

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

**The National Quality Assurance Agency for Education under the Administration of the
President of the Republic of Uzbekistan**

and

British Accreditation Council (BAC)

1. General Provisions

This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as the “Memorandum”) expresses the intention of the National Quality Assurance Agency for Education under the Administration of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan (hereinafter referred to as the “Agency”) and the British Accreditation Council (hereinafter referred to as “BAC”) to establish and develop cooperation in the field of quality assurance in education.

This Memorandum is non-financial and framework in nature. It does not create any legally binding or financial obligations for the Parties and shall not override or replace the applicable laws and regulations of the Republic of Uzbekistan or the United Kingdom.

2. Objectives of the Memorandum

The objectives of this Memorandum are to:

- Promote cooperation and institutional dialogue in the field of quality assurance in education;
- Facilitate the exchange of experience, knowledge, and best practices in accreditation and quality assurance systems;
- Support the development and enhancement of quality assurance mechanisms in education;
- Contribute to strengthening transparency, accountability, and continuous improvement in education systems.

3. Main Areas of Cooperation

Within the framework of this Memorandum, the Parties express their readiness to cooperate in the following areas:

3.1. Quality Assurance and Expert Cooperation

The Parties intend to cooperate through the exchange of information and experience related to accreditation standards, procedures, and practices in quality assurance. Where appropriate and in accordance with the respective rules and procedures of each Party, this cooperation may include the involvement of international experts in external quality assurance activities. The Parties also aim to share approaches to institutional and program review, as well as monitoring and evaluation processes, with a view to enhancing the effectiveness and credibility of quality assurance systems.

3.2. Capacity Building and Professional Development

The Parties will seek to support capacity building and professional development through the joint organization of seminars, workshops, training sessions, and conferences on quality assurance

and related fields. This cooperation may also include the exchange of expertise and opportunities for staff development, such as study visits and other knowledge-sharing activities.

3.3. Methodological Exchange and Advisory Dialogue

The Parties will engage in ongoing methodological exchange and advisory dialogue by sharing information on quality assurance frameworks, guidelines, and methodologies. They will also discuss current developments, trends, and innovations in the field of quality assurance in education. Upon request, the Parties may provide advisory input on policies and practices related to quality assurance, on a non-binding basis and in accordance with their respective mandates.

4. Principles of Cooperation

Cooperation under this Memorandum shall be based on the following principles:

- Compliance with applicable laws and regulations of the respective countries;
- Respect for the roles, responsibilities, and autonomy of each Party;
- Independence, objectivity, and avoidance of conflicts of interest;
- Transparency, professionalism, and ethical conduct;
- Mutual respect, trust, and constructive dialogue.

5. Confidentiality

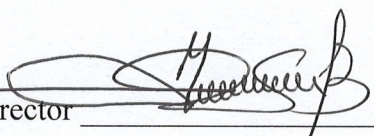
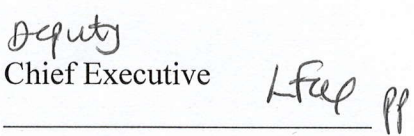
The Parties agree to maintain confidentiality of any non-public information exchanged within the framework of this Memorandum, in accordance with applicable legislation and internal regulations of each Party.

6. Term and Final Provisions

This Memorandum shall enter into force on the date of its signature by both Parties and shall remain valid for a period of five (5) years.

This Memorandum may be extended, amended, or terminated at any time by mutual written consent of the Parties.

This Memorandum is signed in two originals in the English language, both texts being equally authentic.

For National Quality Assurance Agency for Education under the Administration of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan	BAC – British Accreditation Council
 Director	 Deputy Chief Executive
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