

Decision of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Azerbaijan on Approval of the "Rules for Recognition and Determination of Equivalence (Nostrification) of Foreign Qualifications in the Field of Higher Education"

The Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Azerbaijan

RESOLVES:

1. "Rules for the recognition and determination of equivalence (nostrification) of qualifications of foreign countries in the field of higher education" to be approved (appended)
2. This decision comes into force on the date of its signing.

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Rules for the recognition and determination of equivalence (nostrification) of qualifications of foreign countries in the field of higher education

1. General Provisions

1.1. These Rules have been developed in accordance with paragraph 1 of the Decree No. 346 of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan dated March 6, 2000 "On some measures related to the implementation of the Law of the Republic of Azerbaijan "On ratification of the Convention on the recognition of qualifications in the field of higher education in the European region".

1.2. Recognition of qualifications of foreign countries in the field of higher education means confirmation of the validity in the territory of the Republic of Azerbaijan of any document, diploma, or other certificate issued by the competent authorities of foreign countries, confirming the successful completion of a higher education program and granting one or another degree.

1.3. Determining the equivalence of qualifications in the field of higher education of foreign countries means granting the holders of documents confirming the receipt of these qualifications by the

competent authorities of foreign countries the same academic and professional rights as the holders of higher education documents issued in the Republic of Azerbaijan.

1.4. The Certificate of Recognition and Equivalence of Qualifications in Higher Education of Foreign Countries gives its holder the right to obtain an additional (second) qualification, improve their qualification, be admitted to the post-graduate training stage, as well as engage in relevant professional activities.

1.5. Recognition and determination of equivalence of qualifications in the field of higher education of foreign countries does not exempt holders of documents confirming the receipt of this qualification from meeting the general requirements established by the legislation of this republic when applying for employment in the Republic of Azerbaijan.

1.6. Recognition of qualifications in the field of higher education of foreign countries and issuance of a Certificate of Recognition is carried out by the Ministry of Education of the Republic of Azerbaijan on the basis of these Regulations.

The Certificate of Equivalence of Foreign Qualifications in Higher Education is issued by the Ministry of Education of the Republic of Azerbaijan after an examination conducted in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations.

If equivalence is established in international treaties and intergovernmental agreements to which the Republic of Azerbaijan is a party, the Certificate of Equivalence is issued without examination.

1.7. Recognition of qualifications of foreign countries in the field of higher education, determination of equivalence and issuance of the relevant Certificate are carried out based on the application of the document holder or the application of an interested organization, legal entity or individual.

II. Organization of the procedure for recognition of qualifications in the field of higher education

2.1. The following documents are attached to the application (application) for recognition of a specialty in the field of higher education: higher education certificate;

An appendix to the document on higher education, indicating the subjects taught, their volume, final grades received, internships, course and final project results, and other indicators that make up the educational process.

The applicant may also submit documents confirming that their level of training allows for the relevant professional activity and their practical experience.

As a rule, the translation and notarization of the higher education document and its supplement into Azerbaijani must be legalized at the embassy (consulate) of the Republic of Azerbaijan in the country that issued the higher education document or at the Consular Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

2.2. The procedure for recognizing qualifications of foreign countries in the field of higher education is carried out on the basis of existing international agreements and recommendations, state standards of education, and normative legal acts regulating the education system of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

2.3. For recognition of qualifications in the field of higher education, the following are necessary:

recognition of a higher education certificate in the country where it was issued;

the recognition of qualifications in the field of education is provided for in international treaties of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

2.4. The documents submitted by the applicant are, as a rule, reviewed within 1 month from the date of submission of all necessary documents.

2.5. In the event of refusal to recognize a qualification in the field of higher education, the reasons for the refusal shall be explained to the applicant in writing.

III. Determining the equivalence of qualifications in higher education

3.1. To determine the equivalence of qualifications in the field of higher education, the documents specified in paragraph 2.1 of these Rules are required.

3.2. The determination of equivalence of specialties in the field of higher education is carried out in the following manner:

expertise – recognition of qualifications in the field of higher education provided by foreign countries and determination of the compliance of education received in a foreign country with the educational standards in force in the Republic of Azerbaijan;

determination of the compliance of the content of education received in foreign countries with the state standards of education in the Republic of Azerbaijan (after recognition of the foreign state's specialization in the field of education).

