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RESOLUTION OF THE CABINET OF MINISTERS OF THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

ON MEASURES FOR ORGANIZING THE FINAL STATE ATTESTATION OF GRADUATES OF HIGHER AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS

In order to raise the process of training highly qualified specialists in our country to a qualitatively new level, involve employer enterprises and organizations in the educational process, and improve the procedure for conducting the final state attestation of graduates of higher and vocational education institutions, the Cabinet of Ministers resolves:

1. Starting from January 1, 2025, the practice of organizing the final state attestation (hereinafter – "attestation") of graduates of higher and vocational education institutions at employer enterprises and organizations shall be introduced.

2. The following shall be approved:

- The Regulation on the Procedure for Conducting the Final State Attestation of Graduates of Higher Education Institutions, in accordance with Annex 1;
- The Regulation on the Procedure for Conducting the Final State Attestation of Graduates of Vocational Education Institutions, in accordance with Annex 2.

3. It shall be established that:

- The list of undergraduate education programs for which diploma projects and final
 qualification works are to be defended shall be approved by the Ministry of Higher
 Education, Science and Innovation, based on the specific characteristics of educational
 fields. In this case, graduates of undergraduate programs that do not require the defense
 of a diploma project or final qualification work shall, at their discretion, be allowed to
 defend a diploma project or final qualification work;
- Specialists involved as members of the final state attestation commission shall be paid in accordance with hourly wage rates established by legislative documents, while retaining their salaries at their primary place of work;
- Expenses related to the purchase of raw materials and fuel-lubricant materials required for assessing the competencies of vocational education institution graduates in the form of demonstrative practical examinations shall be financed through funds allocated to the respective educational institutions from the state budget, tuition fees, and off-budget funds.

4. The Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Innovation shall:

 Actively involve employer enterprises and organizations in the processes of assessing the knowledge, skills, and competencies of graduates of higher and vocational education institutions;

- Provide comprehensive methodological support to employer enterprises and organizations in organizing the attestation of graduates of higher and vocational education institutions and coordinate their activities in this regard;
- At least one month prior to organizing the attestation in vocational education institutions, approve and publish the list of enterprises, organizations, and educational institutions where the attestation of graduates will be conducted, based on proposals from the Ministry of Poverty Reduction and Employment, the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Karakalpakstan, regional and Tashkent city hokimliks, and relevant ministries and agencies;
- Introduce, starting from January 1, 2025, a training course on graduate assessment based on "German experience" into the professional development curricula of pedagogical staff of vocational education institutions.
- **5.** The Council of Ministers of the Republic of Karakalpakstan, regional and Tashkent city hokimliks shall:
 - Facilitate the involvement of representatives of employer enterprises and organizations in the attestation organized at higher and vocational education institutions at the end of each academic year;
 - Submit proposals to the Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Innovation, by November 1 of each year, regarding the organizations where demonstrative practical examinations of vocational education institution graduates will be conducted.
- **6.** The Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Innovation, together with the relevant ministries and agencies, shall bring their normative-legal documents into compliance with this Resolution within a period of two months.
- **7.** Control over the implementation of this Resolution shall be entrusted to the Minister of Higher Education, Science and Innovation of the Republic of Uzbekistan, K.A. Sharipov.

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Annex 1 to the Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of December 13, 2024, No. 836

On the Procedure for Conducting the Final State Attestation of Graduates of Higher Education Institutions

