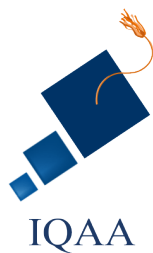


**INDEPENDENT KAZAKH AGENCY FOR QUALITY ASSURANCE  
IN EDUCATION**



**THEMATIC ANALYSIS**

**“RESULTS OF THE TRANSITION PERIOD FROM THE STATE ATTESTATION OF  
HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS TO THE INDEPENDENT PUBLIC AND  
PROFESSIONAL ACCREDITATION”**

**ASTANA, 2017**

The aim of this thematic analysis is to continue the study conducted by the Independent Kazakh Agency for Quality Assurance in Education (IQAA) last year on the topic "Higher Education and Quality Assurance of Higher Education in the Republic of Kazakhstan" and to summarize the results of state reforms in the field of quality assurance within the system of education.

As it was previously mentioned, the history of establishing the accreditation procedure can be divided into 2 stages:

**Stage 1 – 1999-2009** – legislative consolidation of the concept of accreditation;

**Stage 2 – 2010-2016** – establishment of the independent (public) quality assurance system through the development of independent accreditation.

The new **3rd stage of the transition period** starting from **1 January 2017 until present** – conduct of the independent accreditation of educational organizations, except for military and specialized educational organizations.

At the state level, the transition period was envisaged (from 2012 to 1 January 2017), when the state attestation and independent public and professional accreditation existed in parallel in order for the transition to accreditation to be smooth and detailed, and to increase the trust of higher education institutions (hereinafter - HEIs) and society to quality assurance agencies in compliance with the first quality assurance standard of the European Network for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (ENQA).

Despite the voluntary nature of accreditation, universities have actively participated and currently continue to undergo accreditation procedures by national and foreign accreditation bodies included in the Register of Recognized Accreditation Bodies (Register 1).

Register 1 – list of accredited bodies, which are the full members of international European networks on quality assurance in education, recognized in the Republic of Kazakhstan by the authorized body on conducting institutional and (or) specialized (programme) accreditation.

In accordance with the Article 4 Chapter 2 of the Rules on recognizing accreditation bodies, including foreign bodies, and designing the Register of recognized accreditation bodies, accredited educational organizations and study programmes, approved by the Order of the Minister of the Education and Science of the Republic of Kazakhstan dated 1 November 2016 № 629 and registered in the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Kazakhstan on 19 November 2016 № 14438 in order to be recognized as accredited body and be included to the Register 1, the accreditation body needs to:

- 1) have a status of the legal body in organizational and legal form of a non-profit organization;
- 2) be a full member of the international European network for quality assurance in education;
- 3) possess resources necessary for execution of requirements on accreditation of educational organizations and study programmes;
- 4) have no less than 10 involved experts with the degrees of Candidate of Sciences or Doctor of Sciences, PhD or Doctor on profile, with work experience in the field of accreditation of study programmes for no less than 5 years;

Accreditation bodies during the accreditation procedure are additionally required to include Kazakhstani experts making up 1/3 of the expert group composition with the degrees of Candidate of Sciences and Doctor of Sciences, PhD or Doctor on profile, who are representatives of the professional society with the work experience of no less than 5 years in the field of accreditation of study programmes or on the profile of preparing specialists by accredited educational organizations;

- 5) have standards (regulations) of accreditation, which set the requirements to the accreditation procedure.

Currently, in the framework of complying with the abovementioned requirements based on the results of the meetings of the Republic Accreditation council the Register 1 includes 4 accreditation bodies for the term of 5 years:

- 2 Kazakhstani:

1. IQAA;
2. Independent Agency for Accreditation and Rating (IAAR);

- 2 foreign:

3. Accreditation Agency for Degree Programs in Engineering, Informatics/Computer Science, the Natural Sciences (ASIIN, Germany);
4. Foundation for International Business Administration Accreditation (FIBAA, Germany).

In accordance with the decisions of the Republican Accreditation council, the Orders № 112 by the Minister of Education and Science of the Republic of Kazakhstan about the recognition by accreditation bodies and inclusion into the Register 1 were issued on 14 March 2017 – IQAA, IAAR and FIBAA, dated 23 May 2017 № 233 – ASIIN.

