

**The Federal Law of the Russian Federation of December 29, 2012 No. 273**  
**«On Education in the Russian Federation»**  
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**Extracts**

**Chapter 1. General provisions**

**Article 2. Basic concepts used in the present Federal Law**

For purposes of this Federal Law the following basic concepts shall be used:

- 4) level of education is an accomplished education cycle, characterized by a specific single set of requirements;
- 5) qualification is the level of knowledge, skills, and competencies that characterize the proficiency in a certain type of professional activity;
- 6) federal state educational standard is a set of mandatory requirements for a certain level of education and (or) for a profession, specialty and field of training, approved according to the level of education by the federal executive authority carrying out the function of developing and implementing the state policy and normative legislative regulation in the field of general education, or the federal executive authority carrying out the function of developing and implementing the state policy and normative legislative regulation in the field of higher education;
- 7) educational standard is a set of mandatory requirements for higher education in specialties and fields of training approved by educational organizations of higher education as defined by this Federal law or decree of the President of the Russian Federation ;
- 8) federal state requirements are mandatory requirements for the minimum of content, structure of additional pre-professional programs, terms and conditions of their implementation and term of apprenticeship of these programs, approved by the authorized federal executive bodies in accordance with this Federal law;
- 9) educational program (study program) is a set of key characteristics of education (scope, content, intended learning outcomes), organizational and training conditions and in cases stipulated by this Federal Law, of forms of certification, which is presented in the form of curriculum, academic calendar schedule, work programs of academic subjects, courses, disciplines (modules), practice and other components, as well as assessment and methodological materials;
- 18) educational organization is a non-profit organization carrying out educational activities under the license as its principal activity in accordance with the objectives for the sake of which this organization was created;

## **Article 6. The powers of federal-state government authorities in the field of education**

1. The powers of federal-state government authorities in the field of education shall include:

- 1) development and implementation of unified state policy in the field of education;
- 2) organization of the higher education service delivery, including the provision of state guarantees for realizing the right to receive higher education free of charge on a competitive basis;
- 3) organization of the further education service delivery in federal-state educational organizations;
- 4) development, adoption and implementation of state-run programs of the Russian Federation, federal target programs, implementation of international programs in the field of education;
- 5) establishment, reorganization and liquidation of federal state educational organizations, implementation of the functions and powers of the founder of federal state educational organizations;
- 6) approval of federal state educational standards, the establishment of federal state requirements;
- 7) carrying out licensing of educational activities of:
  - a) educational organizations realizing educational programs of higher education;
  - b) federal state professional educational organizations delivering educational programs of secondary professional education in the spheres of defense, manufacturing by defense order, internal affairs, activities of the National Guard of the Russian Federation, security, nuclear energy, transport, and communications, high-tech production in specialties, the list of which is approved by the Government of the Russian Federation;
  - c) Russian educational organizations located outside the territory of the Russian Federation, educational organizations established in accordance with the international treaties of the Russian Federation as well as diplomatic missions and consular offices of the Russian Federation carrying out educational activities, representative offices of the Russian Federation at the international (interstate, intergovernmental) organizations;
  - d) foreign educational organizations carrying out educational activities on the territory of the Russian Federation at the location of a branch;

- 8) conducting state accreditation of educational organizations referred to in paragraph 7 of this Part, as well as foreign educational organizations engaged in educational activities outside the territory of the Russian Federation;
- 9) carrying out education monitoring (supervision) of the activities of the organizations referred to in paragraph 7 of this Part, as well as of the executive authorities of the subjects of the Russian Federation responsible for state management in the sphere of education;
- 10) formation and maintenance of federal information systems, federal databases in the field of education, including the guarantee of confidentiality of personal data contained in them in accordance with the legislation of the Russian Federation;
- 11) establishment and conferral of state awards, honorary degrees, departmental awards and titles to educators;
- 12) predictive modeling of staff training, requirements for staff training based on a forecast of the labor market needs;
- 13) providing monitoring of the education system at the federal level;
- 13.1) creating conditions for organization and conducting an independent assessment of the quality of the conditions for implementing educational activities by organizations carrying them out.
- 14) exercising other powers in the field of education, established in accordance with this Federal Law.

2. Federal state authorities shall have the right to ensure the organization of generally accessible and free educational service delivery in terms of general and secondary professional education at federal state educational organizations, as well as the organization delivering further education for children.