REGULATION

Chapter 1. General Provisions

- **1.** This Regulation establishes the procedure for conducting the final state attestation of graduates of higher education institutions.
- **2.** The following key terms are used in this Regulation:
 - Graduate a student of a higher education institution who has completed the required
 courses in the curriculum, accumulated all necessary credits during the study period, and
 successfully completed practical training;
 - **Final qualification work** a scientific-theoretical work carried out by graduates of the bachelor's program at the final stage of study, assessing the graduate's knowledge, skills, and competencies in the relevant field of study;
 - Diploma project a work performed by a bachelor's student at the final stage of study, aimed at providing a comprehensive solution to a specific task in a particular field (design, technological, creative, experimental, artistic);
 - Master's thesis a scientific-research work carried out by a master's student during the
 course of study, aimed at solving a specific scientific-practical problem related to the
 corresponding specialty (field);
 - Rationalization idea a new and effective proposal aimed at improving an existing process, method, or product;
 - **Startup project** a new business initiative based on an innovative idea, offering a unique product or service not previously presented in the market or significantly different from existing ones;
 - **Plagiarism** the use of another person's scientific, creative, or other work and presenting it as one's own;
 - **Final state attestation** (hereinafter "attestation") the process of assessing the level of knowledge, skills, and competencies of graduates of bachelor's and master's programs;
 - **Final state attestation commission** (hereinafter "commission") a commission composed of field specialists assessing the knowledge, skills, and competencies of graduates of bachelor's and master's programs.
- **3.** The attestation may be conducted by a commission established for each bachelor's program and master's specialty, taking into account the specifics of the programs and specialties, and may take place at the higher education institution or at an enterprise (organization).
- **4.** The list of programs in which diploma projects and final qualification works are defended shall be approved by the Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Innovation of the Republic of Uzbekistan, based on the characteristics of the fields of study.
- **5.** The attestation may be conducted in the following forms:
 - Foreign language test (may be conducted based on the decision of the Higher Education Institution Council);
 - Test in specialized (mandatory) subjects (professional-practical subjects, two-stage preclinical and clinical subjects for medical higher education institutions);
 - Defense of final qualification work;
 - Defense of diploma project;
 - Defense of master's thesis;
 - Presentation of a "startup" project or rationalization idea corresponding to the program or specialty.

In this case:

- The author (co-author) of the "startup" project must have been declared a winner in a competition announced by the relevant state body during their study (bachelor's or master's program);
- The rationalization idea proposed by the author (co-author) must have been implemented during the study period (bachelor's or master's program) in at least three enterprises (organizations), and the corresponding enterprise (organization) must issue a certificate confirming its economic or social effect.
- **6.** If necessary, foreign language attestation is conducted based on the decision of the Higher Education Institution Council.

Graduates with a national or equivalent international certificate at least at level B2 (or C1 for philology programs) are exempted from the foreign language attestation.

The foreign language attestation aims to determine the graduate's mastery of the material specified in the curriculum of the subject.

7. Attestation in specialized (mandatory) subjects (professional-practical, pre-clinical, and clinical subjects) aims to determine, in addition to the knowledge required by the subject content, the level of knowledge, skills, and competencies specified in the qualification requirements.

Chapter 2. Procedure for Organizing the Activities of the Commission

- **8.** The Commission shall carry out its activities in accordance with the requirements of this Regulation.
- **9.** The list of candidates for the position of Commission Chair shall be prepared by the head of the relevant department and submitted to the rector (or branch director) of the higher education institution for approval.
- **10.** Chairs of the Commission, regardless of the institutional affiliation of the higher education institution, shall be approved by the order of the rector (or branch director) of the relevant higher education institution for a term of one calendar year, selected from among scholars not employed at the institution and experienced specialists from the industry.

The composition of the Commission shall be approved by the rector (or branch director) at least one month before the start of the graduation semester.

The Commission shall consist of at least five professors and specialists and shall be considered competent when at least two-thirds of its members are present.

The composition of the Commission may include academic and teaching staff of the higher education institution training the specialists (up to 40% of the total composition of the attestation commission), highly qualified specialists from enterprises (organizations) that order personnel, leading professors and researchers from related higher education institutions, and advanced specialists and scientists in the field.

No person shall serve as Chair of the Commission at the same higher education institution more than twice consecutively.

Specialists involved as members of the Commission shall be remunerated based on hourly wage rates established by legislation, while retaining their salaries at their primary place of work.

