System of the higher education of the Republic of Kazakhstan and recognition of documents on education

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The Republic of Kazakhstan is the state member which has signed the Regional Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Diplomas and Degrees in higher education in Asia and the Pacific 1983

March 14, 1997 – notification of succession.

Competent authority on implementation of the state control of procedure of recognition and nostrification of documents on the education, given out by the foreign organizations of education, with issue of the relevant documents is the Committee on control in education and science of Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Kazakhstan.
Teaching of foreign students in Kazakhstan

From neighboring countries

- Azerbaijan: 124 students
- Armenia: 15 students
- Belarus: 7 students
- Georgia: 6 students
- Kyrgyzstan: 802 students
- Moldova: 3 students
- Russia: 1202 students
- Tajikistan: 834 students
- Turkmenistan: 449 students
- Uzbekistan: 969 students

From the Baltic states, including:
- Latvia – 1 student
- Estonia – 1 student

In 2013-2014 academic year in the Kazakhstan higher educational institutions only 172,810 students, from them 165,078 – citizens of the Republic of Kazakhstan and 7,732 – foreign students were trained.
According to the Law of Kazakhstan "About Education" all documents on the education received in the foreign organizations of educations (including in branches of foreign higher education institutions) are subject to passing in the Republic of Kazakhstan recognition or nostrification procedures.

**Recognition or nostrification of documents**

For 2013 it is recognized and nostrificated - 6636 documents on education. From them:
- documents on the higher and postgraduate education – 3443;
- about technical and professional education – 1681;
- about the basic and the general secondary education – 1512.

In 5 months 2014 it is recognized and nostrificated – 4251 document on education. From them: documents:
- about the higher and postgraduate education – 2016;
- about technical and professional education – 1468;
- about the basic and the general secondary education – 767.
Procedure of recognition of documents on education is carried out on the basis of the existing international and national legal system:

- The convention on recognition of the qualifications relating to the higher education in the European region (Lisbon, 1997);
- The agreement of May 15, 1992 about cooperation in the field of education (Tashkent, on May 15, 1992);
- The agreement between the Government of Republic of Belarus, the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic, the Government of the Russian Federation and Republic Government Tajikistan about mutual recognition and equivalence of documents on education, scientific degrees and ranks (Moscow, on November 24, 1998);
- The agreement between the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan and the Government of Turkmenistan about mutual recognition of documents on education, scientific degrees and ranks (Astana, on July 5, 2001);
- The agreement between the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan and Cabinet council of Ukraine about mutual recognition and equivalence documents on education and scientific (scientific) degrees and academic statuses (Astana, on September 26, 2001);
- Agreement on mutual recognition and equivalence of documents on secondary (general) education, primary professional and secondary professional (special) education (Astana, on September 15, 2004);
- The agreement between the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan and the Government of People's Republic of China about mutual recognition of documents on education and scientific degrees (Beijing, on December 14, 2006).
The expert opinion is accepted on the basis of consideration of compliance of State obligatory standard of Formation of the Republic of Kazakhstan of documents on the education, given out by the foreign organizations of education, by the following criteria:

- training terms;
- the list and the volume of the studied disciplines (a number of hours or the credits);
- control forms (examinations and offsets);
- existence and duration of the practices (industrial practice, predegree);
- estimates (achievement) being trained during training;
- existence of total certification.
International cooperation in the sphere of recognition or nostrification of documents on education, received in the foreign organizations of educations

Since 2010 the National Accreditation Center (NAC) is the official member of the ENIC network (European Network of International centers) – the European network of national information centers by recognition of the academic qualifications and mobility. ENIC – a joint network of the Council of Europe and UNESCO, is created in 1994 for exchange of information about national academic qualifications and assistance of mobility of students and university graduates. Now the ENIC network includes the centers of 55 countries.

The NAC carries out cooperation within the EAR project (The European space of recognition) which main goal is development of a reference guide by the recognition, based on "Criteria and procedures of the Lisbon convention by recognition" under the direction of ENIC Bureau and the president of Committee of the Lisbon convention by recognition.
The basic principles of Bologna Process are introduced:
- bachelor degree – a magistracy – doctoral studies of PhD;
- European system of reoffset of the credits (ECTS);
- national higher education institutions issue the all-European annex to the diploma;

Created the Centre Bologna Process and academic mobility. Accepted Strategy of the academic mobility of Kazakhstan till 2020 develops.

Kazakhstan was among the countries which have accepted the National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ). The accepted frame of qualifications is compatible to the European frame of qualifications and is a basis of developed National system of qualifications.
The academic mobility of students and undergraduates develops

In 2011 350 undergraduates were trained in 97 foreign higher education institutions of 25 states of Europe, South East Asia and the CIS.

In 2012 662 students and undergraduates were trained in leading higher education institutions of state member of Bologna Process, ingoing to European Union, the USA.

In 2013 746 students and undergraduates were directed to higher education institutions of Europe, USA, South East Asia and Russia.

Nowadays there is a transfer of knowledge from leading universities of the world. Competitiveness of the Kazakhstan students increases.
Thank you for attention!