

# NATIONAL COUNCIL OF HIGHER EDUCATION OF SERBIA (NCHE)



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# THE FUNCIONS OF NCHE





**NCHE represents the leading body in Serbia's higher education system established by virtue of the Higher Education Law for the purpose of assuring development and enhancing quality of higher education.**

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## **The competencies of NCHE are:**

- 1. to oversee the development of higher education and its compatibility with European and international standards**
- 2. to recommend to the Ministry of Education policies concerning higher education**
- 3. to give opinion on the policy of admission to HE institutions**
- 4. to give opinion in the process of drafting laws and by-laws regulating issues concerning higher education**
- 5. to make recommendations to the Government regarding the general rules and standards concerning the activities of HE institutions, as well as the requests for funding upon receiving advice from the Conference of Universities of Serbia (CONUS) and the Conference of Academies of Professional Career Studies**
- 6. to compile a list of fields and disciplines of sciences and arts, as well as of vocational areas**
- 7. to enact standards for internal assessment and quality evaluation of HE institutions**





- 8. to enact standards and procedures for external quality control of HE institutions**
- 9. to enact standards for initial accreditation**
- 10. to enact standards and procedures for accreditation of HE institutions**
- 11. to enact standards for accreditation of study programmes**
- 12. to serve as the second-instance body in the appellate procedure in the accreditation cases**
- 13. to adopt minimal criteria for the election to the teaching positions**
- 14. to compile a list of professional, academic and scientific qualifications indicating the degree at a given level of study in a given field and abbreviations for these professional, academic and scientific qualification**
- 15. to recommend to the Ministry of Education the National Qualifications Framework for the HE level**
- 16. to carry out other tasks in accordance with the law**





# Principles of Higher Education in Serbia

## Article 4 of the Higher Education Law

- 1) academic freedoms;
- 2) autonomy of a university;
- 3) unity of teaching and scientific research or artistic work;
- 4) openness to the public at large and to citizens;
- 5) recognition of humanistic and democratic values of European and national traditions;
- 6) respect for human rights and civil liberties, including prohibition of all forms of discrimination;
- 7) harmonization with the European higher education system and promotion of academic mobility of teaching staff and students;
- 8) participation of students in governance and decision-making, in particular in matters relating to teaching quality assurance;
- 9) equality of higher education institutions irrespective of the form of property and/or of who is the founder thereof;
- 10) assertion of competition of educational and research services with a view to upgrading the quality and efficiency of the system of higher education;
- 11) assurance of quality and efficiency of studies.



# THE MEMBERSHIP OF NCHE



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The National Council shall be made up of **21** members, who shall be elected by the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia, namely:

- 1) **twelve** members shall be appointed from among full professors, top scholars and scientists and/or artists with internationally recognized works or who have considerably contributed to national culture, while duly taking into account corresponding representation of individual fields of science and arts, at the recommendation of the CONUS;
- 2) **two** members shall be appointed from among teachers in the professional career studies, at the recommendation of the Conference of Academies of Professional Career Studies;
- 3) **six** members shall be appointed from among prominent scientists or scholars, cultural figures, educators, artists or businessmen at the proposal of the Government of the Republic of Serbia. One of them shall be the representative from the University in Kosovska Mitrovica;
- 4) **one** member shall be appointed from among prominent scientists or scholars, cultural figures, educators, artists or businessmen at the proposal of the competent body of the Autonomous Province of Vojvodina.

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The Conference of Universities and the Conference of Academies of Professional Career Studies shall announce a public call to nominate candidates for membership of the NCHE.







The term of office of a member of the National Council shall be four years.

The same person may serve as a member of the National Council only twice.

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The National Assembly shall dismiss a member of the National Council before the end of his/her term:

1) at his/her own request;

2) if he/she fails to perform the duties of a member of the National Council or if his misconduct harms the reputation of the office, at the request of the nominating:

- Conference of Universities; or
- Conference of Academies of Professional Career Studies; or
- Government or the competent body of the Autonomous Province of Vojvodina –

**in respect of the member nominated by the respective nominator;**

3) in the event where a member is elected or appointed to an office in a government body, a body of a political party or to the post of the executive officer of a HE institution.





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