- 11. The main tasks of the Commission shall be:
 - To comprehensively assess the graduate's level of knowledge, skills, and competencies in accordance with the qualification requirements of the relevant program or specialty;
 - To make decisions on awarding the appropriate academic degree to graduates based on attestation results;
 - To analyze the outcomes of its activities and develop proposals for improving the training of highly qualified personnel.
- **12.** Representatives of the higher education institution's Board of Trustees (Supervisory Board), local self-government bodies, parents or legal representatives of graduates, and personnel-ordering organizations may participate in the attestation process as observers on a public basis. The attestation process shall be broadcast online via audio-video streaming, and the recordings shall be stored at the relevant department for one year.
- **13.** If necessary, multiple attestation commissions may be established under the leadership of a single Chair.

Representatives of the Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Innovation of the Republic of Uzbekistan may participate in the attestation process.

Attestation of graduates of programs and specialties that have not undergone state accreditation shall be conducted by an attestation commission organized with the permission of the higher supervisory ministry (authority) of the higher education institution.

Chapter 3. Procedure for Conducting the Attestation

- **14.** Graduates shall undergo attestation in accordance with the scheme attached to this Regulation.
- **15.** Graduates who have mastered the relevant subjects, earned the required credits, and fulfilled all tuition contract obligations shall be admitted to the attestation. It is mandatory for graduates to undergo attestation after completing the full study load.
- **16.** Attestation in specialized (mandatory) subjects (professional-practical, pre-clinical, and clinical subjects), as well as the defense of the diploma project (final qualification work) or master's thesis, shall be organized at the higher education institution or at an enterprise (organization).
- **17.** The Higher Education Institution Council shall, by October 31 of each year, approve the list of programs and specialties for which attestation will be conducted at the institution or enterprise (organization), as well as the list of specialized (mandatory) subjects corresponding to the programs and specialties. This information shall be published on the official website of the institution at least six months prior to the attestation.

The higher education institution shall annually sign cooperation agreements with relevant enterprises (organizations) for conducting the attestation of its graduates in November. When attestation of programs and specialties related to production is conducted at an enterprise (organization), the heads of the enterprise (organization) are responsible for providing graduates

and the commission with necessary equipment, measurement tools, technical documentation, raw materials, and supplies.

18. Tests in foreign languages and specialized (mandatory) subjects shall be conducted in written, test, or oral form. For subjects requiring special skills and for the medical education field, attestation may also be conducted in practical form.

The form of tests in foreign languages and specialized (mandatory) subjects shall be determined by the rector (or branch director) based on the decision of the Higher Education Institution Council and communicated to graduates at least six months before the attestation.

The topics for final qualification work shall be approved by the decision of the Higher Education Institution Council before the start of the graduation semester.

Graduates shall be provided with the relevant curricula prior to the attestation, and the necessary conditions shall be created for preparation and consultation.

- **19.** Attestation programs shall be developed at least three months before the attestation begins, with the involvement of experienced professors and specialists from enterprises (organizations), approved by the Higher Education Institution Council, and published on the institution's official website.
- **20.** Attestation shall be conducted according to the schedule specified in the academic calendar, prepared by the faculty dean or the unit responsible for educational-methodological work, and approved by the vice-rector for academic affairs.
- **21.** The form of attestation established by the decision of the Higher Education Institution Council for a graduate shall not be changed during the academic year.
- **22.** Two weeks before the attestation, the rector (or branch director) shall hold a meeting with the commission chair to discuss the preparation level of the commission, the duties of the chair and members, requirements for graduates, and disciplinary matters.
- **23.** Attestation shall be conducted in open sessions of the commission.
- **24.** Graduates must submit the relevant documents (presentations) for the "startup" project and rationalization idea corresponding to their program or specialty.

The commission shall assess whether the "startup" project and rationalization idea meet the established requirements, and the graduate shall be evaluated accordingly.

"Startup" projects or rationalization ideas that do not meet the requirements shall not be evaluated, and the graduate shall be required to retake the attestation.

25. Plagiarism is prohibited during attestation. If detected, the commission shall assign an unsatisfactory grade or annul a previously assigned positive grade.

Final qualification works and master's theses shall be checked using anti-plagiarism software two weeks prior to defense. If plagiarism is detected, the graduate may be allowed to recheck the work once. If plagiarism remains in the second check, the attestation shall be postponed to the next year.

