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### LANGUAGE TEACHING POLICY AND ENGLISH AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE IN UZBEKISTAN

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#### ABOUT ARTICLE

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**Abstract:** In recent years, the ongoing reforms in the field of education have been noticeably felt in Uzbekistan. The creation of new educational institutions, the opening of modern areas of education and training specialties, as well as correspondence and evening departments, an increase in admission quotas to higher educational institutions are important reforms in this direction. At the same time, great importance is given to reforms related to the study of foreign languages.

#### INTRODUCTION

Uzbekistan has introduced a system of continuous teaching of foreign languages, mainly English, from the first grade of schools. The Ministry of Public Education and the British Council in Uzbekistan are preparing a reform of teaching English in the system of public education. The goal of the reform is the best possible quality of education through four components – curricula, testing / assessment, methodology and materials – while creating conditions for teachers to be the most productive work.

Uzbekistan is actively integrating into the world education system. The turbulent changes that have swept across the CIS countries have been reflected in all areas of the life of countries, and have also affected the higher education system of Uzbekistan, which has entered the world stage. To enter the ranks of developed, democratic states, to provide its people with favorable conditions for life and prosperity, to take a worthy place in the world community is one of the country's strategic goals. To

accomplish the tasks set, it is necessary to train competitive, creative thinkers who are fluent in foreign languages.

The growing global competition in the world determines the availability of highly qualified personnel as the central factor of progress. The formation of the country's human resources potential is becoming a priority, so one of the first steps of an independent country was the development and adoption of the National Program for Training Personnel. New relationships develop. Both in society and in education, there is an intensive development of communication practices, the development of the dissemination of advanced technologies. All this blurs national boundaries, not only economic, but also linguistic.

The level of English teachers' knowledge of their subject is planned to be assessed jointly with the Swedish company Education first . The result of this exam will comply with the international CEFR system. It is planned to develop a specific program for improving the qualifications of English language teachers. With the help of this program, the strengths and weaknesses of English teachers will be studied and, based on the results of the conclusion, a program of special training courses will be created to improve the qualifications of teachers.

Until today, there was no system for an impartial assessment of the knowledge of teachers, and this innovation is being introduced for the first time.

E-mail in a matter of time connects people located anywhere in the world. All this removed such obstacles in the communication of people as distance. Together with all this, English has become the most widespread language as a computer language, international conferences, tourism, where people of all nationalities participate and use English as a means of communication, for scientific purposes, for business purposes and on vacation. Language proficiency and computer literacy increase opportunities for professional growth.

The resolutions and decrees of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan adopted in 2018 played a fundamental role in improving the system of public education . In the field of modernization of the content of education, it is planned to radically change the content of general secondary education to create a competency-based learning model aimed at learning, first of all, foreign languages that are necessary in the future for mastering professions that are in demand within the framework of the innovative economy being created based on new educational standards, programs, textbooks and teaching materials

English has acquired the character of a global language, as the language of not only business and international communication, but also political, cultural, scientific and technological transformations and achievements, the language of patents, documentation, computer technology. Knowledge of English is of practical importance for the growth of a specialist.

It is planned to create specialized classes and schools, with an emphasis on in-depth study of foreign languages, and ensure the participation of the Republic of Uzbekistan in international programs and studies to assess the level of knowledge of students (PISA, TIMSS and PIRLS).

From the 2020-2021 academic year, 39 new specialized schools for studying German, French, Spanish, Korean and Chinese will start operating. Schools have been given the right to attract foreign experts to introduce best practices and teaching methodology. Teachers of German, French, Spanish, Korean and Chinese will be sent to foreign countries for advanced training. Graduates of specialized schools are planned to issue international diplomas and certificates of foreign language proficiency, including Test DAF (Test Deutsch als Fremdsprache), Test DELF (Diplome d'Études en Langue Française), DALF (Diplome Approfondi de Langue Française) and Japanese Language Proficiency Test Certificate (JLPT Certificate).

An important goal of educational reforms in the modern world is to raise the standard of professional knowledge, increase the competitiveness of a specialist, for which knowledge of languages is necessary.

