

Order No. 120/N of the Minister of Education, Science, Culture and Sport of Georgia

28 December 2020, Tbilisi

On Approving the Credit System in the Field of Vocational Education

On the basis of Article 22(1)(g) of the Law of Georgia “On Vocational Education,” I hereby order:

Article 1

To approve the “Credit System in the Field of Vocational Education” in accordance with the attached Annex.

Article 2

This Order shall enter into force upon its publication.

Annex: Credit System in the Field of Vocational Education

Article 1. General Provisions

1. This Rule establishes the rule for awarding and transferring credits (ECVET) in the field of vocational education (hereinafter – credits).
2. The purpose of this Rule is to promote lifelong learning, the recognition of learning outcomes achieved within formal and non-formal education, and the development of a system of awarding, accumulating and transferring credits.

Article 2. General Rule for Awarding Credits

1. The awarding of credits is carried out in three stages:
 - a) determining the minimum volume of credits necessary for the award of a qualification;
 - b) determining the volume of learning outcomes in credits;
 - c) determining the total volume of credits for a module.
2. The number of credits necessary for awarding a qualification is determined according to the level of the qualification defined by the vocational educational standard and the duration of the program.
3. The totality of learning outcomes achievable within formal education under full study load during one calendar year amounts to 60 credits. Full study load means a workload of 1,500–1,800 hours (contact and non-contact) of a person during one calendar year.
4. The volume of a learning outcome in credits is a numerical expression assigned to the learning outcome on the basis of the objectives of the specific qualification, taking into account its significance.
5. The volume of a learning outcome in credits is determined taking into account the following criteria:
 - a) the significance of the learning outcome for the person’s entry into the labor market or social integration;
 - b) the difficulty, scale and complexity of the learning outcome;

- c) the effort required of the person to achieve the learning outcome.
- 6. The credit of a module is the sum of the credits of the learning outcomes it includes.
- 7. Within different qualifications, the awarding of different volumes of credits for the same learning outcome is permitted.
- 8. The methodology for awarding credits is determined by an individual administrative-legal act of the Director of the LEPL – National Center for Education Quality Enhancement.

Article 3. Rule for Awarding Credits to a Person

- 1. A person is awarded credits on the basis of confirmation of the achievement of a learning outcome.
- 2. Learning outcomes may be achieved through both formal and non-formal education.
- 3. Confirmation of a learning outcome is carried out:
 - a) by assessment of the learning outcome;
 - b) by recognition of the learning outcome.
- 4. The assessment of the achievement of a learning outcome achieved within formal education is carried out in accordance with the rule defined by the relevant program.
- 5. Recognition of learning outcomes achieved within non-formal education and formal education is carried out in accordance with the procedure established by the legislation of Georgia.

Article 4. Transfer of Credits

- 1. The purpose of credit transfer is to promote lifelong learning, which ensures that a person has the opportunity to continue studies and/or to be awarded a qualification.
- 2. Credit transfer is carried out through the recognition of learning outcomes achieved by a person within formal education and/or non-formal education.
- 3. In the case of recognition of learning outcomes, credit transfer is carried out in accordance with the number of credits provided for by the program for the purposes of which the learning outcomes were recognized.
- 4. Credit transfer is carried out by the institution authorized to award the relevant qualification.

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