## **Article 7. The powers of the Russian Federation in the sphere of education delegated to the state government authorities of the constituent entities of the Russian Federation**

1. The powers of the Russian Federation in the sphere of education delegated to the state government authorities of the constituent entities of the Russian Federation (hereinafter referred to as delegated powers) shall include the following:
  - 2) licensing of educational organizations carrying out educational activities on the territory of a subject of the Russian Federation (with the exception of the organizations referred to in paragraph 7 of Part 1, Article 6 hereof); including branches of these educational organizations located in other constituent entities of the Russian Federation;
  - 3) state accreditation of educational organizations carrying out educational activities on the territory of a constituent entity of the Russian Federation (with the

exception of the organizations referred to in paragraph 7 of Part 1, Article 6 hereof), including branches of these educational organizations located in other constituent entities of the Russian Federation;

## **Chapter 2. The system of education**

### **Article 10. The structure of the education system**

2. Education is divided into general education, professional education, further education, and professional training, providing an opportunity to exercise the right for education throughout life (lifelong learning).

3. General education and professional education shall be realized by the levels of education.

4. The following levels of general education shall be approved in the Russian Federation:

- 1) pre-school education;
- 2) primary general education;
- 3) basic general education;
- 4) secondary general education.

5. The following levels of professional education shall be approved in the Russian Federation:

- 1) secondary professional education;
- 2) Higher education – Bachelor’s program;
- 3) Higher education, specialist program, Master’s program;
- 4) Higher education - training of highly qualified personnel.

6. Further education shall include such subtypes as further education of children and adults, and further professional training.

### **Article 11. Federal state educational standards and federal requirements. Educational standards**

1. Federal state educational standards and federal requirements shall provide:

- 1) the unity of the educational area of the Russian Federation ;
- 2) the continuity of the basic educational programs;
- 3) the variability of the content of educational programs of the corresponding level of education, the possibility to develop educational programs of various degrees of complexity and orientation with reference to the educational needs and abilities of students;

4) state guarantees of the level and quality of education based on the unity of mandatory requirements for the terms and conditions of the basic educational programs' delivery and the results of their acquisition.

2. Federal state educational standards with the exception of the federal state educational standard for preschool education, educational standards shall be the basis for an objective assessment of the compliance of educational activities and training of students who have mastered educational programs of a corresponding level and corresponding orientation, regardless of the education and training mode, with the established requirements.

3. Federal state educational standards shall include the requirements for:

1) the structure of basic educational programs (including the correlation between a compulsory part of a basic educational program and the part generated by participants of educational relations) and their scope;

2) the terms and conditions for the basic educational programs' realization, including personnel, financial, material and technical conditions;

3) the results of the basic educational programs' acquisition.

4. Federal state educational standards shall determine the period of time necessary to receive general education and professional education with respect to various modes of education, educational technologies and personal characteristics of individual categories of students.

5. Federal state educational standards of general education are developed according to education levels, federal state educational standards of professional education can be also developed with reference to professions, specialties and fields of training according to the corresponding levels of professional education.

5.1 The federal state educational standards of pre-school, primary and basic general education provide the opportunity to get an education in native languages from among the languages of the nationalities of the Russian Federation, to study national languages of the republics of the Russian Federation, native languages from among the languages of the nationalities of the Russian Federation, including the Russian language as a native language.

6. In order to ensure the enforcement of the right for education by students with disabilities federal state educational standards of education and training of the specified category of persons shall be established or special requirements shall be included in the federal state educational standards.

7. The requirements of the federal state educational standards of professional education to the results of basic study programs acquisition with regard to professional competence shall be formed based on the corresponding professional (vocational) standards (if any).

8. Lists of professions, specialties of secondary professional education indicating the qualification granted in the corresponding professional and specialties of secondary professional education, and the procedure of compiling these lists shall be approved by a federal executive authority exercising the functions of developing and implementing the state policy and normative legislative regulation in general education. The lists of specialties and fields of training indicating the qualification granted for relevant professions, specialties and fields of training of higher education, the procedure of compiling these lists shall be approved by a federal executive authority carrying out the function of developing and implementing the state policy and normative legislative regulation in the sphere of higher education. When approving new lists of professions, specialties and fields of training depending on the level of education by the federal executive authority carrying out the function of developing and implementing the state policy and normative legislative regulation in the sphere of general education, or by the federal executive authority carrying out the function of developing and implementing the state policy and normative legislative regulation in the sphere of higher education, separate professions, specialties and fields of training indicated in these lists can correspond to the professions, specialties and fields of training indicated in previous lists.