When plagiarism issues are resolved, the graduate is permitted to participate in the attestation. Anti-plagiarism software shall be purchased using off-budget funds of the higher education institution and must meet the following requirements:

- Compliance with the laws of the Republic of Uzbekistan on "Cybersecurity" and "Personal Data";
- Ability to check texts in Uzbek, Karakalpak, Russian, English, and other languages;
- User manuals available in at least Uzbek, Karakalpak, Russian, and English;
- Clear indication of sources from which copied material originates;
- Ability to detect indirect copying (paraphrased text without changing meaning);
- Capability to identify Al-generated content;
- Integration with internationally recognized databases, including multilingual sources, specialized databases, international scientific publications, and library collections;
- Integration with national scientific publication databases and other systems when necessary;
- Ability to provide a complete report and certificate according to a specified template.
- **26.** The knowledge, skills, and competencies of graduates shall be assessed according to the evaluation criteria established by the Ministry of Higher Education, Science, and Innovation of the Republic of Uzbekistan.
- **27.** Attestation results shall be announced to graduates on the same day.
- **28.** A graduate who receives an unsatisfactory grade shall not be awarded a diploma and must retake the attestation in accordance with this Regulation.
- **29.** The commission shall decide on awarding the bachelor's (master's) degree based on positive attestation results.

Decisions of the commission shall be made by open voting with a majority of votes from participants present. In case of a tie, the chair's vote shall be decisive.

30. Upon successful completion of the attestation, the graduate shall be issued a diploma and its supplement within one month.

A bachelor's graduate who achieves an "Excellent" (90–100 points) grade in at least three-fourths of all subjects in the curriculum, and no less than "Good" (70–89.9 points) in other subjects, and receives an "Excellent" (90–100 points) grade in the attestation, shall be awarded a "with distinction" diploma.

31. Graduates who fail or are not admitted to the attestation have the right, upon application, to retake it within the next three years.

No fee shall be charged for retaking the attestation.

Graduates must submit an application to the rector (or branch director) requesting permission to retake the attestation in the next academic year. A graduate may not retake the attestation more than twice per academic year for up to three years.

Permission to retake the attestation is granted by the order of the rector (or branch director).

- **32.** Graduates who fail to retake the attestation within three years shall be issued an academic certificate and may re-enroll in the relevant graduate course on a tuition contract basis.
- **33.** Graduates who miss the attestation for a valid reason shall be included in the next attestation conducted before the completion of the commission's work by the order of the rector (or branch director).

34. The annual report on the commission's activities shall be reviewed by the Higher Education Institution Council. The chair of the commission shall be invited to this meeting.

Chapter 4. Procedure for Filing Complaints Regarding Attestation Results

35. An appeals commission shall be established by order of the rector (or branch director) of the higher education institution to review applications from graduates who are dissatisfied with their attestation results.

The appeals commission shall consist of at least five members, including academic and teaching staff of the higher education institution (up to 40% of the total composition of the appeals commission), qualified specialists from enterprises (organizations) in the relevant field, and experienced professors and researchers from related higher education institutions. Members of the commission who participated in the current year's attestation shall not be included in the appeals commission.

- **36.** Graduates who are dissatisfied with the grades received in the attestation have the right to submit an appeal to the appeals commission within three working days from the day the attestation results are announced.
- **37.** The appeals commission shall review the appeal within one day and shall make one of the following decisions:
 - To consider the appeal justified and satisfy it;
 - To consider the appeal unjustified and reject it.
- **38.** A copy of the decision of the appeals commission shall be provided to the graduate on the same day.
- **39.** The graduate may, in accordance with the procedure established by legislative acts, appeal the decision of the commission regarding the review of the complaint to a court.

Chapter 5. Final Provision

40. Persons found guilty of violating the requirements of this Regulation shall be held accountable in accordance with the procedure established by legislative acts.

