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# Standards and Criteria for Institutional Accreditation of Higher Professional Education

## Standard 1. Policy for Ensuring the Quality of Education

- 1.1. Strategic and current plans contribute to achieving the organization's mission and meet stakeholders' needs.
- 1.2. Implementation of strategic and current plans, and monitoring of activities, are carried out to support decision-making and implement changes with stakeholder participation.
- 1.3. The internal quality management system operates effectively and supports the organization's mission.
- 1.4. The organization complies with legal and regulatory requirements governing educational activities.
- 1.5. Stakeholders have access to information about the organization's performance.
- 1.6. The organization undertakes actions to enhance its academic reputation.
- 1.7. The organization ensures the safety of the educational environment.
- 1.8. The organization systematically evaluates and monitors the improvement of programs and organizational development based on internal and external audits.
- 1.9. All stakeholders are involved in developing and revising the quality assurance policy.

## Standard 2. Human Resource Management

- 2.1. The organization has transparent and objective mechanisms and procedures for human resource management, including ethical standards for staff and students.
- 2.2. Continuous professional development and qualification improvement of staff are ensured.
- 2.3. Transparent and objective mechanisms and indicators are in place for evaluating staff performance and making decisions based on results.
- 2.4. The organization implements methods and tools for employee motivation and incentives.
- 2.5. Staff satisfaction is systematically monitored, and measures are taken to improve working conditions.

## Standard 3. Material and Information Resources

- 3.1. Adequate material and information resources are provided and accessible for students and staff.
- 3.2. Mechanisms and indicators are in place for improving material and information resources.
- 3.3. The material and technical base complies with educational safety requirements.

- 3.4. Stability and reliability of educational premises are ensured.
- 3.5. Online platforms and learning resources are accessible and of high quality.
- 3.6. Plans exist for updating and modernizing the material and technical base, with annual analysis of implementation.

#### **Standard 4. Financial Resource Management**

- 4.1. Openness and transparency in financial management, budget execution, and financial planning are ensured.
- 4.2. The organization undergoes regular external financial audits.
- 4.3. Financial management mechanisms and procedures are continuously improved.
- 4.4. Social support for staff and students is provided.
- 4.5. Investments are made in infrastructure development and improving educational program quality.
- 4.6. External funding (grants, projects, commercial contracts, etc.) is systematically attracted.
- 4.7. Risk assessments are conducted to ensure financial sustainability.

#### **Standard 5. Scientific Activity (*for higher and postgraduate professional education institutions*)**

- 5.1. Scientific and methodological research is conducted by the organization.
- 5.2. Adequate material and information resources are provided and accessible for research.
- 5.3. Research internships and exchanges of scientific results and personnel are facilitated.
- 5.4. Incentive systems and indicators exist for applying research results of teaching staff in education and linking them to practice.
- 5.5. Measures are taken to increase publication activity of staff and students through scientometric indicators.
- 5.6. Research contributes to socio-economic development at national or regional levels.
- 5.7. Methods and resources support young researchers.
- 5.8. Scientific developments are implemented in production and research results are commercialized.