9. The procedure for developing, approving federal state educational standards and introducing amendments shall be established by the Government of the Russian Federation.

10. Moscow M.V. Lomonosov State University, St. Petersburg State University, higher education institutions of the specially established category of "federal university" or "national research university", as well as federal state higher education institutions from the list of educational organizations approved by decree of the President of the Russian Federation shall have the right to develop and approve educational standards at all levels of higher education on an independent basis. Requirements for the terms and conditions of the realization and acquisition of the higher education programs included in such educational standards, can not be lower than the relevant requirements of federal state educational standards.

## **Article 28. Competence, rights, duties, and responsibilities of an educational organization**

1. An educational organization shall have the autonomy, which is understood as autonomy in the implementation of educational, scientific, administrative, financial and economic activities, the development and adoption of local regulatory documents in accordance with this Federal Law, other normative and legal acts of the Russian Federation and its Statutes.

2. Educational organizations shall be free to determine the content of education,

the choice of training and methodological support, educational technologies for educational programs they deliver.

3. The competence of an educational organization in terms of the established sphere of activity shall include:

- 1) development and adoption of internal rules of students' conduct, working regulations and other local regulatory documents;
- 2) logistical support of educational activities, equipment of facilities in accordance with state and local regulations and requirements and in compliance with federal state educational standards, federal state requirements, educational standards;
- 3) submission of an annual report to the notice of the founder and the public on the receipt and expenditure of financial and material resources, as well as a report on the results of self-evaluation;
- 4) establishment of the staff schedule, unless otherwise provided for by legal acts of the Russian Federation;
- 5) recruitment of employees, conclusion and termination of employment agreements with them, unless otherwise provided for by this Federal Law, distribution of duties, arrangement of conditions and organization of further professional training of workers;
- 6) development and approval of educational programs of an educational organization;
- 7) development and approval by agreement with the founder of the program for the development of an educational organization, unless otherwise provided for by this Federal Law;
- 8) admission of students to an educational organization;
- 9) determination of the list of textbooks in accordance with the approved federal list of textbooks permitted for educational organizations to be used when delivering state-accredited educational programs of primary general, basic general, secondary general education as well as of manuals approved for use when implementing these educational programs;
- 10) carrying out of ongoing monitoring of progress and interim assessment of students, the establishment of their modes, frequency, and procedures;
- 10.1) rewards of students in accordance with the set by the educational organization types and conditions of rewarding for the achievements in learning, PT, sport, social, research, scientific-technical, creative, experimental and innovative activities, unless otherwise provided for by this Federal Law;
- 11) individual records of the results of educational programs' acquisition by students and their rewards, as well as keeping in the archives of the information about these results and rewards on paper and (or) electronic media;

- 12) use and improvement of training and education methods, educational technologies, e-learning;
- 13) conducting of self-evaluation, maintenance of an internal system of quality evaluation of education;
- 14) creation of favorable living and housing conditions for students at the boarding school of an educational organization;
- 15) creation of necessary conditions for the protection and promotion of health, nutrition of students and employees of an educational organization;
- 15.1) organization of social and psychological testing of students for early detection of illicit use of drugs and psychotropic substances. The procedure of social and psychological testing of students in the organizations of general and professional education shall be established by the federal executive authority carrying out the functions of developing and implementing the state policy, normative and legislative regulation in the sphere of general education. The procedure of social and psychological testing of students in organizations of higher education shall be established by the federal executive authority carrying out the functions of developing and implementing the state policy, normative and legislative regulation in the sphere of higher education;
- 16) arrangement of conditions for students to be engaged in physical culture and sports;
- 17) acquisition or production of document forms on education and (or) on qualifications;
- 18) (repealed);
- 19) promoting the activity of public associations of students, parents (legal representatives) minors undertaken at an educational organization and not forbidden by the legislation of the Russian Federation;
- 20) organization of scientific and methodological work, including the organization and conduct of scientific and methodological conferences, seminars;
- 21) assurance of the establishment and maintenance of the official website of an educational organization in the network "Internet";
- 22) other issues in accordance with the legislation of the Russian Federation.

