Legal references relating to the basic internship/practical semester

Extract from legal references relating to the nature of the practical semester or basic internship:

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<th>Bavarian University and College Act (BayHSchG) dated 23 May 2006 (2210-1-1-WFK) in the version dated 22 July 2014:</th>
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**Art. 43 Section 4 BayHSchG:**

General qualification requirements

(4) Universities can determine by statute for individual degree courses that prior to commencing the course, the student is required to show evidence of having completed a training course in a training profession or has gained practical experience of up to two years. The statutes shall define this requirement in detail, in particular regarding the nature and scope of the previous training.

**Art. 57 Section 1 Sentence 2 BayHSchG:**

Standard study periods, degree course structure

The standard study period shall include practical job experience that forms part of the degree course, practical semesters and examination periods; semesters required in order to re-sit examinations according to the examination regulations are not included in the standard study period.

**Art. 106 Section 1 Sentence 2 Clause 1 BayHSchG:**

Statutory and administrative provisions

The State Ministry enacts administrative provisions as required to implement this law; for details, see:

Art. 106 Abs. 1 Sentence 2 Clause 1 BayHSchG in conjunction with provisions on the implementation of the practical semester at state technical colleges in Bavaria, publication by the Bavarian Ministry for Sciences, Research and the Arts dated 20 August 2007 (221041-WFK)
Bachelor’s degree:

§ 2 Section 2 RaPO:

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Standard study period, degree course structure, practical semester

(2) Bachelor’s degree courses generally include a practical semester; master’s degree courses can include a practical semester. A practical semester is a semester that is integrated in the degree course and for which the university specifies the regulations, content and support; it is prepared and accompanied by taught courses; it is generally taken in a company or a practical, professional organisation and is dedicated to an area of activity that is already clearly linked to a professional career. It generally lasts for a total period of at least 20 weeks including the accompanying taught courses.

§ 17 Section 6 RaPO:

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Counting externally acquired credits towards degree courses and examinations

(6) On application, students who have completed a relevant vocational training programme or who have acquired relevant and coherent practical job experience over a period of at least 12 months can have the periods of their vocational training or job experience wholly or partially recognised as part of the first practical semester, insofar as the content and objectives of the vocational training or job experience correspond to the training objectives and content of the first practical semester. Sentence 1 is applied accordingly to the basic internship; if the job experience is acquired prior to the degree course as defined in Sentence 1 lasted less than 12 months, it can count for no more than six weeks towards the basic internship. In specially justified exceptional cases, other relevant job experience, going beyond the vocational training programme or job experience stated in Sentence 1, can also be counted wholly or partially towards the second practical semester, insofar as this activity corresponds to the training objectives and content of the second practical semester. The examination for a vocational training programme or period of job experience being recognised as counting towards the practical semester, the examinations at the end of the practical semester must still be taken. Job-related performance assessments are to be counted towards the examination at the end of the first practical semester if they are equivalent; they may not count towards the examination at the end of the second practical semester. The application for a vocational training programme or period of job experience to be counted towards a practical semester or basic internship is to be submitted together with the application for matriculation or change of degree course. The practical semester coordinator should be consulted before the Examination Commission arrives at a decision (§ 9 Section 4 APO THI).

§ 40 RaPO:

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Successful completion of the practical semester and basic internship

(1) The Examination Commission shall decide whether the student can be deemed to have successfully completed a practical semester or basic internship. In doing so, it shall take into account not just any performance assessments but also the reference issued by the training centre and the report submitted by the student and bearing the endorsement of the training centre. Insofar as the examination regulations of the university do not stipulate anything to the contrary, successful completion of the practical semester also requires the student to have either gained the rating “Successfully completed” or at least the grade “Pass” in the oral examination and in all other required performance assessments.

(2) If the practical training period did not comply with the training provisions, the Examination Commission can require the repetition of all or part of the practical semester or basic internship. One-off partial or complete repetition can also be required if, on the basis of the result of the examination at the end of the practical semester and the reference issued by the training centre, it is not to be expected that a repetition of the examination alone will lead to the student passing the semester.

(3) If the student is not deemed to have passed the practical semester or basic internship, they will receive written notification to this effect which shall contain details of the deadline by which a repetition is to be completed.