



RESOLUTION

OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

September 8, 2025

No. PR-275

On the organization of the activities of the National Quality Assurance Agency for Education under the Administration of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan

In order to implement the Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan dated 5 May 2025 No. PD-76 “On Additional measures for improving the education quality assurance system and the provision of educational services”, I hereby resolve:

I. Purpose

1. The primary objective of this Resolution is to ensure the effective organization of the activities of the National Quality Assurance Agency for Education under the Administration of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan (hereinafter – the Agency).

II. Organization of the activities of the Agency

2. In accordance with the Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan dated 5 May 2025 No. PD-76:

- a) the National Quality Assurance Agency for Education under the Administration of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan (hereinafter – the Agency) shall be established on the basis of the Project Office “Centre for Strategic Reforms in Education”.
- b) It shall be determined that the Agency is a specially authorized state body implementing external quality assurance and independent assessment in the fields of secondary specialized, vocational, higher and postgraduate education, including professional retraining and advanced training, as well as assessment of personnel qualifications.

III. Organizational Measures

3. The following shall be approved:

- (a) **the structure of the central office** of the National Quality Assurance Agency for Education under the Administration of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan in accordance with Annex 1;
- (b) **the Charter** on the National Quality Assurance Agency for Education under the Administration of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan in accordance with Annex 2.

4. The Director of the Agency (B. Yuldashev) shall:

- (a) within two weeks, approve the staffing schedule and cost estimate of the Agency;
- (b) within one month, ensure staffing of the Agency with highly qualified personnel possessing the necessary theoretical and practical experience and capable of professionally performing the assigned tasks;
- (v) take measures to ensure high-quality and timely execution of the tasks assigned to the Agency.

IV. Organisation, Implementation and Supervision of the Execution of the Resolution

5. The Ministry of Economy and Finance (I. Norqulov) shall:

- (a) jointly with the Agency for Strategic Reforms, organise the financing in 2025 of additional expenditures related to the establishment of the Agency's activities at the expense of funds of the Agency for Strategic Reforms under the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, on the basis of substantiated proposals of the Agency;
- (b) starting from 2026, annually provide in the parameters of the State Budget the necessary funds for financing the Agency's activities.

6. The Tashkent City Khokimiyat and the Agency for Management of State Assets shall, within two weeks, transfer to the Agency, on the basis of the right of operational management, the building and structures located at 1-A Chingiz Aytmatov Street, Yunusobod District, Tashkent city, together with the adjacent territory.

7. The Ministry of Economy and Finance, jointly with the Agency, shall within two months submit to the Cabinet of Ministers proposals on the amount of funds required and the sources of financing for reconstruction and repair works of the building allocated to the Agency at 1-A Chingiz Aytmatov Street, Yunusobod District, Tashkent city.

8. It shall be established that, until completion of reconstruction and repair works of its buildings and structures, the Agency shall be temporarily accommodated, free of charge and in accordance with the approved space norms per employee, in the building

located at 7 University Street, Olmazor District, Tashkent city, belonging to the Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Innovation.

9. The Agency, jointly with relevant ministries and agencies, shall within two months submit to the Cabinet of Ministers proposals on amendments and additions to legislative acts arising from this Resolution.

10. Supervision over the implementation of this Resolution shall be entrusted to the Prime Minister of the Republic of Uzbekistan, A.N. Aripov, and to the Deputy Head of the Administration of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan responsible for education reform, X.U. Umarova.

