary schools (AHS) in the school year 2014/15 and in the technical and vocational colleges (BHS) in the school year 2015/16. As an analysis by Statistics Austria show, one year before the standardisation in summer 2014, 87.7% of the students in their final year in AHS passed the final examinations, while one year later in summer 2015, the success rate of students in their final year (school year 2014/15) decreased to 82.0%. The same decrease in the success rate occurred in BHS: the rate decreased from 89.9% in summer 2015 to 80.8% in summer 2016.

The lower success rates of the first examination date in summer were partially compensated by higher success rates in the second and third examination dates in autumn and winter. After all three examination dates the success rate of students in academic secondary schools increased to 93.1% (2014/15) and to 93.2% (2015/16) in technical and vocational schools. One year before the standardisation was first introduced to each school type, the success rate was 95.2% (2013/14) in AHS and 96.3% (2014/15) in BHS.

For more detailed information please refer to the German version.