



**INDEPENDENT AGENCY FOR QUALITY ASSURANCE IN
EDUCATION (IQAA)**

**REGULATIONS
ON THE EXPERT COMMITTEES**



1. General provisions

1.1 The given Regulations on the Expert Committees (hereinafter the Regulations) set out authorities, procedure of formation and organization of activity of the IQAA Expert Committees of the Independent Agency for Quality Assurance in Education (IQAA). The Regulations are an internal document of IQAA, developed on the basis of the Regulations on the Agency.

1.2 An Expert Committee is a collegial body, representing experts of institutional accreditation and program accreditation by groups of programs. A Committee constitutes an IQAA subdivision, providing assistance in the coordination of expert groups for external assessment of universities/educational programs and in the implementation of expert assessment of external review reports.

1.3 An Expert Committee is created and liquidated according to the order of the IQAA President based on suggestions of higher education institutions, which passed a selection by the Agency Commission.

1.4 The following Expert Committees are created under the IQAA:

1. Expert Committee on Institutional Accreditation. 2. Expert Committee on Educational Programs. 3. Expert Committee for the Humanities, Social Sciences, Journalism and the Arts. 4. Expert Committee in the areas of economics, business, management and law. 5. Expert Committee on Natural Sciences, Mathematics. 6. Expert Committee on ICT, Telecommunications, Radio engineering, Electrical engineering programs; 7. Expert Committee on engineering, technological, manufacturing, and construction industries. 8. Expert Committee on Agriculture and Bioresources, veterinary Medicine. 9. Expert Committee on Medical Education.

1.5 An Expert Committee in its work is guided by legislative and other normative acts of the Republic of Kazakhstan, the IQAA Standards of Institutional and Program Accreditation, the orders of the IQAA President, as well as the present Regulations.

2. Main objectives

2.1 Preparation of conclusion on the report of the external review panel for the meeting of the Accreditation Council in cooperation with the coordinators.

2.2 Analysis and editing of reports of the external review panel, if necessary.

3. Organizational structure of an Expert Committee

3.1 The work of an Expert Committee is governed by its Head, appointed from academic or administrative staff, suggested by higher education institutions



according to the IQAA criteria.

3.2 Appointment and dismissal from the position of the Head of the Expert Committee are made by the order of the IQAA President based on a suggestion of IQAA Commission, which carried out a competitive selection process.

3.3 The composition of the Expert Committee is approved by the IQAA President based on suggestion of the IQAA Commission, which carried out a competitive selection process, and taking into account the scope of work and specificity of the Committee's activity.

3.4 The composition of the Expert Committee includes its Head, Deputy Head and 3-4 experts (depending on the number of programs assigned to the Committee).

3.5 Heads and members of the Expert Committee are not included in the number of regular staff of the Agency.

4. Interconnection with other subdivisions

5.1 An Expert Committee interacts with all IQAA departments, which ensure provision of accreditation procedures, as well as the Accreditation Council, the Complaints Commission and the Appeals Committee.

5. Rights and obligations

5.1 To receive information, necessary for execution of its functions from all IQAA departments, regardless of their subordination.

5.2 To submit suggestions to the IQAA administration and departments for improvement of the work on quality assurance.

5.3 Participate in the Agency's training seminars and forums, including as moderators and speakers.

5.4 Participate in the development of Standards and guidelines for institutional and program accreditation, and external review procedures.

6. Amendments

6.1 Amendments or additions to the Regulations, made by suggestions of the Expert Committees and IQAA departments, should be documented and signed by the IQAA President.

6.2 The Regulations are revised not less than once a year, with an obligatory inclusion of the record of revisions in the record sheet.

6.3 The basis for amendments or additions to the Regulations can be the following:
- newly introduced amendments and additions to the normative and legal acts of the



Republic of Kazakhstan;

- orders of the IQAA President;
- redistribution of duties between IQAA departments and/or Expert Committees;
- reorganization of structural subdivisions.