Teaching students the ability to extract information from foreign sources is as urgent a need as teaching language skills. This is especially true for non-linguistic faculties, where specialists of various profiles are trained. It is necessary to increase the motivation to master a foreign language in order to realize these opportunities. Teaching students to read and translate original literature in their specialty is one of the main tasks of teaching a foreign language in the preparation of a professional in a certain field. Some aspects of terminological work at the university can contribute to the solution of this problem.

The success of teaching the language of a specialty largely depends on the correct selection of educational material, the organization of terminological work according to the profile, which implies and makes it relevant to take into account interdisciplinary connections.

Languages such as English, Russian, Arabic are international languages in which business, cultural, political meetings, scientific conferences, etc. are held. Not to mention that English is the language of tourism and entertainment; 80% of the sites on the international Internet are in English, 90% of printed materials are published in English, the source of information about the latest achievements in science

and technology is the Internet in English. Only such a specialist can be in demand in the labor market and be successful in his future activities.

The state actively supports and motivates young people to learn foreign languages. Applicants who have certificates from the leading international examination systems (TOEFL, IELTS, CEFR, SAT General, SAT Subject and others), the maximum number of points in the relevant subjects are exempted from tests in these subjects.

According to the Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan "On measures to further expand the participation of industries and sectors of the economy in improving the quality of training of specialists with higher education", starting from the 2017/2018 academic year, each higher educational institution conducts phased training in specialty disciplines in English in at least 2 -th academic groups in all courses, targeted training of faculty for teaching in English .

The achievements in all aspects of the social and political life people in our Republic, the successes achieved in relations with the most developed countries of the world in the political-economic, traditional-educational, scientific-technical spheres are directly related to the fact that our country gained its independence.

After gaining independence, the Republic of Uzbekistan created incomparable opportunities for large-scale success in the life of our society. It is gratifying that the implementation of large-scale reforms in the education system is being given special importance, raising a competent generation and strengthening the foundation of the future of our Republic is becoming the most urgent issue. It should be noted that today the English language has become the language of universal and international relations.

As Uzbekistan integrates into the world community, the prestige and importance of the English language and the demand for this language are increasing in our country. We learn English not only for scientific news and international communication that can contribute to the development of our country, but also to inform about the history of our country, our great ancestors, and to promote our traditions and culture.

The advantage of knowing foreign languages is that in the process of globalization of the countries of today's world in various fields. A person can connect with the countries of his choice through various communication systems, receive information, and have a live dialogue with the representatives of this

country. For this reason, the importance of the English language in the field of education has increased. Even now, great attention is being paid to the education system.

For example, the decision on «Measures for the further development of the higher education system» possible «Approved by the decree of the President of Uzbekistan dated January 22, 2018», the Strategy of Actions on the five priority directions of the development of the Republic of Uzbekistan in 2017-2021 «Year of supporting active business, innovative ideas and technologies» .

Today, times are changing rapidly. It is the youth who will feel this change more than anyone else. Let the youth be in harmony with the demands of their time. But at the same time, don't forget your identity. Let the call of who we are and the descendants of great people always echo in their hearts and encourage them to stay true to themselves. How can we achieve this? At the expense of education, education and only education» .

Their corresponding training abroad was organized, as well as foreign specialists were involved in conducting training sessions. Training has been established on the basis of modern educational literature used today in higher educational institutions of developed countries.

Internships for promising scientific and pedagogical personnel, primarily teachers of higher educational institutions for the training of personnel in engineering, technical and architectural areas of education, are carried out in developed countries, in particular, in South Korea, Japan and Germany, at 2-3 monthly courses aimed at on the development of new knowledge in the specialty .

The concept of development of the public education system of the Republic of Uzbekistan until 2030 is focused on knowledge and active study of foreign languages . By 2030, its targets plan to achieve 100 percent English language proficiency by English teachers corresponding to the C1-CEFR level of the European Union requirements by attaching professors of foreign languages departments of universities and 100 percent English proficiency results of graduates of general education institutions with knowledge of English who have mastered English language at level B1-CEFR requirements of the European Union .

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