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**Admission Policy and Procedures to the undergraduate program of the  
autonomous organization of education Nazarbayev University**

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## Section 1. Purpose and Application

1.1. These Policy and Procedures establish general requirements for the selection of the applicants as well as the procedure for organizing and implementing the competition for applicants to be enrolled to the undergraduate program of the autonomous organization of education Nazarbayev University.

1.2. These Policy and Procedures are applied to the autonomous organization of education Nazarbayev University (hereinafter – University) and its applicants applying to the undergraduate program, except for Bachelor in Nursing program.

## Section 2. Keywords /Definitions

2.1. Basic definitions and abbreviations applied to these Policy and Procedures:

2.1.1. **ACT** (American College Testing) – a standardized test for secondary school achievement and college admissions in the USA. The test has an optional 30 minutes long writing section (ACT with writing results);

2.1.2. **Admission period** - a set of deadlines for applying to the University, which includes online application, reviewing of documents, evaluation processes and enrollment;

2.1.3. **Admission Committee** – an advisory and consultative body of the University established to implement arrangements for admission to the undergraduate programs of the University;

2.1.4. **Admissions Department** – a unit of the University designated to facilitate admission to the Foundation, undergraduate and graduate programs of the University;

2.1.5. **A-level** (Advanced Level General Certificate of Education) – the standard school-leaving qualification offered by educational institutions in England, Northern Ireland, Wales, Scotland, and widely recognized in Europe, USA and in many other parts of the world. A-level is studied over a two- year period and are the standard entry qualification for assessing the suitability of applicants for academic courses in English, Welsh and Northern Irish universities;

2.1.6. **Applicant** – a citizen of the Republic of Kazakhstan, a foreign citizen or a stateless individual taking part in the competition;

2.1.7. **Application form** – an application for admission to the undergraduate programs posted in the Personal account;

2.1.8. **College** - an educational institution in Kazakhstan that offers the educational curricula of general secondary and technical and vocational education or post- secondary education;

2.1.9. **ECTS** (European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System) – a standardized system to compare academic performance of students of higher education institutions across European Union and its collaborative countries;

2.1.10. **Enrollment confirmation form** – a form on acceptance or refusal of the admission offer, completed by Applicants upon its receipt;



2.1.11. **Guarantee fee** - a mandatory payment that secures the applicant's place in an undergraduate program. The amount of guarantee fee is established by the internal documents of the University;

2.1.12. **IB Diploma Programme (IB DP)** (International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme) – an intensive two-year international educational program that helps students apply to undergraduate programs at universities;

2.1.13. **IELTS** (International English Language Testing System) – a standardized English proficiency test administered by the British Council, University of Cambridge ESOL Examinations, and IDP Education Pty Ltd. IELTS Online or IELTS Indicator is not accepted within the admission and selection process to the undergraduate program;

2.1.14. **NIS Grade 12 Certificate** – certificate of the autonomous educational organization “Nazarbayev Intellectual Schools” awarded on completion of the integrated programme in collaboration with Cambridge Assessment International Education for students who passed exams of external summative evaluation upon finishing of the 12th form;

2.1.15. **NUET** (Nazarbayev University Entrance Test) – a standardized admission examination developed by the Cambridge Assessment Admissions Testing which tests Mathematics and Critical Thinking and Problem Solving;

2.1.16. **NUFYP** (Nazarbayev University Foundation Year Program) – a one-year intensive University preparatory program at the Center for Preparatory Studies for enrolling to the University undergraduate programs;

2.1.17. **NUFYP graduates** – former students of NUFYP program, eligible for admission review to the first year of undergraduate program;

2.1.18. **Personal account** – online service providing a personal space on the University website upon online application;

2.1.19. **QS World University rankings** - the annual world university rankings published by Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) which provides overall rankings as well as ranking for individual subjects;

2.1.20. **SAT** (Scholastic Aptitude Test or Scholastic Assessment Test) – a standardized test for college admissions in the USA;