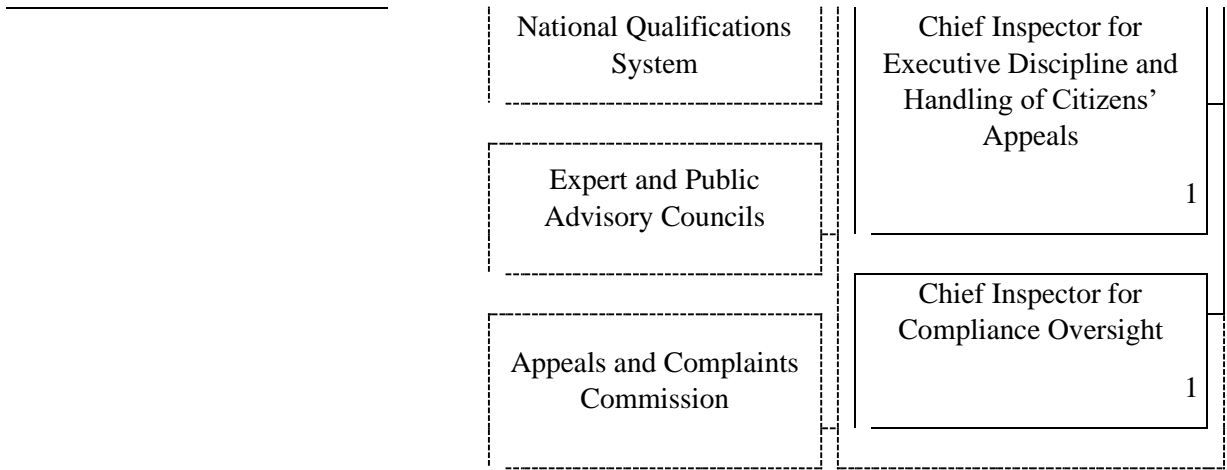
President of the Republic of Uzbekistan

Sh. Mirziyoyev

STRUCTURE

of the Central Office of the National Quality Assurance Agency for Education under the Administration of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan





Note:

The total authorized number of managerial staff shall be limited to 62 positions.

The Director of the Agency shall be granted the right, in agreement with the Administration of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, where necessary, to introduce amendments to the approved structure of the Agency within the established total number of staff and the wage fund.

The Director of the Institute for Development of the National Qualifications System shall, in terms of status, be equated to a Deputy Director of the Agency.

The position grades and tariff coefficients of the Head of Group and the Press Secretary of the Agency shall be equated to those of a Head of Group of the Agency for Strategic Reforms, and the Chief Inspectors shall be equated to a Chief Inspector of the Agency for Strategic Reforms.

The number of auxiliary staff shall be determined in accordance with the procedure established for the Agency for Strategic Reforms.

CHARTER
on the National Quality Assurance Agency for Education
under the Administration of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan

Chapter 1. General Provisions

1. This Charter establishes the status, tasks and functions, powers, rights and obligations, organisation of activities, as well as accountability procedures of the National Quality Assurance Agency for Education under the Administration of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan (hereinafter – the Agency).
2. The Agency shall be a specially authorised state body responsible for carrying out external quality control in the fields of secondary specialised, vocational, higher and postgraduate education, as well as retraining and advanced training of personnel and qualifications assessment, and shall conduct its evaluation process independently and impartially.
3. The Agency shall carry out its activities in accordance with the Constitution and laws of the Republic of Uzbekistan, resolutions of the chambers of the Oliy Majlis, decrees, resolutions and orders of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, as well as this Regulation and other legislative acts.
4. Decisions and orders adopted by the Agency within the scope of its powers relating to education quality shall be binding upon republican executive authorities, local state authorities, other organisations and their officials, as well as legal entities and individuals.
5. The Agency shall be a state institution and shall have a seal bearing the image of the State Emblem of the Republic of Uzbekistan and its name in the state language, stamps, letterheads, an independent balance sheet, its own property, as well as personal treasury accounts opened with the Treasury Service Committee under the Ministry of Economy and Finance, and accounts in national and foreign currency with commercial banks.
6. The official name of the Agency shall be:
 - (a) in the state language:

full name – O‘zbekiston Respublikasi Prezidenti Administratsiyasi huzuridagi Ta’lim sifatini ta’minlash milliy agentligi;

abbreviated name – Ta’lim sifatini ta’minlash milliy agentligi or TSTMA;
 - (b) in Russian:

full name — Natsionalnoye agentstvo obespecheniya kachestva obrazovaniya pri Administratsii Prezidenta Respubliki Uzbekistan;

abbreviated name — Natsionalnoye agentstvo obespecheniya kachestva obrazovaniya or NAOKO;

(v) in English:

full name – National Quality Assurance Agency for Education under the Administration of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan;

abbreviated name – National Quality Assurance Agency for Education or NQAAE.