Previously, the Register 1 also included the following accreditation bodies:

1. The Agency for Quality Assurance and Accreditation Austria (AQ, Austria);
2. Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET, USA);
3. The Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP, USA);
4. Middle State Association of Colleges and Schools-Commissions on Elementary and Secondary Schools (MSA-CESS, USA);
5. The Accreditation, Certification and Quality assurance Institute (ACQUIN, Germany);
6. Institute of Marine Engineering, Science & Technology (IMarEST, UK).

According to the data provided by the Committee on Statistics of the Ministry of National Economics of the Republic of Kazakhstan, the amount of HEIs in the country constitutes 113<sup>1</sup>, out of which at the time of conducting this analysis (June 2017) 103 local HEIs have undergone institutional accreditation:

- by IQAA - 67 HEIs (Annex A) and
- by IAAR - 36 HEIs (Annex B).

Also, Kazakhstani HEIs have passed specialized (programme) accreditation in national and foreign accreditation bodies, which constitutes 3448 study programmes overall: 1878 Bachelor programmes; 1161 Master programmes; 143 Resudentura programmes; 266 PhD programmes (Annex C). Comparing with the analogous period from the last year, the number of accredited study programmes increased to 1149 (in June 2016 – 2299 programmes), which is the evidence of considerable growth in activity of HEIs in the process of undergoing specialized (programme) accreditation (Annex D).

Thus, in the period from the 1<sup>st</sup> stage of establishing the accreditation procedure until present more than 90 % of Kazakhstani HEIs underwent institutional and specialized (programme) accreditation in abovementioned organizations.

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<sup>1</sup> HEIs, except for military, specialized educational organizations, for which accreditation is a prerequisite for receiving (1) right to issue diplomas of the state sample to students, who passed the final exams (para. 2 section 3 article 39 of the Law “On Education” of the Republic of Kazakhstan) and (2) funding on the provision of state grants for prospective students (para. 5-1 section 5 article 62 of the Law “On Education” of the Republic of Kazakhstan).

**HEIs, which have passed the institutional accreditation by IQAA\***

<b>№</b>	<b>HEI</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
1	Almaty Technological University
2	Almaty University of Power Engineering and Telecommunications
3	Zhezkazgan University named after O.A.Baikonurov
4	Kazakh Academy of Sports and Tourism
5	Kazakh Academy of Transport and Communications named after M. Tynyshpayev
6	Kazakh National Academy of Choreography
7	Kazakh Humanitarian Law University
8	K.I.Satpayev Kazakh National Research Technical University
9	Kazakh University of Technology and Business
10	Kazakh - British Technical University
11	Astana Medical University
12	International Educational Corporation
13	International Information Technology University
14	KIMEP University
15	Financial Academy
16	South Kazakhstan State Pharmaceutical Academy
17	Kazakh - Russian Medical University
18	Karaganda Economic University of Kazpotrebsoyuz
19	Kostanay State Pedagogical Institute
20	Atyrau State University named after Kh. Dosmukhamedov
21	Atyrau Institute of Oil and Gas
22	Amanzholov East Kazakhstan State University
23	Gumilyov Eurasian National University
24	Zhetysu State University named after I. Zhansugurov
25	Zhangir Khan West Kazakhstan Agrarian-Technical University
26	Kazakh National Agrarian University
27	Al-Farabi Kazakh National University
28	Karaganda State Industrial University
29	Karaganda State Medical University
30	Baitursynov Kostanay State University
31	Korkyt Ata Kyzylorda State University
32	Toraighyrov Pavlodar State University
33	Taraz State Pedagogical Institute
34	Taraz State University named after M.H.Dulati
35	South Kazakhstan State Pedagogical Institute
36	Auezov South-Kazakhstan State University
37	Academy of Public Administration under the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan

