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ORDER
OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL QUALITY ASSURANCE
AGENCY FOR EDUCATION UNDER THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

**On the approval of the regulation on the procedure for maintaining the register
of international, foreign and non-governmental accreditation organizations
recognized in the Republic of Uzbekistan and for monitoring their activities in
accrediting educational programmes**

Pursuant to Presidential Decree of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. PD-76 dated 5 May 2025 “On Additional measures to ensure the quality of education and improve the system of educational service provision”, as well as Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. 498 dated 6 August 2025 “On the introduction of a system of institutional state and program state accreditation of institutions of secondary specialized, vocational, higher and postgraduate education, as well as institutions for personnel retraining and advanced training”, I hereby **order**:

1. The Regulation on the procedure for maintaining the register of international, foreign, and non-governmental accreditation organizations recognized in the Republic of Uzbekistan, as well as for monitoring their activities in accrediting educational programs, shall be approved in accordance with the Annex.
2. This Order has been agreed upon with the Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Innovations of the Republic of Uzbekistan.
3. This Order shall enter into force on the date of its official publication.

Director
January 27, 2026

YULDASHEV BAXTIYOR
GAYRADJANOVICH

No.9

Agreed upon by:

Minister
January 12, 2026

SHARIPOV KONGRATBAY
AVEZIMBETOVICH

to Order No. 9 of the Director of the National
Quality Assurance Agency for Education under the
Administration of the President of the Republic of
Uzbekistan dated January 27, 2025

REGULATION

on the procedure for maintaining the register of international, foreign, and non-governmental accreditation organizations recognized in the Republic of Uzbekistan, as well as for monitoring their activities in accrediting educational programs

This Regulation establishes the procedure for maintaining the Register of international, foreign, and non-governmental accreditation organizations recognized in the Republic of Uzbekistan, as well as for monitoring their activities related to the accreditation of educational programs, as carried out by the National Quality Assurance Agency for Education under the Administration of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan (hereinafter referred to as the Agency).

Chapter 1. General provision

1. The Register of international, foreign and non-governmental accreditation organizations recognized in the Republic of Uzbekistan (hereinafter referred to as the Register) shall constitute a single database comprising the list of international, foreign and non-governmental accreditation organizations maintained by the Agency and as well as information pertaining thereto.

2. The inclusion of international, foreign, and non-governmental accreditation organizations (hereinafter referred to as accreditation organizations) in the Register shall be carried out on the basis of a decision of the Commission for maintaining the Register of accreditation organizations (hereinafter referred to as the Commission).

3. During the process of institutional state accreditation of educational institutions, educational programs accredited by accreditation organizations included in the Register shall be deemed to have received a positive evaluation in accordance with the criteria established by Resolution No. 498 of 6 August 2025 of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan “On the Introduction of the System of Comprehensive and Specialized State Accreditation of Secondary Specialized, Vocational, Higher and Postgraduate Education Institutions, as well as Institutions for Retraining and Advanced Training of Personnel.”

Chapter 2. Conditions and procedure for submission of applications for inclusion of accreditation organizations in the Register

4. The conditions for inclusion of accreditation organizations in the Register shall include the following:

possession of the relevant authorization (document) to operate as an accreditation organization;

the international accreditation requirements, evaluation criteria, and procedures of the accreditation organization shall not contradict the requirements, evaluation criteria, and procedures established for state accreditation in the Republic of Uzbekistan;

full membership in quality assurance networks (membership in at least one reputable international quality assurance network);

accreditation of educational programs of at least five higher education institutions included in the TOP-300 of reputable international rankings;

at least 30 percent of the total number of experts shall be foreign experts (for international and foreign accreditation organizations);

compliance of the accreditation organization’s activities with the legal and moral foundations of the Republic of Uzbekistan, and absence of any opposition to national values and the socio-political life of the country;

availability, on its official website, of information regarding educational institutions whose programs have undergone international accreditation.

5. Inclusion of an accreditation organization in the Register shall be carried out on the basis of a written or electronic application submitted by the respective accreditation organization.

An international accreditation organization that fully meets the conditions for inclusion in the Register may be included in the Register at the initiative of the Agency.