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DIAGRAM

Stages	Subjects	Actions to Be Taken	Deadlines
Stages Stage 1	Higher Education Institution	 Approves the list of programs and specialties for which attestation will be conducted at the higher education institution or enterprise (organization), as well as the corresponding specialized (mandatory) subjects (professional-practical, pre-clinical, and clinical subjects). Signs cooperation agreements with enterprises (organizations) regarding the conduct of attestation of graduates. Publishes the list of specialized (mandatory) subjects corresponding to programs and specialties on the official website of the higher education institution. Determines the form of tests in foreign languages and specialized (mandatory) subjects and communicates it to the students. Develops attestation programs and publishes them on the official website of the higher education institution. Approves the composition of the 	In November each year At least six months before the attestation Six months before the attestation Three months before the attestation One month
		6. Approves the composition of the Commission.7. Approves the topics of final qualification works.	One month before the start of the graduation semester Before the start of the graduation semester Two weeks before the attestation
		8. Checks final qualification works and master's theses using anti-plagiarism software.	
		The rector (or branch director) holds a meeting with the chair of the attestation commission to discuss the level of preparation of the commission, the duties of	

		the chair and members, requirements for graduates, and matters of order and discipline.	
Stage 2	Attestation Commission	The attestation is conducted for each program and specialty at the higher education institution.	In accordance with the academic calendar
		2. The knowledge, skills, and competencies of graduates during the attestation are assessed and announced based on the evaluation criteria established by the Ministry of Higher Education, Science, and Innovation of the Republic of Uzbekistan.	On the day the attestation is conducted
Stage 3	Higher Education Institutions	Upon successfully passing the attestation, the graduate shall be awarded a diploma of	Within one month from the date the
		the corresponding higher education level and its supplement.	attestation is conducted

To the Resolution No. 836 of the Cabinet of Ministers dated December 13, 2024

Annex 2

On the Procedure for Conducting the Final State Attestation of Graduates of Vocational Education Institutions

REGULATION

- 1. This Regulation establishes the procedure for conducting the final state attestation (hereinafter referred to as "attestation") of graduates of vocational education institutions.
- 2. The following key concepts are used in this Regulation:
- **Graduate** a student of a vocational education institution who has completed the relevant subjects in the curriculum and successfully finished practical training;
- **State exam** the process of assessing a graduate's theoretical knowledge in professional (specialty) and/or designated subjects;
- **Demonstrative-practical exam** the process of assessing a graduate's knowledge, skills, and competencies based on practical tasks;
- Final state attestation (hereinafter referred to as "attestation") the process of assessing a graduate's knowledge, skills, and level of competence;
- **Final state attestation commission** a commission formed in vocational education institutions to assess graduates' knowledge, skills, and competencies, including

- representatives from enterprises (organizations) and field specialists according to professions (specialties).
- 3. The main purpose of the attestation is to comprehensively assess the knowledge, skills, and competency level of graduates of vocational education institutions in accordance with the educational programs of their respective professions (specialties).
- 4. Attestation is conducted in the form of state exams and demonstrative-practical exams.
- 5. State exams:
- For initial vocational education in the form of tests in the subject of the History of Uzbekistan and professional subjects;
- For secondary and secondary specialized vocational education in the form of tests in professional subjects.
 Professional subjects include general professional subjects, specialized subjects, or
 - specialty-specific subjects as defined in the curriculum.
- 6. In the demonstrative-practical exam, the graduate demonstrates their competency in the relevant profession (specialty) at the vocational education institution or enterprise (organization) by completing practical tasks.
- 7. For graduates trained under the dual education system, the demonstrative-practical exam is organized by the enterprise (organization) where the dual education is conducted. The enterprise (organization) provides reports on the results of the demonstrative-practical exams to the vocational education institution.
- 8. The attestation schedule is approved by order of the director of the vocational education institution at least thirty days before the start of attestation, in coordination with enterprises (organizations).
 The attestation schedule is published on the official website or social media pages of the vocational education institution.
- 9. State exams are aimed at determining the degree of mastery of the material provided in the curricula of the professions (specialties).

