



## **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

**Between**

**The Eurasian Centre for Accreditation and Quality Assurance in  
Education and Healthcare (ECAQA), Republic of Kazakhstan**

**and**

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**The Eurasian Centre for Accreditation and Quality Assurance in Higher Education and Healthcare (ECAQA)** is a non-governmental, non-profit organization for the quality assurance and quality improvement in higher education, including Medical and other Healthcare Professions Education in the Republic of Kazakhstan.

ECAQA is recognised by the Kazakhstan Ministry of Education and Science and included to the National Register of Recognised Accrediting Agency (Register 1).

ECAQA is External Quality Assurance Agency that is authorised to evaluate and accredit the higher education institutions and educational programmes including the medical and other healthcare professions education.

**and**

**The National Agency for Quality Assurance in Education and Research (ANACEC)** is an administrative authority subordinated to the Ministry of Education, Culture and Research of the Republic of Moldova.

ANACEC's mission is to implement state policies and to contribute to the development oriented to the best international standards in the areas of competence assigned, that is to develop and promote the quality culture in general education, vocational education and training, higher and continuing education, as well as in the field of research and innovation, contributing to greater economic competitiveness and social cohesion in the Republic of Moldova. ANACEC aims to ensure an integrated, reliable, objective and transparent system of external evaluation and accreditation of educational institutions and study programs, external evaluation of organizations in the fields of research and innovation, evaluation of scientific and scientific-didactic staff, control on the quality of general education, vocational education and training, and continuing education, compliance with the accreditation and authorization requirements of entities offering educational programs and services in the Republic of Moldova.

**Recognising** the importance of External Evaluation and Accreditation in the development of higher education including medical and other healthcare professions education;

**Mindful** of each party's achievements in the higher education field; and

**Desiring** to strengthen and broaden cooperation and mutual assistance in the provision of higher education in their respective countries on the principle of equality and mutual benefit;

**Have reached the following understanding *to interalia*:**

**Clause 1**

The Parties agree to establish and develop cooperation in Assessment and Accreditation in the development of higher education including medical and healthcare professions education.

The parties aim to work to enhance understanding of each other's approach to assuring quality in higher education and the respective systems in place.

**Clause 2**

This Memorandum provides the areas of cooperation for developing and implementation of joint projects, events and other forms of cooperation in purpose of achieving effective results. In order to reach common goals and results Parties consider the following ways (not limited to):

- Designing and implementing joint accreditation, training, consultation, innovation or research projects;
- Sharing the ECAQA's developments and experience of using the WFME Global Standards for Quality Improvement in Medical Education (Basic Medical Education, Postgraduate Medical Education and CPD of Medical Doctors, Master's degrees Programmes) and Standards for PhD Education in Biomedicine and Health Sciences in Europe of the Organisation for PhD Education in Biomedicine and Health Sciences in the European System (ORPHEUS), Association of Medical Schools in Europe (AMSE) and World Federation for Medical Education (WFME) and Standards for programmatic accreditation in Nursing education as well as in Public Health, Dentistry, Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Technology, Biomedicine;

- ECAQA's providing the integration and adaptation of the WFME Global Standards for Quality Improvement in Medical Education (Basic Medical Education, Postgraduate Medical Education and CPD of Medical Doctors) in national medical education accreditation system in Republic of Moldova to meet the ECFMG 2023 Medical School Accreditation Requirement for Undergraduate Medical Education;
- Conducting joint events such as the ECAQA and ANACEC International Conferences in quality assurance in higher education including medical and other healthcare professions education, workshops and training courses for the reviewers;
- Nomination the international experts by the ANACEC to be the member of site-visit team that would be requested by the ECAQA to carrying out the institutional and programmatic accreditation;
- In partnership collaboration to carry out the institutional and programmatic accreditation/joint degree programme of higher education institutions with issuing the Certificate signed by both organization;
- Encouraging and actively involving the CIS' countries and Kazakhstan Medical Universities in events organized jointly or by the ANACEC;
- Participation in events, seminars or conferences organized by one of the Party;
- Exchanging experiences in accreditation and quality assurance in medical and health professions education;
- Staff exchange and development the programme for the capacity building of national experts from both agencies.

### **Clause 3**

Both Parties agree that all activities specified in Clause 2 of the present Memorandum are to be realized on the basis of specific contracts, to be concluded by Parties on each joint project and detailed work plans and programs which shall include specific information on planned joint activities, organizational forms, implementation requirements based on individual agreements and contracts.

### **Clause 4**

Both Parties regard the present Memorandum as a declaration of intentions, which entails no legal and financial liabilities on joint activities of the Parties. The Parties agree that all practical questions related to organization of specific activities based on Clause 1 and Clause 2 of the present Memorandum will be separately negotiated and agreed between the

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#### Clause 5

The Parties shall keep secret all confidential data and information which has become known in the process of the cooperative activities, except that data and information which has become public knowledge through no fault of the parties.

#### Clause 6

The memorandum will take effect from date of signing for a period of 5 years. The memorandum may be altered at any time with the consent of both parties. The Memorandum may be terminated by either party giving 6 (six) months prior notice.

#### Clause 7

The Director General, ECAQA and the President, ANACEC will have responsibility for managing the Memorandum of Understanding. This responsibility may be delegated to relevant member of their staff in relation to particular areas of cooperation.

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