4. Educational organizations of higher education shall carry out research (or) creative activity, as well as have the right to conduct scientific training (doctoral). Other educational organizations shall have the right to conduct in accordance with the legislation of the Russian Federation scientific and (or) creative activity if such activity is provided for by their Statutes.

5. An educational organization shall have the right to perform consulting, educational activities, activities in the field of public health protection and other activities which are not contrary to the purposes of creating an educational



organization as well as to provide recreation and health promotion of students during vacation time (on a 24-hour basis or without night stay).

6. An educational organization shall carry out its activities in accordance with the legislation on education, namely:

1) ensure the implementation of educational programs on a full scale, the compliance of the quality of students' training to the set requirements, compliance of the applied modes, means, methods of training and education to the age, psychophysical peculiarities, aptitudes, abilities, interests, and needs of students;

2) create safe conditions for learning, including practical training of learners, as well as safe conditions of education of students, supervision and care for learners, their allowance in accordance with the established standards guaranteeing life and health of students, employees of an educational organization;

3) respect the rights and freedoms of students, parents (legal representatives) of minors, employees of an educational organization.

7. In accordance with the legislation of the Russian Federation, an educational organization shall be responsible for non-fulfillment or improper fulfillment of the functions assigned to its competence, for the learners' life and health while they are acquiring the educational program, as well as for life and health of the employees of the educational organization while they are implementing the educational program including practice training of learners non-full realization of educational programs in accordance with the curriculum, for the quality of education of its graduates, as well as the lives and health of students and employees of an educational organization. In accordance with the Code of the Russian Federation on Administrative Offences an educational organization and its officials shall bear administrative responsibility in case of violation or illegal restriction of the right for education and the rights and freedoms of students, parents (legal representatives) minor students stipulated by the legislation in the sphere of education, violation of the requirements for the organization and implementation of educational activities.

## **Chapter 12. MANAGEMENT OF THE EDUCATION SYSTEM. STATE REGULATION OF EDUCATION**

### **Article 89. Management of the Education System**

1. Management of the national education system shall be based on the principles of legality, democracy, and autonomy of educational organizations, information

openness of the education system, and consideration of public opinion and is of state and public character.

2. Management of the education system shall involve the following:

- 1) establishing cooperation between federal executive authorities, executive authorities of the constituent entities of the Russian Federation and local self-governing authorities in the sphere of education;
- 2) exercising strategic planning of the education system development;
- 3) adoption and implementation of state programs of the Russian Federation, federal and local programs aimed at the development of the education system;
- 4) carrying out monitoring actions in the education system;
- 5) information and methodological support provided to federal state authorities, executive authorities of the subjects of the Russian Federation carrying out state management in the education sector as well as local self-governing authorities in the sphere of education;
- 6) state regulation of education;
- 7) independent quality assurance of education, public and public-professional accreditation;
- 8) providing training and professional development of specialists employed by the federal state authorities, state authorities of the subjects of the Russian Federation carrying out state management in the education sector, local self-governing authorities in the sphere of education as well as heads and educators employed by the educational organizations.

3. State management of education shall be within the powers of the federal state government authorities and governmental authorities of the subjects of the Russian Federation. In municipal areas and urban districts education shall be governed by appropriate local self-governing authorities.

4. The federal executive authorities responsible for state management of education shall be represented by the federal executive authority carrying out the functions of developing and implementing the state policy, normative and legislative regulation in general education, the federal executive authority carrying out the functions of developing and implementing the state policy, normative and legislative regulation in higher education, federal executive authority exercising the powers of control and supervision in education as well as federal state authority which has educational organizations within its jurisdiction.

5. The federal executive authority carrying out the functions of developing and implementing the state policy, normative and legislative regulation in general education, the federal executive authority carrying out the functions of developing and implementing the state policy, normative and legislative regulation in higher education and the federal executive authority carrying out the functions of control

and supervision shall coordinate the activity of federal state authorities and executive authorities of the subjects of the Russian Federation as well as of other constituents of the education system in the authority's jurisdiction.

6. The federal executive authority carrying out the functions of developing and implementing the state policy, normative and legislative regulation in general education shall approve the appointment to the position of the head of the executive authorities of the Russian Federation subjects that exercise the state management in education, and shall get the consent of the federal executive authority carrying out the functions of control and supervision in education.