Chapter 2. Procedure for Organizing the Activities of the Commission

- 10. The attestation is conducted by the final state attestation commission (hereinafter referred to as "the Commission") established for professions (specialties) at the vocational education institution.
- 11. Commissions for each profession (specialty) are formed according to the number of students in the vocational education institution.
- 12. The composition of the Commission is approved at least one month before the start of the attestation by the order of the Minister of Higher Education, Science, and Innovation of the Republic of Karakalpakstan, and the heads of the higher education, science, and innovation departments of the regions and the city of Tashkent, for one academic year.
 - The Commission must consist of at least five members, and it is considered competent when two-thirds of its members are present.
 - At least 50% of the Commission members must be representatives of enterprises (organizations).
- 13. The Commission operates from the period of preparation and conduct of the attestation until the start of the next academic year.

- Depending on the number of graduate groups, the Commission's activities may be organized throughout the year.
- 14. The chair of the Commission organizes and supervises its activities and signs its conclusions and decisions.
 - The chair is personally responsible for ensuring that the attestation is conducted on time, efficiently, and transparently.
 - No individual may serve as chair of the Commission for the same profession (specialty) in the same vocational education institution more than twice consecutively.
- 15. When members from enterprises (organizations) participate in the attestation, their primary workplace salary is preserved.
- 16. The main responsibilities of the Commission include:
- comprehensively assessing graduates' knowledge, skills, and competencies in accordance with the requirements of educational programs for professions (specialties);
- determining the award of initial, secondary, and secondary specialized vocational education levels based on attestation results;
- preparing final reports and conclusions of the Commission;
- analyzing the results of the Commission's activities and developing proposals to improve the vocational education system based on these results.
- 17. Graduates who have fully completed the relevant educational programs for their professions (specialties) are allowed to participate in the attestation.
- 18. The state exam in the History of Uzbekistan is conducted by subject-matter expert teachers. These teachers should not have taught the students taking the exam or should be invited from other vocational education institutions.

Chapter 3. Procedure for Conducting the Attestation

§1. Organization of the Attestation

- 19. Graduates of vocational education institutions shall undergo attestation according to the scheme attached to this Regulation.
- 20. Graduates who have fulfilled the requirements of the relevant curricula for primary, secondary, and secondary specialized vocational education levels are admitted to attestation by the order of the director, based on the decision of the Pedagogical Council of the vocational education institution.
- 21. By November 1 of each year, the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Karakalpakstan, the regional and Tashkent city administrations shall compile a list of enterprises (organizations) where practical-demonstrative exams of vocational education graduates will be conducted and submit it to the Ministry of Higher Education, Science, and Innovation of the Republic of Uzbekistan.
- 22. By December 1 of each year, the Ministry of Higher Education, Science, and Innovation of the Republic of Uzbekistan, together with the Ministry of Poverty Reduction and Employment, shall compile and approve the list of enterprises (organizations) where the attestation will be conducted.
- 23. Vocational education institutions shall sign cooperation agreements with enterprises (organizations) corresponding to the graduates' professions and specialties for the conduct of attestation by January 1 of each year.

- 24. One week prior to the start of attestation, the head of the attestation commission, together with the director of the vocational education institution, shall supervise the preparedness for conducting the attestation.
- 25. Parents of graduates and representatives of enterprises (organizations) may participate in the attestation as observers on a public basis. The attestation process shall be broadcast online to a designated waiting area for parents and observers.
- 26. The attestation commission shall conduct the attestation for each profession (specialty) within the vocational education institution according to the academic schedule. The commission shall assess the graduates' knowledge, skills, and competencies on the same day the attestation is conducted and announce the results.
- 27. Graduates who receive a failing grade ("2") in attestation shall have the right to retake the relevant exam once in the same academic year. Retakes shall be conducted within one month following the main attestation, upon the student's application. Graduates who fail the retake or do not apply for a retake within one year shall be granted permission to retake the attestation upon application, including those in dual education programs, by the Ministry of Higher Education, Science, and Innovation of the Republic of Karakalpakstan, regional, and Tashkent city higher education administrations.
- following academic year. If a commission for their profession (specialty) has not been established in their vocational education institution, they may take the attestation in another vocational education institution with a relevant commission (including dual education graduates).