6. The following documents shall be attached to the application for inclusion of an accreditation organization in the Register:

copies of the founding documents of the accreditation organization (for international and foreign accreditation organizations);

documents confirming that, for a foreign accreditation organization, it is recognized (authorized to operate) by the competent authority of the foreign state in which it is located or by international organizations;

accreditation requirements, evaluation criteria, and procedures, including accreditation standards and methodology;

reports confirming that the accreditation organization has conducted international accreditation of educational programs of at least five higher education institutions included in the TOP-300 of reputable international rankings.

7. The application for inclusion of an accreditation organization in the Register, together with the attached documents, shall be reviewed by the Agency within five working days from the date of receipt.

Upon verification of the completeness of the submitted documents and in the absence of errors or deficiencies, the Agency shall submit the application and attached documents to the Commission for consideration and shall notify the accreditation organization thereof within one working day.

If errors or deficiencies are identified in the submitted documents, the Agency shall notify the accreditation organization within one working day and provide a period of not less than ten working days for rectification of the identified errors and deficiencies and submission of any missing documents.

In such cases, the period for consideration of the application shall be suspended for the duration specified in paragraph three of this clause.

8. If the accreditation organization fails to rectify the errors and deficiencies or to submit the missing documents within the period specified in paragraph three of Clause 7 of this Regulation, consideration of the application shall be refused, and the accreditation organization shall be notified thereof within one working day.

Chapter 3. Organization of the Commission's activities and procedure for inclusion of accreditation organizations in the Register

9. The composition of the Commission shall be formed by an order of the Director of the Agency and shall consist of a Chairperson, members of the Commission, and a Secretary, comprising not fewer than five members and an odd number in total.

External experts may be engaged in the Commission on a voluntary (public) basis.

10. The Commission shall be chaired by a Deputy Director of the Agency.

The Chairperson of the Commission shall ensure that the Commission's activities are organized in accordance with the principles of independence, impartiality, equality, and evidence-based decision-making.

11. In the event of a conflict of interest, the existence of disputes with an accreditation organization, or circumstances giving rise to doubts as to the impartiality of a Commission member, such member shall be excluded from the composition of the Commission.

12. The Commission shall be deemed competent to adopt decisions (quorum) if at least two-thirds of its members are present at the meeting.

13. The Commission shall examine the compliance of the accreditation organization with the conditions stipulated in Clause 4 of this Regulation.

14. The decision of the Commission on inclusion of an accreditation organization in the Register or on refusal thereof (hereinafter referred to as the Commission Decision) shall be adopted by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the total number of Commission members.

In the event of an equal number of votes, the vote of the Chairperson of the Commission shall be decisive.

15. The Commission Decision shall be formalized in the form of minutes and signed by the Chairperson of the Commission.

16. The Commission Decision shall be adopted within thirty days from the date the application and attached documents are received by the Commission.

17. An accreditation organization included in the Register shall, within three working days from the date of adoption of the Commission Decision, be issued a Certificate of Inclusion in the Register of International, Foreign, and Non-Governmental Accreditation Organizations Recognized in the Republic of Uzbekistan (hereinafter referred to as the Certificate), in accordance with the Annex to this Regulation.

The issuance of the Certificate to the accreditation organization shall be published on the official website of the Agency.

The Certificate issued to the accreditation organization shall be valid for a period of five years.

18. Inclusion of an accreditation organization in the Register shall be refused in the following cases:

if false or distorted information is identified in the submitted documents;

if the accreditation organization does not possess the relevant authorization (document) to operate as an accreditation organization;

if the accreditation organization does not comply with the requirements established by the legislation on education.

19. In the event of refusal to include an accreditation organization in the Register, the Agency shall notify the accreditation organization within one working day from the date of adoption of the Commission Decision.

20. No fee shall be charged for the review of the application, inclusion of the accreditation organization in the Register, or issuance of the Certificate.

Chapter 4. Monitoring of the activities of accreditation organizations, and their removal from the Register

21. The Agency shall conduct monitoring of the activities of accreditation organizations included in the Register in relation to the accreditation of educational programs once every three years.

22. Within the framework of monitoring, the following actions may be undertaken:

examination of applications and complaints submitted to the Agency by stakeholders (educational institutions, employers, learners, and others) or those that have generated broad public discussion on the global Internet information network;

analysis of whether accreditation activities are carried out in accordance with the accreditation requirements, evaluation criteria, and procedures established by the accreditation organization, including accreditation standards and methodology.

