

REPUBLIC OF IRAQ
KURDISTAN REGION
THE PRESIDENCY

PRESIDENTIAL DECREE

No. (11) of 2022

Pursuant to the powers vested in us under Paragraph (1) of Article (10) of the Kurdistan Region Presidency Law No. (1) of 2005 (as amended), and in accordance with the legislative action taken by the Kurdistan Parliament in its ordinary session No. (7) held on **June 22, 2022**;

We have decided the issuance of the following:

Law No. (6) of 2022

Law of the Commission for Accreditation of Education and Higher Education Institutions and Programs in the Kurdistan Region – Iraq

Article (1):

For the purpose of this Law's provisions, the following terms and expressions shall have the meanings hereby assigned to them:

First: The Region: The Kurdistan Region – Iraq.

Second: Council of Ministers: The Council of Ministers of the Region.

Third: The Commission: The Scientific Quality Assurance and Accreditation Commission for Education and Higher Education Institutions and Programs in the Region. It is established under this Law to support and collaborate with the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research, and educational institutions, with the aim of ensuring the quality of education and higher education.

Fourth: The Council: The Supreme Council of the Commission.

Fifth: Education and Higher Education Institutions and Programs: The institutions and programs affiliated with both the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research in the Region, as well as any other educational institution.

Sixth: Accreditation Certificate: A formal grant of accreditation issued by the Commission to education and higher education institutions and programs after verifying that they have fulfilled all accreditation requirements and standards.

Article (2)

The objectives of this Law are to ensure:

First: Safeguarding the quality of education and higher education equitably for all students by formulating and fostering a culture of assessment and continuous development.

Second: Raising educational and scientific standards of education and higher education institutions.

Third: Achieving the general objectives of education and higher education institutions to cultivate a responsible, conscious, and productive generation.

Article (3)

First: A commission named the "**Commission for Accreditation of Education and Higher Education Institutions and Programs in the Kurdistan Region – Iraq**" shall be established. It shall possess a juridical personality as well as financial and administrative independence.

Second: The Commission shall have a President, appointed by the Supreme Council, who shall be responsible for directing its operations and all matters pertaining to the Commission's duties and affairs.

Third: The Commission shall consist of the following components, supervised by the President of the Commission:

- 1- The Educational Accreditation Board.
- 2- The Higher Education Accreditation Board.
- 3- The Directorate of Legal, Administrative, and Financial Affairs.

Fourth: The structure of the Educational Accreditation Board, the Higher Education Accreditation Board, the Commission's directorates, and its branches, including their duties and powers—shall be defined by Internal Bylaws proposed by the Commission and approved by the Supreme Council.

Fifth: The Commission may, as necessary, establish, merge, or dissolve directorates, departments, and units.

Article (4)

The duties of the Commission include:

First: Setting appropriate criteria to consolidate accreditation principles in a manner aligned with international standards, ensuring academic and educational excellence and the overall outcomes of the learning process.

Second: Ensuring that education, higher education, and scientific research institutions adhere to international accreditation standards in their curricula by organizing accreditation mechanisms and employing peer-review and monitoring tools.

Third: Supporting the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research in formulating general policies and plans, developing human resource capacities for the accreditation process, and securing the necessary budgets and financial support for institutions to meet accreditation requirements according to applicable standards.

Article (5)

First: The Supreme Council shall supervise the Commission and approve the appropriate accreditation standards, policies, rules, and regulations for their implementation.

Second: The composition, duties, and powers of this Council shall be regulated by a regulation issued by the Council of Ministers.

Article (6)

First: The Commission shall have a dedicated budget within the general budget of the Region.

Second: The Commission is entitled to own movable and immovable property and to perform all legal acts necessary to achieve its objectives, including entering into contracts related to its duties and accepting grants, donations, and gifts.

Article (7)

The entities established under this Law shall not replace the relevant Ministries in the duties and powers designated to them under their respective specific laws.

Article (8)

No provision of any law or decision that conflicts with the provisions of this Law shall be applicable.

Article (9)

The Council of Ministers and the relevant authorities shall implement the provisions of this Law.

Article (10)

This Law shall come into force as of the date of its publication in the Official Gazette (Waqayi' al-Kurdistan).

Statement of Reasons

This Law was enacted to elevate the scientific and academic standards of education and higher education institutions and programs, to ensure the quality of education in the Region, and to foster a responsible, conscious, and productive generation.

Erbil**July 27, 2022****Nechirvan Barzani**

President of the Kurdistan Region