



## **On approval of the Rules for the Assignment of the Status of International Schools**

### *Unofficial translation*

Decree of the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan No. 207 dated February 6, 2012.

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In accordance with paragraph 4 of Article 65 of the Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan dated July 27, 2007 "On Education", the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan **HEREBY DECREES AS FOLLOWS:**

1. That the attached Rules for the Assignment of the Status of International Schools shall be approved.

2. This decree shall become effective ten calendar days after the first official publication.

*Prime Minister of the Republic of Kazakhstan*

*K. Massimov*

Approved by  
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Republic of Kazakhstan  
No. 207 dated February 6, 2012

## **Rules for the Assignment of the Status of International Schools**

### **1. General provisions**

1. These Rules are developed in accordance with paragraph 4 of Article 65 of the Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan dated July 27, 2007 "On Education" and determine the procedure for assigning the status of international schools.

2. The assignment of the status of international schools shall be carried out with the aim of improving and integrating the experience of international education in the education system of the Republic of Kazakhstan, creating a legal framework for the established practice of functioning schools that implement independently developed general educational curricula of preschool, primary, basic secondary and general secondary education in the Republic Kazakhstan.

Footnote. Paragraph 2 as amended by Decree of the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan No. 288 dated 12.05.2016 (shall be enforced upon expiry of ten calendar days after the day of its first official publication).

3. The requirement to assign the status of international schools shall be the conformity of the educational organization with the criteria set forth below:

- 1) school membership in international educational organizations;
- 2) the school has passed international institutional accreditation or authorization of educational programs by the International Baccalaureate organization ;
- 3) ensuring information transparency in all areas of activity;

- 4) ensuring the safety of life and health of students and school personnel in accordance with the requirements of international accreditation organizations;
- 5) implementation of integrated educational programs independently developed taking into account the requirements of the state compulsory education standard of the Republic of Kazakhstan and international general educational programs;
- 6) inclusion in the educational curriculum of schools of subjects of the Kazakhstan component: the Kazakh Language, Kazakh Literature, the History of Kazakhstan, the Geography of Kazakhstan;
- 7) obtaining by graduates of primary and secondary schools of international certificates and diplomas;
- 8) international examiners, trainers, experts that are the members of the teaching staff of the school;
- 9) compliance of the school's material, technical and resource base with the requirements of international accreditation organizations.

**Footnote. Paragraph 3 as amended by Decree of the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan No. 288 dated 12.05.2016 (shall be enforced upon expiry of ten calendar days after the day of its first official publication).**

## **2. Procedure for conferring the status of an international educational organization**

4. An educational organization that intends to receive the status of an international school shall submit to the Authorized Body in the field of education (hereinafter referred to as the Authorized Body) materials and documents confirming compliance with the criteria established in paragraph 3 of these rules and a written application, which shall include:

- 1) the information about the founders;
- 2) the name, location (legal, actual address, contact phone numbers) of the educational organization;
- 3) the brief summary of the educational achievements of the educational organization;
- 4) the content of general educational curricula (the main objectives of the program, initial theoretical and methodological provisions, means of control, monitoring and ensuring the quality of student learning, a list of educational and methodological developments that provide an educational organization program);
- 5) the information on personnel, economic, material, technical and scientific support of the educational process; sources of financing.

**Footnote. Paragraph 4 as amended by Decree of the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan No. 288 dated 12.05.2016 (shall be enforced upon expiry of ten calendar days after the day of its first official publication).**

5. In order to consider compliance with the declared status, a commission (hereinafter referred to as the "Commission") shall be created to review the submitted applications of

educational institutions. The deadline for consideration of the application shall be thirty calendar days.

6. The Commission shall consist of representatives of the Authorized Body, scientific organizations, pedagogical associations and teaching associations.

7. The composition and Regulation of the Commission shall be approved by the Authorized Body.

8. The Commission, on the basis of these rules and regulations, shall verify the conformity of the educational organization with the criteria established in paragraph 3 of these rules.

9. Based on the results of consideration of the submitted materials, the Commission shall develop a recommendation on refusal or assignment of the status of international schools and draw up a protocol that shall be signed by all members of the Commission indicating the dissenting opinion of members who disagree with this conclusion.

10. The recommendations of the Commission shall be adopted by a majority vote of those present at the meeting.

11. The Authorized Body shall send a notice of refusal (with justified justification) to assign the status of international schools within five working days.

12. In the event of a refusal an educational organization may submit an application to the Authorized Body no earlier than three years later.

13. The reason for refusal shall be the non-compliance of the educational organization with the established criteria.

14. Based on the results of a positive conclusion of the Commission, the Authorized Body shall develop and submit to the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan a draft resolution on assigning the status of international schools within ten working days.