REPUBLIC OF ALBANIA COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

DECISION

No. 562, dated 31.07.2019

On

SOME CHANGES AND ADDITIONS ON THE DECISION NO. 109, DATED 15.02.2019, OF COUNCIL OF MINISTERS, "ON THE ORGANIZATION AND FUNCTIONING OF THE QUALITY ASSURANCE AGENCY IN HIGHER EDUCATION AND THE ACCREDITATION BOARD AND DETERMINATION OF THE FEES FOR THE QUALITY ASSURANCE PROCESSES IN HIGHER EDUCATION"

Based on the article 100 of the Constitution and article 14, 15 and 106, of the law no. 80/2015, "On the higher education and scientific research in the higher education institutions in the Republic of Albania", with the proposal of the Minister of Education, Sport and Youth, Council of Ministers

DECIDED:

- 1. In the decision no. 109, dated 15.2.2017, of the Council of Ministers, the following changes and additions are made:
- a) Letter "b", point 27, is changed as follows:
 - "b) International members, in the amount of 600 euro;".
- b) Point 28 is changed as below:
- "28. For the chairman and members of the Accreditation Board, international and Albanians, with permanent residence outside Albania, are covered travel and accommodation costs in Albania, for no more than three calendar days for each meeting".
- c) Point 6, annex 1, is changed as follows:
- "6. Local or international experts, engaged in the framework of fulfillment of conditions or preliminary evaluation on the opening and/or reorganization of HEI-s, and study programs,

are selected from the ministry responsible for education from the approved list of ASCAL. The number of experts shall be not less than 2 and the fee for all experts shall be not more than 25 % of the fee predicted for the external evaluation of HEI and/or study program, according to tables 2/a and 2/b.".

ç) At the end of point 2, annex 2, the following sentences are added:

"The external evaluation in the framework of the first accreditation of professional study programs as well as first and second cycle study programs in public HEIs shall be grouped, where is possible and for no more than three programs, by cycle and field of study at basic unit level. The evaluation fee in the framework of the first accreditation of these programs shall be 65% of the fee of each program to be assessed grouped, according to table 2/b.

In cases where the basic unit offers one professional study program or one study program for the first and/or second cycle, the evaluation fee in the framework of the first accreditation of these programs shall be as 65% of the fee of the relevant program, according to table 2/b.

External evaluation experts, in the framework of the first accreditation of professional study programs, as well as first and second cycle study programs in public HEIs, are paid 70% of the value of each study program assessed grouped, according to table 1/b".

2. The Ministry of Education, Sport and Youth, Ministry of Finance and Economy, and the Quality Assurance Agency in Higher Education are charged with the implementation of this decision.

This decision enters into force after its publication in the "Official Journal".

PRIME MINISTER

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