### **Article 90 State Regulation of Educational Activities**

1. State regulation of educational activities shall be aimed at establishing uniform requirements for carrying out educational activities and procedures used to determine and monitor the adequate implementation of these requirements by educational organizations.

2. State regulation of educational activities shall include:

- 1) licensing of educational activities;
- 2) state quality assurance of educational activities;
- 3) state control (supervision) in education.

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### **Article 92. State accreditation of educational activities**

1. State accreditation of educational activities shall be applied to core educational programs realized in accordance with the federal state educational standards, with the exception of educational programs of pre-school education, and general educational programs realized in accordance with the educational standards.

2. The aim of state accreditation of educational activities shall be to confirm that education and training on core educational programs delivered by educational organizations and individual entrepreneurs correspond to the federal state educational standards except for individual entrepreneurs carrying out educational activities directly.

3. State accreditation of educational activities shall be conducted by an accreditation body, i.e. federal executive authority carrying out the functions of control and supervision in the sphere of education, or executive authority of the subject of the Russian Federation, exercising the powers in education delegated to it by the Russian Federation, in accordance with the powers stipulated in Articles 6

and 7 of the present Federal Law, and on applications submitted by educational organizations.

4. State accreditation of educational activities carried out by educational institutions established by religious organizations, shall be conducted on the application of the relevant religious organizations (in case these religious organizations belong to the centralized religious organizations and upon the recommendation of the relevant centralized religious organizations). When conducting state accreditation of educational activities in ecclesiastical educational institutions there should be provided data on qualifications of those educators who have theological degrees and theological titles.

5. When conducting state accreditation of an educational organization that has branches in other subjects of the Russian Federation, the executive authority of the subject of the Russian Federation, exercising the powers in education delegated to it by the Russian Federation shall organize state accreditation of these branches in cooperation with the appropriate executive authorities of the subjects of the Russian Federation as regards carrying out accreditation review.

6. When carrying out state accreditation of educational programs of general, basic general and secondary general education the accreditation body shall make a decision on granting or refusing state accreditation of the educational activities on the declared educational programs regarding each level of general education to which the core general educational programs declared for state accreditation refer.

7. When conducting state accreditation of core vocational programs the accreditation body shall make a decision on granting or refusing state accreditation of educational activities on the declared educational programs regarding each level of professional education on every integrated group of professions, specialties and field of training to which the professional educational programs declared for state accreditation refer. Core professional educational programs offered in educational organizations, and belonging to integrated groups of professions, specialties, and field of training shall be considered state-accredited educational programs.

8. When conducting state accreditation of the educational activities on core professional educational programs the educational organization shall submit all currently delivered core professional educational programs that refer to the same integrated group of professions, specialties and field of training.

9. The accreditation body shall make a separate decision concerning state accreditation of educational programs submitted for state accreditation and realized by the educational organization including its branches.

10. Application for state accreditation and attached documents shall be directly submitted to the accreditation body or sent as first-class registered mail. The educational organization shall have the right to submit an application for state

accreditation and attached documents via Internet in the form of an electronic document signed with an electronic signature. Forms for application and the documents to be enclosed as well as the requirements for their filling shall be approved by the federal executive authority carrying out the functions of control and supervision in the sphere of education.

11. State accreditation of educational activities shall be conducted on the results of the external review procedure based on the principles of objectivity and experts' responsibility for the quality of its implementation.

12. The subject of the external review procedure shall be to determine whether the content and quality of students training in educational programs realized by the educational organization and submitted for state accreditation correspond to the federal state educational standards (hereinafter referred to as external review). When conducting an external review of educational programs providing the implementation of educational standards external review in terms of the content of students training shall not be carried out.

13. External review shall be conducted by experts who have the necessary qualification in the field of the core educational programs submitted for state accreditation, and (or) by the expert organizations meeting the established requirements. Experts and expert organizations carrying out external review of an educational organization shall not be allowed to be in civil law relations (experts shall not be allowed to have any employment relationship) with this educational organization.

14. The accreditation body shall be responsible for the certification of experts and expert organizations and for keeping the register of experts and expert organizations on electronic media. The register shall be published on the official website of the accreditation body on the Internet.

15. Qualification requirements for experts, requirements for expert organizations, the criteria and procedure for selecting experts and expert organizations to conduct an external review, the procedure for their certification (including maintenance of the register of experts and expert organizations) shall be established by the federal executive authority carrying out the functions of control and supervision in the sphere of education.

