**REPUBLIC OF SERBIA**

**National Entity for Accreditation and Quality Assurance in Higher Education of Serbia**

**Steering Board**

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PROPOSAL

Pursuant to Article 17, paragraph 1, item 7) of the Law on Higher Education ("Official Gazette of RS", nos.: 88/2017, 27/2018 - another law and 73/2018), the Steering Board of the National Entity for Accreditation and Quality Assurance in Higher Education, has adopted in its session on 24 December 2018 the following

**D E C I S I O N**

**on the fees for the accreditation and quality control of higher education institutions and study programs**

1. The fee for the initial accreditation of a higher education institution and its study programs shall be RSD 2,000,000.00;
2. The fee for the accreditation of higher education institutions shall be:
3. for universities - RSD 1,080,000.00;
4. for academies of vocational studies - RSD 720,000.00;
5. for art faculties and art academies – RSD 540,000.00;
6. for high vocational schools - RSD 480,000.00;
7. for high schools - RSD 648,000.00;
8. The fee for the accreditation of study programs shall be:
9. for a study program - RSD 320,000.00;
10. for a change in a study program - RSD 100,000.00;
11. for a joint study program - RSD 350,000.00;
12. for a study program in Serbian and in a foreign language - RSD 350,000.00;
13. for each module - 10% of the fee for the corresponding study program;
14. The fee for issuing the certificates is:
15. for issuing a certificate for the accreditation of an institution - RSD 48,000.00;
16. for issuing a certificate for the accreditation of a program - RSD 20,000.00
17. The fee for an external quality control is:
18. for universities: RSD 640,000.00;
19. for art faculties and art academies - RSD 350,000.00;
20. for academies of vocational studies - RSD 420,000.00;
21. for high vocational schools - RSD 320,000.00;
22. for high schools - RSD 420,000.00;
23. for study programs - RSD 180,000.00;

**Justification**

The National Entity for Accreditation and Quality Assurance in Higher Education (hereinafter: the National Entity for Accreditation - NEAQA) was established pursuant to Article 14 of the Law on Higher Education ("Official Gazette of RS", No. 88/17 and 27/18 - another law); NEAQA is financed from the fees for the accreditation and quality control of higher education institutions and their units, the evaluation of study programs and quality control in higher education.

The fees for the accreditation of institutions and study programs were defined over ten years ago. In addition to that, the fees for initial accreditation of institutions and for external quality control were not foreseen then, although these activities also entail significant costs. The costs of the accreditation process and the external quality checks were significantly increased when the new rules on accreditation procedures in accordance with European standards entered into force, as they stipulate five reviewers instead of two as previously foreseen, as well as the participation of foreign reviewers, whose engagement entails significant costs. Also, the visit of the higher education institution by the review committee is also mandatory, which generates additional costs.

In addition, the National Entity for Accreditation has monthly expenses, which include the payment of fees for the 17 Accreditation Commission members in addition to the current costs and salaries of employees.