7. The activities of the Agency shall be coordinated by the Head of the Administration of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

Chapter 2. Structure of the Agency

8. The structure of the Agency shall include the Central Office of the Agency and the Institute for Development of the National Qualifications System.

9. The Director and Deputy Directors of the Institute for Development of the National Qualifications System shall be appointed to and dismissed from office by the Director of the Agency.

Chapter 3. Principal Tasks and Functions of the Agency

10. The following shall constitute the principal tasks of the Agency:

- (a) carrying out external evaluation in organisations providing secondary specialised, vocational, higher and postgraduate education, as well as retraining and advanced training of personnel (hereinafter – educational organisations), irrespective of their departmental subordination, ownership and organisational-legal form;
- (b) providing methodological recommendations on the formation of a culture of quality in educational organisations, improvement of internal quality control criteria and procedures, and their effective implementation;
- (v) developing and improving criteria and methods for assessing education quality, taking into account international standards and advanced foreign experience;
- (g) conducting scientific and practical research and surveys aimed at studying the effectiveness of measures directed towards ensuring education quality in educational organisations;
- (d) expanding international cooperation in the field of quality assurance in education, obtaining membership in international organisations in the field of education quality assessment, and ensuring international recognition of the national accreditation system;

- (j) publishing annual reports with the participation of the public and stakeholders in order to ensure openness and transparency in activities relating to education quality assessment;
- (z) analysing the achievement of target indicators and results established in state programmes and strategies in the field of education and developing recommendations;
- (i) developing proposals for the development of the education sector and research activities, improving legislation in this field, and promoting prospective initiatives.

11. In order to fulfil the tasks assigned to it, the Agency shall perform the following functions:

(a) in the field of external evaluation in secondary specialised, vocational, higher and postgraduate education, as well as retraining and advanced training of personnel and qualifications assessment, irrespective of departmental subordination, ownership and organisational-legal form:

- (i) analyse compliance of educational organisations with established regulatory legal acts, norms and rules;
- (ii) conduct institutional and program state accreditation of educational organisations;
- (iii) maintain the national ranking of educational organisations on the basis of comparative assessment of the quality of educational and research processes;
- (iv) assess compliance of educational programmes with professional standards and established qualifications;
- (v) analyse whether a fair and supportive environment has been created for all learners through ensuring equality and inclusiveness in educational organisations;
- (vi) establish integration processes with relevant platforms of state bodies in order to improve the efficiency of data exchange within accreditation-related information systems;
- (vii) introduce a “risk analysis” system into external evaluation processes of educational organisations;

(b) in providing methodological recommendations on formation of a culture of quality and improvement of internal quality control mechanisms:

- (i) provide methodological assistance to educational organisations in forming a culture of quality and ensuring education quality;

- (ii) participate in the development of criteria, indicators and guidelines relating to internal quality assurance based on international experience;
 - (iii) develop recommendations aimed at preventing corruption in education and research, eliminating causes and conditions thereof, and preventing conflicts of interest;
 - (iv) organise seminars, conferences and training courses on quality assurance and provide advisory services;
 - (v) improve the qualifications of experts engaged in institutional and program state accreditation and exercise continuous oversight of their activities;
- (v) *in developing and improving criteria and methods for assessing education quality, taking into account international standards and advanced foreign experience:*
- (i) study advanced foreign experience and, on this basis, develop and improve national criteria and methods for assessing education quality;
 - (ii) engage domestic and foreign experts in updating criteria and methods for assessing education quality;
 - (iii) improve accreditation criteria in accordance with the national qualifications system;
 - (iv) maintain the register of educational organisations and programmes that have undergone state accreditation;
- (g) *in conducting scientific and practical research and surveys aimed at studying the effectiveness of measures to ensure education quality:*
- (i) conduct sociological and other surveys to study the effectiveness of measures directed towards ensuring education quality in educational organisations;
 - (ii) provide comprehensive assistance to republican executive authorities in the effective implementation of reforms in the field of education, analyse and generalise recommendations of international organisations, consulting companies and foreign specialists, and facilitate effective implementation of initiatives;
- (d) *in expanding international cooperation in the field of quality assurance in education, obtaining membership in international organisations and ensuring international recognition of the national accreditation system:*
- (i) establish requirements for international, foreign and non-governmental accreditation organisations recognised in the Republic and maintain their register;