 Documents certifying the graduate's education are submitted to the vocational education institution where the attestation will be conducted. Graduates who pass the attestation receive a state-standard vocational education diploma from the institution where the commission is established.

28. Graduates who retake the attestation and again fail shall retake it at the end of the

- 29. Graduates who have completed the full curriculum of the designated profession (specialty) but did not participate or failed the attestation have the right, based on the Pedagogical Council's decision, to retake the final state attestation within three years. Those who do not take the attestation within three years may apply for re-enrollment in the final course.
- 30. Graduates who pass the attestation shall receive, within one month, a state-standard vocational education diploma according to the prescribed procedure. In groups with international education programs, attestation shall be organized in cooperation with the institutions implementing the international programs. Graduates who complete international programs and successfully pass exams shall receive a diploma (certificate) under the international program as well as a state-standard vocational education diploma.
- 31. Graduates shall not be admitted to attestation in the following cases:
- if they have academic debts in subjects;
- if they have not fully paid tuition fees under a contract;
- if they failed to complete practice without valid reason or received a failing grade for practice.
- 32. Graduates who cannot participate in attestation for valid reasons shall be allowed to take it until the completion of the commission's work.
- 33. Graduates who have achieved at least 86% "5" (excellent) grades in the final marks of curriculum subjects and "4" (good) in the remaining subjects, and receive "5" (excellent) in the final attestation, with exemplary behavior and active participation in community activities, shall be awarded a diploma with honors.

§2. Conducting State Examinations

- 34. Test assignments in **Uzbekistan History** and professional subjects, covering the topics of the curriculum for relevant professions (specialties), are developed and approved **two months before the start of the test process** by the Institute for the Development of Vocational Education under the Ministry of Higher Education, Science, and Innovation of the Republic of Uzbekistan, involving appropriate specialists.
 State examinations in professional subjects for vocational education institutions, as well as in **Uzbekistan History** for groups accepting graduates of grade 9 from general secondary schools, are conducted in the form of **test-based exams**.
- 35. The commission is responsible for ensuring that the test exams are **organized**, **conducted fairly and impartially**, and that the test assignments are **kept confidential**.
- 36. Each test consists of **72 questions**, with **120 minutes** allocated to complete the tasks and an additional **10 minutes** to transfer the answers to the answer sheet.
- 37. During the test, the commission may involve **general secondary school teachers and representatives of public organizations** as observers.
- 38. During the test process, graduates are **not allowed to use textbooks, teaching aids, reference materials, answer sheets, mobile phones, or other communication devices**. Graduates who violate the test rules are **excluded from the test** with an official report drawn up.
- 39. For the final evaluation of the test assignments, the commission assigns grades as follows:
- 90–100% correct answers: "5" (excellent)
- 70-89.9% correct answers: "4" (good)
- 60–69.9% correct answers: "3" (satisfactory)
- Less than 60% correct answers: "2" (unsatisfactory)
- 40. In vocational education institutions with technical capabilities, **test exams may be conducted via computer using specialized information systems**. In this case, the number of test assignments, allotted time, and assessment criteria are regulated in accordance with the requirements of this Regulation.

§3. Conducting Demonstrative-Practical Examinations

- Demonstrative-practical examinations are conducted to determine the **level of professional competencies** acquired by vocational education students according to their qualifications.
- The content of demonstrative-practical examination tasks is determined based on the **professional competencies required for the respective professions (specialties)** and other indicators related to professional activities.
- Demonstrative-practical examinations can be organized in **special testing areas** (simulation laboratories) established at relevant enterprises (organizations). If there are multiple enterprises (organizations) or if a single enterprise (organization) cannot accommodate the examination, the vocational education institution, in agreement with enterprises (organizations), designates a specific enterprise (organization) for conducting the examination.

• The conditions and assessment criteria for demonstrative-practical examinations are developed and approved two months before the examination by the Professional Education Development Institute under the Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Innovation of the Republic of Uzbekistan, involving representatives of enterprises (organizations). These conditions are structured according to the content of the relevant curricula for the taught qualifications.

