

**CHANGES IMPLEMENTED IN THE SYSTEM OF SECONDARY
SPECIAL AND PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION IN THE REPUBLIC OF
UZBEKISTAN
(AS AN EXAMPLE OF THE ACTION STRATEGY 2017-2021)**

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Abstract

This article analyzes the reforms implemented in the system of secondary special and professional education in 2017-2021. In particular, the normative and legal documents adopted in the field and their content, the development of international cooperation relations and statistical analyzes related to the field are highlighted.

Keywords: Action strategy, vocational education, international models, fundamental reforms, quality education, international educational standards, professional training, continuous education system,

In the “Strategy of Actions” on the five priority directions of the development of the Republic of Uzbekistan, further improvement of the continuous education system, increasing the opportunities for quality education services, continuing the policy of training highly qualified personnel in line with the modern needs of the labor market, as well as the profession - training of vocational college students in specialties that meet the needs of the market economy and employers, as well as improvement of employment¹.

Based on the experience of developed foreign countries, in order to fundamentally improve the system of secondary special vocational education and create favorable conditions for the training of qualified personnel, the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan dated March 14, 2017 “Secondary special vocational education²” the

¹ M. Bekmurodov, K. Kuronboev, L. Tangriev. Towards rapid development and renewal based on the action strategy. - Tashkent: Publishing house named after Gafur Gulom, 2017. - 71 p.

² Resolution PD-2829 of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan dated March 14, 2017 “On measures to further improve the activities of secondary special vocational education institutions”. <https://lex.uz/docs/-3133119>

decision on measures to further improve the activities of educational institutions and the decision of September 26, 2017 “Candidates for admission to higher education institutions According to the decision”, “On further improvement of the targeted training system³”, academic lyceums were attached to higher education institutions belonging to the Ministry of Higher and Secondary Special Education and other specific ministries. Also, in order to improve the provision of quality education to students, on June 30, 2017, the Center for Secondary Special and Vocational Education and the Ministry of Employment and Labor Relations issued the “Procedure for recruitment of teachers to academic lyceums on a competitive basis” the joint decision “On approval of the statute” was adopted⁴.

By the decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan dated January 25, 2018 “On measures to radically improve the system of general secondary special and vocational education⁵” No. PD-5313, general secondary and the results of the analysis of the development of special and vocational education showed that the system does not meet the requirements of the day and needs fundamental reforms, and the training of personnel in the field of vocational education important functions of the system were determined.

PD-3504 of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan dated February 3, 2018 “On improving the activities of the Center for Secondary Special Vocational Education of the Ministry of Higher and Secondary Special Education of the Republic of Uzbekistan⁶” Decision was the main factor in eliminating a number of deficiencies that had accumulated over the years in this area. From January 2018, the regional center for retraining and professional development of pedagogues under the National University of Uzbekistan (network) has launched the training of academic lyceum teachers⁷.

³ Resolution PD-3290 of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan dated September 26, 2017 “On further improvement of the system of targeted training of candidates for admission to higher education institutions”. <https://lex.uz/docs/-3357535>

⁴ “Marifat” newspaper. Perfect regulatory legal documents ensure the effectiveness of academic lyceums. 26.04.2018. <http://marifat.uz/marifat/ruknlar/urta-mahsus/1239.htm>

⁵ Decree No. PD-5313 of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan dated January 25, 2018 “On measures to fundamentally improve the system of general secondary special and vocational education”. <https://lex.uz/docs/-3523206>

⁶ Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan dated February 3, 2018 “On improving the activities of the Center for Secondary Special and Vocational Education of the Ministry of Higher and Secondary Special Education of the Republic of Uzbekistan” - Decision No. 3504. <https://lex.uz/docs/-3546734>

⁷ “Marifat” newspaper. Perfect regulatory legal documents ensure the effectiveness of academic lyceums. 26.04.2018. <http://marifat.uz/marifat/ruknlar/urta-mahsus/1239.htm>

The United Nations Development Program is a strategic partner in the development of the WorldSkills International movement in Uzbekistan. WorldSkills International is an international not-for-profit association that aims to raise the status and standards of vocational education and training worldwide and popularize the working professions through international competitions around the world. In order to join the “World Skills International” movement in order to develop a modern system of vocational training of young people, on May 13, 2019, the Cabinet of Ministers approved “Measures to improve the system of vocational training of qualified personnel in high demand in the labor market” Decision No. 394 was adopted⁸. Several joint projects were implemented in cooperation with this association.