- (ii) take measures to obtain membership in international organisations in the field of quality assurance in education and to establish cooperation therewith;
 - (iii) provide methodological and practical recommendations to educational organisations of the Republic for the purpose of achieving international recognition;
 - (iv) take measures to ensure international recognition of the national accreditation system;
- (j) *in ensuring openness and transparency of activities relating to education quality assessment through publication of annual reports with the participation of the public and stakeholders:*
- (i) take measures to digitalise processes related to education quality and accreditation;
 - (ii) conduct a Nationwide Employers' Survey for the purpose of assessing the knowledge and skills of graduates of educational organisations and studying their integration into the labour market;
 - (iii) conduct a Nationwide Student Survey aimed at studying the opinions of pupils and students of educational organisations regarding the quality of education, as well as surveys aimed at studying public opinion on education quality;
 - (iv) jointly with republican executive authorities in the field of education, develop proposals to strengthen public oversight over the functioning of the education system, ensure openness, and introduce corporate governance methods;
- (z) *in analysing the achievement of target indicators and results established in state programmes and strategies in the field of education and developing recommendations:*
- (i) jointly with republican executive authorities in the field of education, take measures to identify solutions to the most pressing systemic issues and problems through broad involvement of the public, leading foreign experts, consultants and advisers;
 - (ii) examine draft regulatory legal acts in the fields of secondary specialised, vocational, higher and postgraduate education, as well as retraining and advanced training of personnel and qualifications assessment, and provide proposals and objections thereon;
 - (iii) jointly with republican executive authorities in the field of education, develop prospective initiatives in the education sector based on proposals

of consumers of educational services, the academic and pedagogical community, and state bodies and organisations;

(i) in developing proposals for the development of the education sector and research activities and improving legislation in this field, and in promoting prospective initiatives:

(i) systematically study and analyse the existing legislation in the field of education and research and prepare proposals for its improvement;

(ii) analyse draft legislative acts developed in the field of education on the basis of international experience and standards.

12. The Agency shall carry out the tasks and functions assigned to it on the basis of the principles of legality, impartiality, accountability, openness and transparency.

Chapter 4. Rights and obligations of the Agency

13. In carrying out the tasks and functions assigned to it, the Agency shall have the following rights:

(a) within the scope of its powers, including jointly with other state bodies, to adopt regulatory legal acts;

(b) to submit, in accordance with the established procedure, draft regulatory legal acts to the Cabinet of Ministers, as well as other documents related to the performance of the tasks and functions assigned to the Agency;

(v) to obtain necessary statistical, analytical and other information from state bodies and organisations, as well as through the diplomatic missions of the Republic abroad;

(g) to obtain, free of charge, the necessary information from state bodies and organisations for the performance of its tasks, including through the interdepartmental integration platform of the “Electronic Government” system;

(d) to have unrestricted access to the education process management information systems (NEMIS, EMIS) of the Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Innovation and to the unified electronic system for coordination of postgraduate education;

(j) to issue mandatory instructions to state bodies and organisations, including educational organisations, concerning improvement of education quality;

(z) to update requirements and criteria for institutional and program state accreditation in light of the socio-economic situation in the country, changes in legislation and contemporary trends in the international education space;

(i) to conclude cooperation agreements with international and non-governmental organisations on matters of quality assurance, accreditation, ranking and other related issues;

