



National Center For Professional  
Education Quality Assurance  
Foundation

## ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE

ANQA-2023/81

### DECREE N 81

February 10, 2023

### ON THE APPEAL OF MESROP MASHTOTS UNIVERSITY LLC

Guided by the the RA Government Decree N 959-N as of 30 June 2011 on the Approval of the 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), approved by the Board of Trustees of ANQA, Decree N 1-L as of May 8, 2020; (hereinafter referred to as Procedure)”, ANQA’s Accreditation Committee (hereinafter referred to as the Committee) discussed the appeal of Mesrop Mashtots University (hereinafter referred to as “TLI”) in the session of the Accreditation Committee held on February 10, 2023.

#### The subject of the appeal

Guided by the the Statute on the State Accreditation of RA Education Institutions and their Academic Programs approved by the RA Government Decree N 978-N as of 30 June 2011, the provisions of the Procedure approved by the Board of Trustees of ANQA, Decree N 1-L as of May 8, 2020, the TLI requests a review of the Accreditation Committee’s decision.

#### Background of the case

With the Decree N 74 as of October 10, 2022, the Committee awarded conditional institutional accreditation to Mesrop Mashtots University LLC for a period of 2 (two) years.

On December 15, 2022, the TLI submitted an appeal to review the Accreditation Committee’s Decree N 74 as of October 10, 2022.

A three-member Appeal Commission was formed in the time frame defined by the Procedure. The Appeal Commission examined the TLI’s appeal and prepared a conclusion within a period of one month. The conclusion was submitted to the Board of Trustees which subsequently forwarded the conclusion to the Accreditation Committee to convene a session and make a decision.

Having examined the Appeal Commission’s conclusion formed on the basis of the TLI's appeal along with the facts, justifications and grounds provided in the package of documents during the accreditation process, the appealing party’s presented facts and arguments, the expert panel report, the Accreditation Committee’s observations and recommendations, as a result of the discussion **the Committee stated its position on the arguments mentioned in the TLI's appeal:**

1. The Accreditation Committee considers that the first expectation set by the Policy on Decision-making of Awarding institutional Accreditation by Accreditation Committee of the “National Center for Professional Education Quality Assurance” Foundation (hereinafter referred to as the Policy) in case of the TLI corresponds to the Policy’s point 2.1 of table 1, which is as follows: *generally ensures the credible award of qualifications.*
2. The Accreditation Committee considers that the second expectation set by the Policy on Decision-making of Awarding institutional Accreditation by Accreditation Committee of the “National Center for Professional Education Quality Assurance” Foundation (hereinafter referred to as the Policy) in case of

the TLI corresponds to the Policy's point 2.2 of table 1, which is as follows: *the governance and quality assurance systems generally support the enhancement of the credible award of qualifications.*

3. The Accreditation Committee considers that the third expectation set by the Policy in case of the TLI corresponds to the Policy's point 2.3 of table 1, which is as follows: **internationalization and research/creative activities have development trends and support the credible award of qualifications.**

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

**DECIDED**

1. To change the Accreditation Committee's Decree N 74 as of October 10, 2022, which awarded a conditional institutional accreditation to Mesrop Mashtots University LLC for a period of 2 /two/ years and award institutional accreditation for a period of 4 /four/ years.
2. The decision enters into force from the moment of registration in the State Accreditation Register

**Chair of the Accreditation Committee:                      A. Saghyan**

**March 14, 2023**

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