- The **time allocated** for completing the demonstrative-practical examination is determined based on the **complexity and specifics of each profession (specialty)**.
- Enterprises (organizations) provide workplaces, necessary equipment, measuring instruments, technical documents, raw materials, and supplies for conducting the practical examinations. Vocational education institutions are allowed to use raw materials and consumables allocated to them for the examination.
- Before the start of the demonstrative-practical examination, a member of the commission **briefs** the graduates on the examination conditions, technical requirements, assessment criteria, time limits, and safety rules.

During the examination, each graduate **independently determines the sequence of practical operations**.

- The **assessment protocol** for the demonstrative-practical examination is formalized by the commission.
- Based on the results of the **Uzbek history test, professional subject tests, and the demonstrative-practical examination**, the commission prepares an official report (statement).
- Expenses related to the conduct of demonstrative-practical examinations are financed from funds allocated in the approved budget of the vocational education institution for these purposes, as well as from funds received under tuition contracts.

Chapter 4. Procedure for Appealing the Results of the Final State Attestation

- 51. An **appeal commission** is established by the order of the director of the vocational education institution to review applications from graduates dissatisfied with their attestation results.
 - The order defines the **composition**, **working procedures**, **and powers** of the appeal commission, and graduates are informed about this **at least one day before the attestation begins**.
 - Members who participated in the attestation commission in the current year **cannot be included** in the appeal commission.
- 52. A graduate dissatisfied with the grade received during attestation has the right to submit an appeal in writing or electronically within three working days after the attestation results are announced.
 - The appeal commission reviews the graduate's complaint **within three working days** and makes one of the following decisions:
- To recognize the appeal as valid and satisfy it;

• To recognize the appeal as invalid and reject it.

Appeals submitted on other days are **not considered**. The results of the appeal review are recorded in a **protocol** signed by the chairperson and members of the appeal commission. A copy of the decision of the appeal commission is provided to the graduate **on the same day**.

- 53. If a graduate is dissatisfied with the decision of the appeal commission, they have the right to appeal the commission's decision in court in accordance with the procedure established by law.
- 54. The chairperson of the commission presents an **analytical report** on the appeal to the Pedagogical Council of the vocational education institution.
- 55. Reports and materials related to the attestation are **archived in the vocational education institution for 10 years**. After the expiration of this period, the materials are **removed from the records**.

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56. Persons found guilty of violating the requirements of this Regulation shall be held accountable in accordance with the procedure established by the legislation.

"Regulations on the Procedure for Conducting the Final State Attestation of Graduates of Vocational Education Institutions"

Appendix

Conducting the Final State Attestation of Graduates of Vocational Education Institutions

Diagram

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Stages	Subjects	Activities	Deadlines				
Stage 1	Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Karakalpakstan, regional and Tashkent City Authorities	Prepare a list of enterprises (organizations) where graduates' practical and demonstration exams will be conducted and submit it to the Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Innovation.	Annually, by November 1				
Stage 2	Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Innovation, Ministry of Poverty Reduction and Employment	Compile and approve the list of enterprises (organizations) where the final state attestation is conducted.	Annually, by December 1				
Stage 3	Vocational Education Institutions	Sign a cooperation agreement with enterprises (organizations) relevant to the profession and	Annually, by January 1				

		specialty for conducting the attestation of graduates.	
Stage 4	Institute for the Development of Professional Education	 Develops and approves a set of test assignments on the history of Uzbekistan and vocational subjects." "Develops and approves tasks for practical-demonstration exams and the assessment criteria. 	Two months before the start of the attestation
Stage 5	Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Innovation of the Republic of Karakalpakstan; Departments of Higher Education, Science and Innovation of the regions and Tashkent city	Approves the composition of the attestation commission.	One month before the start of the attestation
Stage 6	Attestation Commission	1 Conducts the attestation for each profession (specialty) at the vocational education institution." 2 Assesses graduates' knowledge, skills, and qualification level (professional competencies) and announces the results.	In accordance with the academic schedule On the same day the attestation is conducted
Stage 7	Vocational Education Institutions	Graduates who pass the attestation are awarded a statestandard diploma in vocational education in the prescribed manner for their profession (specialty).	Within one month

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