Taking into account the developed international educational standards, the state educational standards of the vocational education system, the list of professions and specialties according to the categories of educational institutions and training periods, the scope of vocational education In order to develop a classifier of fields, specialties and professions, the order of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan dated September 6, 2019 “On further improvement of the professional education system” decree was adopted⁹. Based on this decree, it was decided to introduce a new, unique professional education system in our country. In order for this new system to fully comply with international models and standards, the experiences of developed foreign countries in this field were studied in cooperation with 14 international organizations.

In particular, Germany, Switzerland, South Korea, Turkey, China and UNESCO, British Council, German International Cooperation Society, Asian Development Bank, European Education Fund, Turkish Cooperation Agency, Chinese University Association 214 influential international experts from a number of foreign countries and organizations were involved and necessary conclusions were obtained¹⁰.

In accordance with the order of the Minister of Higher and Secondary Special Education No. 394 dated September 13, 2021 “On the implementation of the

⁸ Resolution No. 394 of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan dated May 13, 2019 “On measures to improve the system of professional training of skilled personnel in high demand in the labor market”. <https://lex.uz/ru/docs/-4334806>

⁹ Decree No. PD-5812 of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan dated September 6, 2019 “On further improvement of the professional education system”. <https://www.lex.uz/uz/docs/-4500926>

¹⁰ “Marifat” newspaper. First in Uzbekistan: continuous professional education system. 09/18/2019. <http://marifat.uz/marifat/ruknlar/olii-talim/3534.htm>



decision of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. PD-5241 dated August 31, 2021” 101 professions and educational programs for specialties were developed¹¹.

Vocational and professional training of citizens going to work in foreign countries contributes to increasing the income of migrant workers' families and reducing poverty in rural areas. Therefore, the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan “On additional measures to organize the training of persons going to a foreign country and the unemployed population for the implementation of temporary labor activities” dated 25.2021 In accordance with the decision PD-4962 of January, 13 professional educational institutions have established training centers for qualified experts in the field of construction.

In the 2020/2021 academic year, in addition to full-time education in professional educational institutions, evening and extramural forms of education and the Cabinet of Ministers of March 29, 2021 “Organization of dual education in the professional education system” In accordance with the decision No. 163 “On Activities”, the introduction of dual education principles will increase the opportunities of students to acquire professions and specialties expanded¹². Based on this, the quotas for the admission of 37,990 students for correspondence education, 15,768 students for evening education, and 7,181 students for dual education were approved for the 2021/2022 academic year.

In conclusion, it should be noted that in order to develop the professional education system, Switzerland, the British Council, UNESCO, the German Society for International Cooperation, the Asian Development Bank, the European Education Fund, the Turkish Agency, the Education Center of the Republic of Korea, Cooperation on a number of international educational programs, such as China's CCN universities, has been established. Also, modern modules such as “soft skills” and “World Skills” were introduced into the curriculum, as well as new mechanisms for attracting unemployed members of low-income families to study, professional education and entrepreneurship.

¹¹ Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan dated August 31, 2021 “On measures to strengthen the continuity of the educational process between higher, secondary special and professional educational institutions and production practice with network organizations” decision No. PD-5241. <https://lex.uz/docs/-5610994>

¹² Resolution No. 163 of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan dated March 29, 2021 “On measures to organize dual education in the professional education system”.. <https://lex.uz/docs/-5346217?ONDATE2=29.03.2021&action=compare>



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