- (k) to conduct studies, monitoring and surveys in educational organisations relating to education quality;
- (l) where violations of established requirements and conditions are identified on the basis of the “risk analysis” system in educational organisations, to submit a formal representation to the educational organisation and establish a deadline for elimination of deficiencies;
- (m) to submit representations to founders or superior bodies of educational organisations concerning the adoption of measures in respect of identified deficiencies;
- (n) to conduct state accreditation of educational organisations on a fee-paid basis and to direct the received funds towards covering expenses related to conducting accreditation (including remuneration of engaged specialists);
- (o) to pilot standards, criteria and indicators relating to quality assurance in education in educational organisations prior to their implementation in practice;
- (p) to engage local and foreign experts, as well as representatives of republican executive authorities, local state authorities, educational organisations and other organisations (with preservation of their salary at their principal place of work), and to establish expert commissions and working groups with their participation;
- (r) to formulate terms of reference for expert commissions and working groups for in-depth analysis, evaluation and development of proposals on the current state of the education sector, and, with the involvement of consulting companies, to develop “roadmaps” for reforming the relevant education sector;
- (s) to remunerate engaged foreign and local experts in national or foreign currency in accordance with the relevant contract, including by transferring funds to their accounts abroad;
- (t) to provide paid services not prohibited by legislation;
- (u) within the scope of tasks assigned to the Agency, to send Agency employees, members of expert commissions and working groups, and other persons engaged on a contractual basis on foreign business trips for the purpose of studying the experience of leading foreign countries;
- (f) to provide consulting and expert-analytical services within its areas of activity and to establish organisational and legal structures for the implementation of such tasks;
- (x) jointly with relevant state bodies, to apply measures established by legislation in respect of issues related to improving education quality and enhancing educational processes in educational organisations.

14. In accordance with legislative acts, as well as pursuant to instructions of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan and the Administration of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, the Agency may also be vested with other rights.
15. The Agency shall be obliged to:
 - (a) duly perform the tasks assigned to it;
 - (b) conduct state accreditation in strict compliance with the regulations;
 - (v) ensure transparency in accreditation processes and through open publication of their results;
 - (g) organise procedures for submission of complaints and appeals by persons dissatisfied with accreditation decisions;
 - (d) ensure executive discipline.

Chapter 5. Organisation of the activities of the Agency

16. The Agency shall be headed by a Director appointed to office by the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan.
17. In terms of status, remuneration, material incentives, medical and transport services, the Director of the Agency shall be equated to a Deputy Adviser to the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan.
18. The Director of the Agency shall have two Deputies.
19. The Deputy Directors shall be appointed to and dismissed from office by the Head of the Administration of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan.
20. In terms of remuneration, material incentives and medical services, the Deputy Directors and employees of the Agency shall be equated to the respective employees of the Agency for Strategic Reforms under the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan.
21. The Director of the Institute for Development of the National Qualifications System shall, in terms of status, be equated to a Deputy Director of the Agency, and the remuneration and material incentive conditions established for Deputy Directors of the Agency shall apply thereto.
22. Managerial staff of the Agency shall be appointed to and dismissed from office by the Director of the Agency on the basis of direct interview.
23. Engagement and employment of foreign specialists, experts, consultants and advisers by the Agency shall be carried out by the Director of the Agency on a contractual basis.
24. The Director of the Agency shall:

- (a) exercise overall management of the Agency's activities and shall be responsible for its organisational and economic operations;
- (b) determine the powers and degree of personal responsibility of his Deputies and officials of organisations within the Agency's system, and distribute tasks;
- (v) act on behalf of the Agency in state bodies and organisations, as well as in international organisations;
- (g) issue orders and instructions binding upon Agency employees and educational organisations;
- (d) bear personal responsibility for effective performance of the tasks assigned to the Agency and report to the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan on the work carried out;
- (j) approve the Agency's cost estimate and staffing schedule;
- (z) approve the Agency's work plans, reports and methodological materials;
- (i) conclude and terminate employment contracts with Agency employees, as well as civil law contracts with foreign and local experts;
- (k) distribute the official (functional) duties of Agency employees;
- (l) ensure strict compliance with executive discipline and with the time limits and procedures for consideration of appeals from individuals and legal entities in accordance with legislative acts;
- (m) determine the procedures and forms of incentives and social support for Agency employees, establish salary supplements and additional payments, and issue orders on provision of material assistance to employees;
- (n) conclude contracts and agreements on behalf of the Agency, dispose of the Agency's assets, adopt decisions on property management, and sign financial and other documents;
- (o) resolve other matters assigned to him in accordance with legislative acts and this Regulation.