16. Remuneration of experts and expert organizations as well as reimbursement of their expenses incurred during the procedure of external review shall be made in the order and amount established by the Government of the Russian Federation.

17. Information concerning the procedure of external review including the conclusion drawn upon external review findings shall be published on the official website of the accreditation body.

18. The decision made by the accreditation body on state accreditation of an educational organization shall be issued within the time limit of one hundred and five days from the moment of submitting an application for state accreditation and the enclosed documents, provided for these application and documents meet the requirements stipulated by Item 29 of the present article.

19. When making a decision on state accreditation of the educational organization the accreditation body shall issue the certificate on state accreditation valid for:

- 1) six years for organizations realizing basic professional educational programs;
- 2) twelve years for organizations realizing basic general educational programs.

20. Forms for certificates on state accreditation and the supplements to the certificate as well as a technical specification for these documents shall be approved by the federal executive authority carrying out the functions of control and supervision in the sphere of education.

21. In case of the termination of the license to carry out educational activities, the state accreditation shall be terminated from the day of the license termination.

22. The educational organization originated as a result of reorganization by virtue of division or separation shall be granted a temporary certificate of state accreditation for the educational programs that were implemented in the reorganized organization and state-accredited. The temporary certificate on state accreditation shall be valid for one year. The educational organization implementing educational activities and reorganized by joining another educational organization shall be granted a reissued certificate of state accreditation of educational activities for state-accredited educational programs previously realized by the reorganized organizations; the certificate shall be reissued for the period of the state accreditation certificate validity of the reorganized organization. The educational organization implementing educational activities and reorganized by virtue merge shall be granted a reissued certificate of state accreditation of educational activities for state-accredited educational programs previously realized by the reorganized organizations; the certificate shall be reissued for the term of the state accreditation validity of the reorganized organization with the certificate expiring earlier.

23. Accreditation body shall refuse state accreditation of educational activities for the declared educational programs which belong to the corresponding levels of education or integrated groups of professions, specialties, and field of training if any of the following grounds exists:

- 1) incorrect information in the documents submitted by an educational organization;
- 2) negative conclusion drawn up on the external review findings.

24. Accreditation body shall deprive the educational organization of state accreditation on the educational programs which belong to the corresponding levels of education or integrated groups of professions, specialties and field of training if any of the following grounds exists:

1) (repealed);

2) recurrent violation by the educational organization during the term of the state accreditation validity of the legislation in the field of education resulting in illegal issue of documents on education and (or) qualification of the standard form;

3) expiration of the term for suspension of the state accreditation validity (in the absence of the grounds for renewal of state accreditation).

25. The educational organization shall be deprived of state accreditation of educational activities on the educational programs submitted for state accreditation which belong to integrated groups of professions, specialties, and field of training if any grounds for withdrawal of state accreditation on one or several professional educational programs exist.

26. The educational organization shall have the right to apply for state accreditation not earlier than a year after refusal or withdrawal of its state accreditation.

27. State duty on the issue, reissue of the state accreditation certificate, and issue of the temporary certificate of state accreditation shall be charged in the amount and order stipulated by taxes and fees legislation of the Russian Federation.

28. Regulation on state accreditation of educational activities shall be approved by the Government of the Russian Federation.

29. Regulation on state accreditation of educational activities shall lay down the following:

1) requirements for the application on state accreditation, list of the data it should contain, requirements for the documents necessary for conducting state accreditation and attached to the application on state accreditation and their specification;

2) order of submitting by an educational organization of the application on state accreditation and the required documents, procedure for their receiving by an accreditation body, cases and grounds when the accreditation body makes the decision to return the application for state accreditation and the attached documents;

3) external review procedure including the order of involving experts and (or) expert organizations for conducting external review;

4) specificity of the external review procedure while carrying out state accreditation of educational organizations founded by religious organizations as related to the confirmation of education and qualifications of educators of such

organizations as well as of educational activities of foreign institutions of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation;

5) order of making a decision on state accreditation, refusal of state accreditation, suspension of state accreditation, renewal of state accreditation, withdrawal of state accreditation, including but not limited to that with the participation of the Collegial body;

6) order of issue by an accreditation body of a duplicate of the state accreditation certificate;

7) grounds for and order of reissue of the state accreditation certificate;

8) (repealed);

9) special characteristics of conducting external review during the procedure of state accreditation:

a) of educational activities of higher education institutions realizing educational programs of higher education in accordance with the independently determined educational standards;

b) educational activities on professional educational programs containing the information which constitutes the state secret and on professional educational programs in the field of the information security.

c) educational activities with no students graduating from the implemented educational programs the current year;

d) educational activities on educational programs realized with the use of network form of implementing study programs;

e) educational activities in the form of students' practical training.

