

On Approval of the Rule on Agreeing with the LEPL National Center for Educational Quality Enhancement of the Draft Agreement between the Implementing Institutions for the Implementation of Joint Higher Education Programmes

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Article 1.

Draft agreement between institutions on implementing joint higher educational programme is reviewed by the Higher Education Quality Assurance Department of the National Center for Educational Quality Enhancement (hereinafter – the Center).

Article 2.

1. The draft agreement defines:

- a) The content and implementation forms of Joint Higher Education programme, including:
 - i. the rule for joint programme development, approval, implementation and the rules for making changes in educational programme;
 - ii. the curriculum of the joint higher education programme including special features of the organization of teaching process;
 - iii. joint agreement on qualification of academic personnel implementing a joint higher education programme, the rules for the consolidation and optimal allocation of human and material resources;
 - iv. joint internal quality assurance mechanisms and student support services for the implementation of a joint higher education programme;
 - v. joint approaches of external quality assurance mechanisms;
 - vi. joint approaches for the financial management of the joint higher education programme and joint approaches towards managing the risks associated with the programme implementation.

- b) The rule for awarding a joint academic degree after completion of a joint higher education programme, which shall include:
 - i. the rule for granting qualification and issuing a degree certificate;
 - ii. rules for student's achievement assessment, granting and recognizing credits;
 - iii. the mechanisms for ensuring students continuous education, in case of changing or cancelling the joint programme.

- c) The enrolment rules and procedures on joint higher educational programme, which include:
 - i. The rule for obtaining, termination and suspension of student status, the rule on student mobility and also the rules for recognition of education received during the learning period;
 - ii. the rule for education grant allocation and tuition fees.

Article 3.

1. The Center accepts the project if it contains the information considered by the Article 2 of this rule and follows the regulations established by the applicable legal acts. Otherwise, the Center sends back the project to the institution with notes and recommendations;
2. Based on the agreement with the Center the institutions form the contract.