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DECISION No. 148

December 10, 2025

ON ACCREDITATION OF INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITIES OF YEREVAN STATE COLLEGE OF INFORMATICS

General Information about the Institution

Full name of the Institution: Yerevan State College of Informatics (SNCO)

Official Address: 52 Mamikonyants St., Yerevan, RA

Previous Accreditation **Institutional accreditation for a period of four years,**
decision and date: **Decision No. 58 of July 24, 2021**

Guided by the Statute on State Accreditation of Tertiary Level Institutions and their Academic Programmes approved by the RA Government Decree N 978-N as of June 30, 2011, the RA Government Decree N 959-N as of June 30, 2011 on the Approval of Accreditation Criteria for Tertiary Education of RA, the Procedure on the Formation and Operation of the Accreditation Committee of the “National Center for Professional Education Quality Assurance” foundation (hereinafter referred to as “ANQA”) as well as by the Regulation on the Formation of ANQA’s Expert Panel, ANQA’s Accreditation Committee (hereinafter referred to as the Committee) discussed the issue on accreditation of institutional capacities of the Yerevan State College of Informatics (hereinafter referred to as “YSCI”, “TLI”) in the session of the Accreditation Committee held on December 10, 2025.

The main phases of the accreditation process were carried out within the following periods:

Submission of application: November 25, 2024

Submission of the revised self-evaluation: March 7, 2025

Site visit by the expert panel: April 16-18, 2025

Submission of the expert panel report: July 11, 2025

Submission of the preliminary follow-up plan July 18, 2025

The external review of the YSCI's institutional capacities was carried out by the following expert panel:

- **Armenuhi Sargsyan**, Associate Professor at the Chair of Mathematics, Physics and Information Technologies of the M. Nalbandyan State University of Shirak, chair of the expert panel.
- **Araks Aghajanyan**, manager of education quality assurance at the Stepanavan State Agricultural College named after Professor A. Kalantar.
- **Gayane Hambardzumyan**, deputy director for Educational Activities at the Echmiadzin State College named after Vardges Hamazaspyan.
- **Maria Kirakosyan**, student at the European University of Armenia.

The evaluation was conducted according to the 10 criteria of institutional accreditation approved by the RA Government Decree N 959 as of June 30, 2011. Evaluation according to accreditation criteria:

Evaluation	Conclusion
1. Mission and Purpose	Satisfactory
2. Governance and Administration	Satisfactory
3. Academic Programmes	Satisfactory
4. Students	Satisfactory
5. Faculty and Staff	Satisfactory
6. Research and Development	Satisfactory
7. Infrastructure and Resources	Satisfactory
8. Societal Responsibility	Satisfactory
9. External Relations and Internationalization	Unsatisfactory
10. Internal Quality Assurance System	Satisfactory

Having examined the institution's self-evaluation of institutional capacities and comments on the preliminary version of the expert panel report, the expert panel report, the preliminary follow-up

plan; having heard the conclusions on the expert panel evaluation, which were made by the two members selected by the Chair of the Accreditation Committee and were formed as a result of the meetings with the expert panel members and the institution's representatives; as well the comments and suggestions made by the Accreditation Committee members, the Committee stated the following:

1. The YSCI delivers NQF Level 5 academic programmes (APs) in informatics, aligned with its profile and aimed at the **credible award of qualifications**. The YSCI has field-specific facilities, an appropriate technological environment and the potential to ensure the practical component of the APs. However, systematic benchmarking with national and international counterparts has not yet been established, limiting opportunities for the further development and greater competitiveness of the APs. Research activities and students' engagement in research also remain limited, despite the availability of relevant human capacity.

2. The YSCI has a structured governance model comprising a strategic plan, action plans and timelines, reporting formats and a documented QA framework. Planning and accountability mechanisms are in place. The PDCA cycle has been introduced and the Quality Manual has been revised, demonstrating progress in the development of the QA system. The governance system is well-organised and ensures the systematic implementation of respective processes. Meanwhile, the application of results-based governance mechanisms still requires further strengthening. The institutionalisation of a quality culture is at the stage of development.

3. Internationalisation has been identified as an important development priority. However, its implementation remains limited and requires a more systematic approach. International cooperation and mobility are pursued through individual initiatives, while the opportunities offered by international programmes have not yet been fully used. Overall, the governance system is established and provides a positive basis for further development. However, **strengthening results-based** and **data-driven governance** mechanisms could support the more effective realisation of the institutional potential. At the next stage of development, the YSCI is recommended to:

- develop a revised long-term development strategy, informed by specialised external consultancy, and ensure its discussion and approval by the Governing Council, to evaluate the institution's sectoral positioning, market opportunities and competitive advantages;

- define clear quantitative and qualitative KPIs for each strategic objective, ensuring their regular monitoring and public reporting of the results;
- conduct systematic benchmarking with different partner institutions to evaluate its own capacity, the AP competitiveness and potential areas for development;
- develop a realistic internationalisation approach aligned with the institution's level and capacity, with clearly defined partnership policy and mobility opportunities;
- strengthen the research component through the systematic integration into both the educational process and institutional development.

Taking into consideration the above mentioned, as a result of an open voting, the Accreditation Committee:

DECIDED

1. **To award institutional accreditation to the Yerevan State College of Informatics for 4 /four/ years with conditions, subject to an external review after two years.**
2. After the publication of the decision on accreditation award, to submit a revised follow-up plan based on the expert panel report and respective time schedule to ANQA within two months. The plan should be approved by the institution's Governing Council and consider the need to give urgent solution to the issues identified in Points **1, 2** and **3**, ensuring relevant mechanisms for the prevention and management of potential risks.
3. Particular emphasis should be placed on the credible award of qualifications across the APs, organising a self-audit of all APs prior to the next accreditation.
4. In accordance with the requirements set by point 12 of the Statute on State Accreditation of Tertiary Level Institutions and their Academic Programmes, every 2 /two/ years to submit a written report to the ANQA on the results of carried out activities by ensuring the evaluation of enhancement of the TLI's activity, innovations and achievements. The evaluation results should be discussed at the institution's Governing Council.
5. To assign the ANQA to carry out mandatory monitoring of the effectiveness of the TLI's activities in accordance with the KPIs.

Chair of the Accreditation Committee:

V. Gabrielyan

December 10, 2025

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