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38	Innovative University of Eurasia
39	Kazakhstan Engineering and Technology University
40	Kazakhstan's Medical University «KSPH»
41	Kazakh - American Free University
42	Syrdariya University
43	University of International Business (UIB)
44	Regional Social-Innovational University
45	Shymkent University
46	Miras University
47	Karaganda "Bolashak" University
48	Almaty Management University
49	Eurasian Academy of Law named after D.A. Kunayev
50	Eurasian Humanities Institute
51	Eurasian Technological University
52	Egyptian University of Islamic Culture "Nur-Mubarak"
53	Ekibastuz Engineering and Technical Institute named after Academician K. Satpayev
54	Kazakh Academy of Labour and Social Relations
55	Kazakh Humanitarian Juridical Innovative University
56	Kazakh National University of Arts
57	Kazakh University of Railways
58	German-Kazakh University
59	Caspian University
60	Academician Zulkarnay Aldamjar Kostanay Social Technical University
61	A. Yassawi International Kazakh-Turkish University
62	Taraz Innovative and Humanitarian University
63	Bolashak University
64	Turan University
65	Turan-Astana University
66	South Kazakhstan Pedagogical University
67	Central Kazakhstan Academy

\* <http://iqaa.kz/en/decisions-on-accreditation/hei-s/institutional-accreditation-of-heis>

**HEIs, which have passed the institutional accreditation by IAAR \***

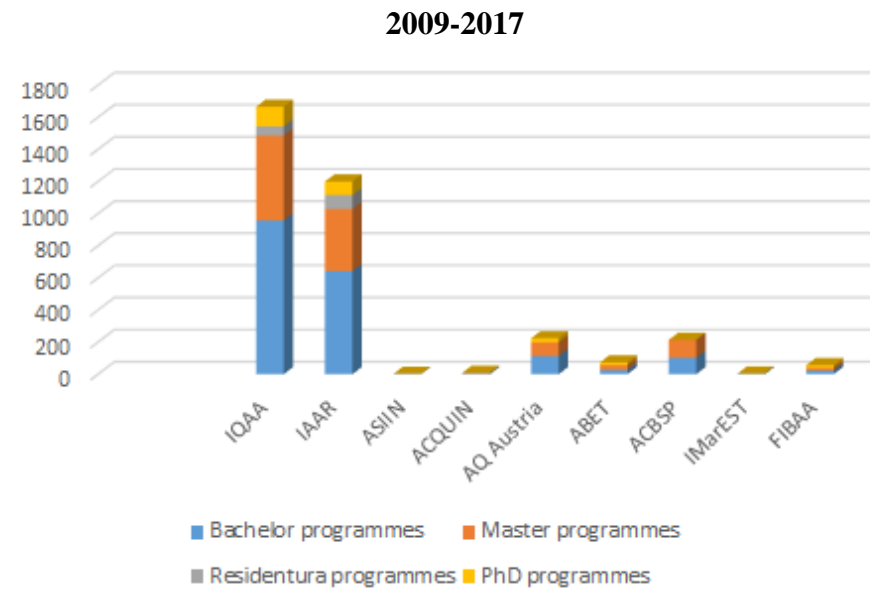
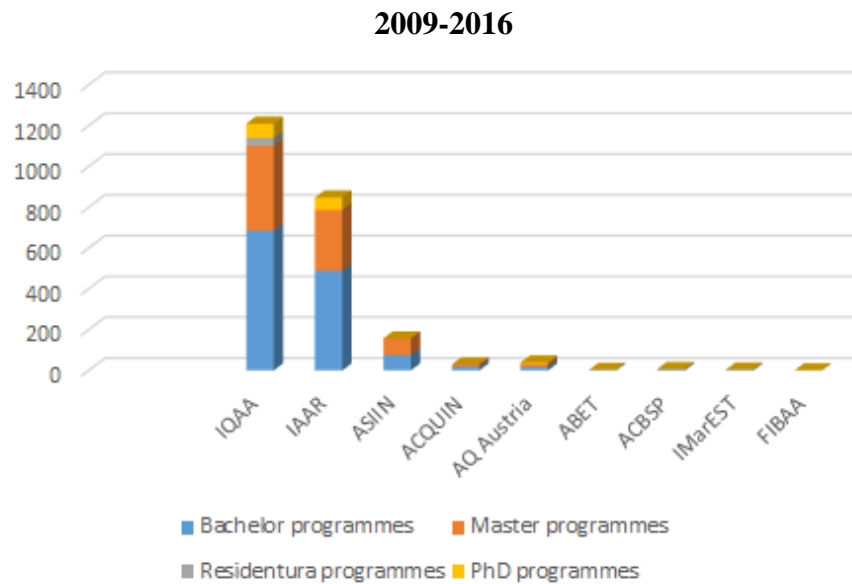
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<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
1	Kainar Academy
2	Almaty Academy of Economics and Statistics
3	Civil Aviation Academy
4	S.Seifullin Kazakh Agrotechnical University
5	Kazakh Medical University of Continuous Education
6	Kazakh Ablai Khan University of International Relations and World Languages
7	T.Ryskulov Kazakh Economic University
8	Arkalyk State Pedagogical Institute named after Y.Altynsarin
9	Kazakh National Conservatory
10	T.Zhurgenov Kazakh National Academy of Arts
11	West Kazakhstan Innovative and Technological University
12	L.B.Goncharov Kazakh Road Academy
13	Kazakh-Russian International University
14	Caspian State University of Technologies and Engineering named after Sh.Yessenov
15	Kokshetau University named after Abai Myrzakhmetov
16	Kostanay Engineering and Economical University named after M.Dulatov
17	Aktyubinsk Regional State University named after K.Zhubanov
18	D.Serikbayev East Kazakhstan State Technical University
19	Semey State Medical University
20	Shakarim State University (Semey)
21	M.Ospanov West Kazakhstan State Medical University
22	M.Utemisov West Kazakhstan State University
23	Kazakh State Women's Teacher Training University
24	S.D.Asfendiyarov Kazakh National Medical University
25	Abai Kazakh National Pedagogical University
26	E.A.Buketov Karaganda State University
27	Kokshetau State University named after Sh.Ualikhanov
28	Pavlodar State Pedagogical Institute
29	Rudny Industrial Institute
30	M.Kozybayev North Kazakhstan State University
31	Karaganda State Technical University
32	Almaty University
33	Suleyman Demirel University
34	University of Foreign Languages and Professional Career
35	S.Baishev Aktyubinsk University
36	Kazakh University of Economics, Finance and International Trade