25. The Deputy Directors of the Agency shall take measures to improve the effectiveness of work in their respective areas and ensure timely execution of tasks, and shall perform specific functions of the Director upon his instruction.

26. In the absence of the Director or in cases where he is unable to perform his duties, one of the Deputy Directors shall temporarily perform the duties of the Director.

Chapter 6. Financing of the Agency's activities

- 27.** The following shall constitute the principal sources of financing for the Agency's activities, including expenses related to expert commissions and working groups established by the Agency, remuneration of local and foreign specialists engaged on a contractual basis, as well as material incentives and social support for Agency employees:
- (a) funds of the State Budget of the Republic of Uzbekistan;
 - (b) funds allocated from the fund of the Agency for Strategic Reforms under the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan on the basis of substantiated proposals of the Agency;
 - (v) revenues derived from conducting accreditation, as well as from provision of other paid services on a contractual basis;
 - (g) funds derived from provision of consulting, expert-analytical and other services on a contractual basis within the scope of the Agency's areas of activity;
 - (d) funds allocated for fundamental, applied and innovative research on the basis of the results of grant competitions conducted within the framework of state scientific and technical programmes;
 - (j) grants and targeted funds of international financial institutions and donor organisations;
 - (z) extra-budgetary funds of the Agency, including income derived from placement of temporarily available extra-budgetary funds in deposits of commercial banks;
 - (i) sponsorship and other sources not prohibited by legislative acts.
- 28.** The Agency may place its temporarily available extra-budgetary funds, including funds in foreign currency, in deposits of commercial banks of the Republic of Uzbekistan and shall have the right to dispose of the income derived therefrom.

Chapter 7. Accountability of the Agency

- 29.** The Agency shall carry out its activities independently from other state bodies and organisations and their officials, and within the scope of its activities shall be accountable to the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan.
- 30.** At the end of each year (and, where necessary, off-schedule), the Agency shall submit to the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan a report on the work carried out in fulfilment of the tasks assigned to it.
- 31.** The Agency shall regularly submit information to the Administration of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan on the state of reforms in the field of education, measures being implemented, negative factors hindering implementation of reforms and ways to eliminate them, as well as on improvement

of mechanisms for external evaluation of the activities of educational and research organisations and enhancement of the quality of educational services.

Chapter 8. Cooperation with domestic and foreign organisations and other issues of organisation of activities

- 32.** In performing the tasks assigned to it, the Agency shall closely cooperate with state bodies, educational organisations, scientific institutions, research and analytical centres and other organisations.
- 33.** In the implementation of international cooperation, the Agency shall, within the scope of its powers, have the right:
- (a) to cooperate with state and non-state organisations of foreign countries in the field of education and to conclude agreements (treaties, memoranda and others) with them;
 - (b) to cooperate with or obtain membership in international non-governmental non-profit organisations in the field of education;
 - (v) to send employees abroad for internships, practical training, participation in conferences and training programmes;
 - (g) to establish other forms of foreign cooperation within the scope of its powers.
- 34.** Republican executive authorities shall provide comprehensive assistance to the Agency, including, upon its request, ensuring secondment of employees of central offices and subordinate organisations as experts with retention of their monthly salary and equivalent payments.
- 35.** Official duty travels of Agency employees shall be carried out in accordance with the current legislative acts.
- 36.** Reorganisation and liquidation of the Agency shall be carried out on the basis of a Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan.
- 37.** Persons guilty of violating the requirements of this Regulation shall be held liable in accordance with the procedure established by legislation.
- 38.** Matters not provided for in this Regulation shall be governed by the relevant legislative acts, as well as by orders of the Agency and other documents adopted in accordance with the established procedure.