**Order of the Minister of Higher and Secondary Specialized Education of the Republic of Uzbekistan**

**On Amendments to the Regulation on the Final State Certification of Graduates of Higher Education Institutions of the Republic of Uzbekistan**

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In accordance with the resolution of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan dated October 22, 2021, No. PQ-5263 "Measures to further improve the anti-corruption expertise of normative-legal documents and their drafts," as well as the resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan dated December 31, 2020, No. 824 "On measures to improve the system related to the organization of the educational process in higher education institutions," I order:

1. Amendments shall be made to the Regulation on the Final State Certification of Graduates of Higher Education Institutions of the Republic of Uzbekistan, approved by the order of the Minister of Higher and Secondary Specialized Education of the Republic of Uzbekistan dated May 22, 2009, No. 160 (registration number 1963, June 5, 2009) (Collection of Legislation of the Republic of Uzbekistan, 2009, No. 23, Article 267), in accordance with the annex.
2. This order shall come into force from the day of its official publication.

**Minister A. TOSHKULOV**

**Tashkent,**

**November 10, 2021,**

**38-2021**

**APPENDIX**

**Annex to the Order No. 38-2021 of the Minister of Higher and Secondary Specialized Education of the Republic of Uzbekistan dated November 10, 2021**

Amendments to the Regulation on the Final State Certification of Graduates of Higher Education Institutions of the Republic of Uzbekistan

1. The introduction of the regulation shall be stated as follows:

“This Regulation establishes the procedure for conducting the final state certification of graduates of higher education institutions in accordance with the Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan on ‘Education.’”

1. In the third paragraph of Clause 5, the words “(general professional and specialization)” shall be replaced with “(mandatory subjects).”

3.In the first paragraph of Clause 8, the words “from specialized subjects” shall be replaced with “from mandatory subjects.”

4. Clause 9 shall be stated as follows:

“9. Programs and assessment criteria for final state certification tests shall be developed with the involvement of experienced professors and teachers by higher education institutions and approved by the Council of the higher education institution, and shall be communicated to students at least three months before the start of the final state certification.”

1. Clause 10 shall be stated as follows:

“10. Nominations for the chairpersons of the final state certification commissions shall be submitted to the rector (branch director) of the higher education institution for approval by the head of the department.”

1. Clause 11 shall be stated as follows:

“11. The chairpersons of the final state certification commissions shall be approved by the order of the rector (branch director) of the respective higher education institution from among scholars not currently active in that educational institution, experienced specialists from production, for a term of one year (calendar year). A person cannot serve as the chair of the final state certification commission more than twice consecutively in the same higher education institution for the relevant direction (specialization).”

1. Clause 12 shall be stated as follows:

“12. Under the leadership of the chairpersons of the final state certification commissions, together with the rector (branch director) of the higher education institution, the composition of the final state certification commissions shall be formed to conduct the final state certification examination in a foreign language (based on the decision of the Council of the higher education institution) and (or) interdisciplinary final state certification examination in the field of education (specialization) and the defense of the diploma project or final qualifying work (master's thesis) or the final state certification examination in mandatory subjects.”

8.Clause 14 shall be stated as follows:

“14. The composition of the final state certification commissions shall consist of at least 5 professors and specialists. Representatives of the guardianship council and self-governing bodies of citizens, parents of graduates or their legal representatives, as well as personnel customers, may participate as observers on a public basis. The process of final state certification examinations shall be broadcast online with audio and video, and these video recordings shall be stored in the relevant department for 1 year.”

9.In Clause 17, the words “six months” shall be replaced with “three months.”

10. In Clause 19:

In the first paragraph, the words “from specialized subjects” shall be replaced with “from mandatory subjects.”

1. Clause 23 shall be stated as follows:

“23. A person who has not passed the final state certification examination has the right to retake the final state certification examination within the next 3 years upon application after the study period has ended. A person who has not passed the final state certification examination may submit an application to the rector (branch director) of the higher education institution requesting permission to retake the final state certification examination after the beginning of the next academic year. In this case, the individual is not allowed to retake the final state certification examination more than twice in each subsequent academic year (for 3 years). Permission to retake the final state certification examination shall be formalized by the order of the rector (branch director) of the higher education institution.”

1. Clause 24 shall be stated as follows:

“24. A student who has not passed the final state certification examination within the next 3 years will be issued an academic certificate and may be reinstated to the relevant graduation course for study on a fee-contract basis in accordance with the established procedure.”

1. Clause 27 shall be stated as follows:

“27. An appeals commission shall be established by the order of the rector (branch director) of the higher education institution to review the applications of graduates who have contested their grades in the final state certification examinations. The appeals commission shall consist of at least 5 members, including scientific and pedagogical staff from the higher education institution (up to 40 percent of the total composition of the appeals commission), as well as qualified specialists in the relevant field and experienced professors and researchers from similar higher education institutions. The inclusion of individuals who participated in the final state certification commission's work in the current year in the composition of the appeals commission is prohibited.”

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