\* <http://www.iaar.kz/en/accreditation/list-of-accredited-educational-organizations>

**Number of study programmes by Kazakhstani HEIs,  
which were accredited by national and foreign accreditation bodies in the framework of specialized (programme) accreditation**

№	Accreditation body	Number of HEIs	Number of programmes					Websites of accreditation bodies
			Bachelor	Master	Residentura	PhD	Overall	
1	IQAA	62	958	528	57	122	1665	<a href="http://iqaa.kz">http://iqaa.kz</a>
2	IAAR	50	642	387	86	85	1200	<a href="http://www.iaar.kz">http://www.iaar.kz</a>
3	ABET	1	3	-	-	-	3	<a href="http://main.abet.org">http://main.abet.org</a>
4	ACBSP	1	6	2	-	1	9	<a href="http://acbspsearch.org">http://acbspsearch.org</a>
5	ACQUIN	20	114	84	-	26	224	<a href="https://www.acquin.org">https://www.acquin.org</a>
6	AQ Austria	3	27	30	-	16	73	<a href="https://www.aq.ac.at">https://www.aq.ac.at</a>
7	ASIIN	11	102	112	-	-	214	<a href="http://www.asiin-ev.de">http://www.asiin-ev.de</a>
8	IMarEST	1	4	-	-	-	4	<a href="https://www.imarest.org">https://www.imarest.org</a>
9	MSACS	-	-	-	-	-	-	<a href="http://www.msche.org">http://www.msche.org</a>
10	FIBAA	3	22	18	-	16	56	<a href="http://www.fibaa.org">http://www.fibaa.org</a>
	Overall		1878	1161	143	266	3448	

**Dynamics of the frequency at which Kazakhstani HEIs undergo specialized (programme) accreditation at national and foreign accreditation bodies**



Overall **2299** accredited study programmes, of which:  
 Bachelor programmes – 1295;  
 Master programmes – 827;  
 Residentura programmes – 38;  
 PhD programmes – 139.

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