3.3. In order to determine the compliance of the content of education with state standards, an expert group consisting of highly qualified specialists from the scientific and methodological departments of the Ministry of Education of the Republic of Azerbaijan and the education system is being created.

3.4. The following are taken into account during the examination:

content of the curriculum and programs;

attestation systems;

the volume of subjects studied;

results of certification in subjects; work experience and its duration; results of final certification.

3.5. An expert opinion on the compliance of the content of education received abroad with the state standards of education in the Republic of Azerbaijan and possible methods of eliminating the identified

inconsistencies shall be submitted to the Ministry of Education of the Republic of Azerbaijan. The applicant has the right to familiarize himself with the expertise materials.

3.6. The Certificate of Equivalence is issued based on the following: a positive opinion on the recognition of the specialty in the field of education; a positive expert opinion on the compliance of the content of education; international agreements in the relevant field to which the Republic of Azerbaijan is a party, as well as compliance with the requirements imposed on the relevant educational structures in the country issuing the document and in the Republic of Azerbaijan.

3.7. A negative opinion on one of the grounds specified in paragraph 3.6 may be a reason for refusing to issue a Certificate of Equivalence. A negative opinion may be issued in the following cases: if the general normative period for obtaining a qualification in the field of higher education in a foreign country is one year less than that provided for in the state standards of education in the Republic of Azerbaijan; if the rights granted to the holders of the document in the country where the document is issued are less than the rights granted to the corresponding document in the Republic of Azerbaijan (for example, if their holders do not have the right to enter doctoral studies or engage in professional activities); if the education provided in foreign countries is part-time or full-time, but such a form of education in the same field (specialization) is not allowed in the Republic of Azerbaijan.

3.8. In case of certain discrepancies between the qualification submitted for recognition and obtaining a Certificate of Equivalence and the mandatory minimum requirements for the content and level of specialist training in force in the Republic of Azerbaijan, or if the field of training does not correspond to the list of directions and specialties of higher specialized education adopted in the Republic of Azerbaijan, trial examinations are also conducted. If necessary and at his own request, the applicant attends lectures at higher educational institutions on the subjects for which trial examinations will be given.

IV. Formalization

4.1. The Certificate of Recognition and Equivalence of a Foreign Qualification in Higher Education is signed by the Minister of Education of the Republic of Azerbaijan, certified with the official seal of the Ministry, given to the applicant or a person officially representing him in the appropriate manner, or sent by registered mail (Appendices No. 1 or 2).

4.2. If the reasons for the refusal to recognize and issue a Certificate of Equivalence do not satisfy the applicant, he may appeal in the appropriate manner. Appendix No. 1 to the "Rules for the Recognition and Determination of Equivalence (Nostrification) of Foreign Qualifications in the Field of Higher Education" Appendix No. 1 to the Order No. ___ of the Ministry of Education of the Republic of Azerbaijan dated ____, 2003 Ministry of Education of the Republic of Azerbaijan Baku city _____year CERTIFICATE (valid together with the original of the document on education and its translation certified by a notary) It is hereby certified that the diploma of higher education

_____ (name, series and number of the document) issued in the name of _____ (last name, first name, patronymic) _____ (date of issue) (name of the institution that issued the document

on education _____) in the Republic of Azerbaijan in the field of _____ specialty / direction is equivalent (equal). MINISTER M.Y. Registration number _____ Appendix No. 2 to the "Rules for the recognition and determination of equivalence (nostrification) of foreign specialties in the field of higher education" Appendix No. 2 to the order of the Ministry of Education of the Republic of Azerbaijan No. ___ dated 2003 _____ Ministry of Education of the Republic of Azerbaijan Baku city _____ year CERTIFICATE (valid together with the original of the document on education and its translation certified by a notary) It is hereby certified that the higher education _____ (name, series and number of the document) issued in the name of _____ (last name, first name, patronymic) on _____ (date of issue) (name of the institution that issued the document on education _____) is recognized in the Republic of Azerbaijan and gives its holder the right to be admitted to the next level of education, taking into account the successful completion of the passed subjects.

MINISTER M.Y.

Registration number

According to Article 8.27 of the "Regulation on the Ministry of Education of the Republic of Azerbaijan", approved by Decree No. 203 of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan dated March 1, 2005, the Ministry of Education carries out the recognition and determination of equivalence (nostrification) of foreign qualifications only in the field of higher education.