The duration of monitoring shall not exceed one month.

23. Where deficiencies in the activities of an accreditation organization are identified as a result of monitoring, a notice shall be sent to the accreditation

organization requiring the elimination of such deficiencies, except in cases stipulated in Clause 24 of this Regulation.

The notice may include recommendations of the Agency concerning the elimination of the identified deficiencies in the activities of the accreditation organization.

The accreditation organization shall eliminate the identified deficiencies within the period established by the Agency and shall notify the Agency thereof. In this case, the period for elimination of deficiencies shall not be less than one month.

If the deficiencies are not eliminated within the period specified in paragraph three of this clause, the Agency shall submit the monitoring report, together with supporting documents, to the Commission and shall notify the accreditation organization thereof within one working day.

24. Where, as a result of monitoring, the circumstances stipulated in paragraphs four to six of Clause 26 of this Regulation are identified, the Agency shall submit the monitoring report, together with supporting documents, to the Commission and shall notify the accreditation organization thereof within one working day.

25. When considering the issue of removal of an accreditation organization from the Register, the accreditation organization shall be notified of the place, date, and time of the Commission meeting at least one week prior to the meeting. The representative of the accreditation organization shall have the right to participate in the Commission meeting and to present explanations, opinions, and objections.

26. The following shall constitute grounds for adoption of a Commission decision on removal of an accreditation organization from the Register:

liquidation of the accreditation organization;

submission by the accreditation organization of a voluntary application for removal from the Register;

identification of corruption or other unlawful acts in the adoption of decisions on accreditation of educational institutions;

establishment that the accreditation organization's external evaluation report was prepared on the basis of false or forged documents;

confirmation that the accreditation organization is accrediting educational institutions in violation of the requirements established by the legislation on education and this Regulation;

failure of the accreditation organization to eliminate deficiencies identified through monitoring within the period specified in paragraph three of Clause 23 of this Regulation.

The decision on removal of an accreditation organization from the Register shall be published on the official website of the Agency on the same day it is adopted.

Chapter 5. Rights and obligations of an accreditation organization included in the Register

27. An accreditation organization included in the Register shall have the following rights:

to obtain recommendations from the Agency regarding accreditation procedures;

to conduct accreditation of educational programs on a contractual basis;

to independently develop and improve accreditation requirements, evaluation criteria, and procedures, including accreditation standards and methodology, provided that they do not contradict the legislation on education.

An accreditation organization may also have other rights in accordance with the legislation.

28. An accreditation organization included in the Register shall be obliged to:

carry out accreditation activities in a manner that does not contradict the legislation on education and the requirements established by this Regulation;

conduct accreditation processes lawfully, impartially, and without allowing conflicts of interest;

publish accreditation requirements, evaluation criteria, and procedures, including accreditation standards and methodology, on its official website;

refrain from disclosing confidential information obtained in the course of accreditation activities;

systematically document accreditation decisions with proper justification;

submit one copy of the accreditation report and the accreditation decision to the Agency within two weeks after completion of the accreditation processes.

An accreditation organization may also bear other obligations in accordance with the legislation.

Chapter 6. Final Provision

29. Persons guilty of violating the requirements of this Regulation shall be held liable in accordance with the procedure established by the legislation.

ANNEX

to the Regulation on the procedure for maintaining the register of international, foreign, and non-Governmental accreditation organizations recognized in the Republic of Uzbekistan and for monitoring their activities in accrediting educational programs

NATIONAL QUALITY ASSURANCE AGENCY FOR EDUCATION UNDER THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

CERTIFICATE

of Inclusion of an Accreditation Organization in the Register of International, Foreign, and Non-Governmental Accreditation Organizations Recognized in the Republic of Uzbekistan

“ ____ ” _____ 2026

No. ____

This certificate hereby confirms that _____
(name of accreditation organization)

_____ has been included in the Register of International, Foreign and Non-governmental Accreditation Organizations Recognized in the Republic of Uzbekistan, and it authorized to carry out accreditation of educational programs of educational institutions operating within the Republic of Uzbekistan.

Valid until: “ ____ ”- _____ 20__

Director

(electronic signature)

(Name)

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