10) the procedure of taking into account the information on the independent assessment of the quality of students' training during the state accreditation of educational activities.

## **Article 95. Independent Education Quality Evaluation**

1. Independent education quality evaluation is aimed at getting the information on educational activities, quality of students' training and implementation of educational programs.

2. Independent education quality evaluation shall include:

1) independent quality evaluation of students' training;

2) independent quality evaluation of conditions for organizations' conducting educational activities.

3. Independent education quality evaluation shall be carried out by legal entities that perform specific types of such evaluation provided for in paragraph 1 of Part 2



of this article (hereinafter - the organizations that carry out an independent education quality evaluation).

4. The organizations carrying out an independent quality evaluation of education publish information about the procedure and results of the independent quality evaluation of education on the Internet and send it, if necessary, to federal government bodies, executive authorities of constituent entities of the Russian Federation that carry out state management in education, and local government bodies.

5. The information on the results of an independent quality evaluation of education received by federal government bodies, executive government bodies of constituent entities of the Russian Federation that carry out state management in education, and local government bodies, respectively, shall be mandatorily reviewed by these bodies within one month and taken into account by them when developing measures to improve educational activities and to assess the activities of the heads of organizations that carry out educational activities.

6. The independent education quality evaluation findings shall not result in withdrawal or revocation of the license for carrying out educational activities, withdrawal or suspension of state accreditation in relation to educational organizations.

7. Based on the results of independent education quality evaluation, the rating lists of organizations carrying out educational activities shall be compiled.

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#### **Article 96. Public accreditation of educational organizations. Professional public accreditation of educational programs**

1. Educational organizations shall have the right to undertake public accreditation in various Russian, foreign and international organizations.

2. Public accreditation shall be understood as the recognition that the level of an educational organization's activity meets the criteria and requirements of Russian, foreign and international organizations. The procedure of public accreditation, ways, and methods of evaluation as well as the rights granted to the accredited educational organization shall be determined by a public organization carrying out public accreditation.

3. Employers, their associations as well as organizations authorized by them shall have a right to conduct professional public accreditation of basic professional educational programs, basic programs of professional training and (or) further professional training programs implemented by an organization carrying out educational activities.

4. Professional public accreditation of basic professional study programs, basic programs of professional training and (or) further professional programs shall be the recognition that the quality and level of training of graduates who have studied such an program at a particular educational organization meet the requirements of professional standards and labor market for workers and employees of the corresponding specialization.

5. Based on the results of professional public accreditation of basic professional educational programs, basic programs of professional training and (or) further professional programs, the organizations that have conducted such accreditation shall have the right to compile rating lists of professional educational programs accredited by them indicating the educational organizations, implementing these programs.

6. The organization conducting professional public accreditation shall determine the procedure of conducting such accreditation of basic professional educational programs, basic programs of professional training and (or) further professional programs, including the forms and evaluation methods used when conducting this accreditation, the rules of application for organizations carrying out educational activities that want to get accredited by the organization conducting such accreditation, the term of the accreditation validity, the grounds for the accreditation withdrawal, professional public accreditation of educational programs as well as the rights granted to educational organizations offering the accredited professional educational programs and (or) to graduates who have studied these programs.

7. Organizations conducting public and professional public accreditation shall provide openness and availability of the information on conducting the corresponding accreditation and the results including publishing this information on their official websites on the Internet.

8. Information on public or professional public accreditation undertaken by an educational organization shall be submitted to an accreditation body and shall be taken into consideration when conducting state accreditation.

9. Public and professional public accreditation shall be carried out on a voluntary basis and shall not result in additional financial obligations of the state.

10. Formation and updating of the list of organizations conducting professional public accreditation of the basic professional educational programs, basic programs of professional training and (or) further professional programs are carried out by the authorized federal executive body in accordance with the procedure established by the Government of the Russian Federation.