2.1.21. **School** – School of the University offering undergraduate academic programs;

2.1.22. **Superscoring** – consideration of the highest section scores from two or more test certificates in order to obtain the best overall score;

2.1.23. **Test Administrator** – an organization, which is authorized to develop, to administer standardized tests, and to oversee procedures regarding testing, verification and delivery;

2.1.24. **Times Higher Education World University rankings** – the annual world university rankings published by the British magazine Times Higher Education (THE) which provides both the overall and the subject rankings;

2.1.25. **TOEFL** (Test of English as a Foreign Language) – a standardized English proficiency test developed by the Educational Testing Service (ETS) (Princeton, New Jersey, USA) in the format of TOEFL IBT test (hereinafter –



TOEFL iBT). TOEFL iBT Home Edition test is not accepted within the admission and selection process to the undergraduate program;

2.1.26. **Transfer student** – a student who has completed secondary level education and is studying/has studied for at least one year in a university program in Kazakhstan or abroad and wishes to enroll in an undergraduate degree program at the University;

2.1.27. **UK Foundation Programme** – a one or two-year university preparatory program taught in the UK that helps students to apply to undergraduate programs at universities;

2.1.28. **Undergraduate program** – four year educational program of higher education, confirmed degree with assignment of academic bachelor's degree;

2.1.29. **University website** – the University web-resource available at [www.nu.edu.kz](http://www.nu.edu.kz);

2.1.30. **University** – autonomous organization of education Nazarbayev University.

### Section 3. Main Provisions

#### 3.1. Admission requirements

3.1.1. Admission to the undergraduate program is based on a competitive basis.

3.1.2. Admission period during which the competition is conducted and the documents are collected is annually approved beforehand by the Deans of Schools of the University in consultation with the Admissions Department and posted on the University website.

3.1.3. One of the following categories of applicants may participate in the competition:

- 1) SAT/ACT applicants;
- 2) A-level/NIS Grade 12 Certificate final year students or graduates. Only final scores must be considered for enrollment;
- 3) IB Diploma Programme final year students or graduates. Only final scores must be considered for enrollment;
- 4) transfer students, applicants who are currently studying or studied in the undergraduate program at a university. The relevancy of the academic year of study for these applicants' enrollment is determined by the Admissions Committee;
- 5) winner of the International and/or Republican Olympiads listed in Appendix 2 of these Policy and Procedures;
- 6) NUET applicants. Applicants applying with results of NUET. Terms and procedures of NUET are written in Chapter 3.5.
- 7) NUFYP graduates. These students will not fully follow the requirements of these Policy and Procedures. All admission procedures for NUFYP graduates category are written in Chapter 3.6.

3.1.4. Applicants indicated in paragraph 3.1.3 of the Policy and Procedures, except for NUFYP graduates, shall meet entry requirements indicated in Appendices



1, 3 to these Policy and Procedures and cases when:

1) applicants have successfully completed at least one academic year of an undergraduate program at a university with English language as an official language of instruction and at the time of online application included into the list of top 200 universities according to the Times Higher Education World University or QS World University ranking. These applicants are exempt from submitting test reports on ACT/SAT Reasoning Test and IELTS/TOEFL;

2) applicants who have been studying in English for the last three years at a secondary school in a country with English as an official language or in an institution with English as a primary (only) language of instruction are exempted from submission of the IELTS/TOEFL certificates. Other requirements for these applicants should be fulfilled in accordance with Appendices 1, 3 of these Policy and Procedures.

3) provided in the second indent of the paragraph 3.1.7 of these Policy and Procedures.

3.1.5. Applicants indicated in subparagraphs 1), 2), 3), 5), 6) and 7) of paragraph 3.1.3 of these Policy and Procedures shall be considered for admission to the first year of the undergraduate program at the University.

3.1.6. Transfer credits of applicants indicated in subparagraph 4) of paragraph 3.1.3 of these Policy and Procedures or applicants who are studying or completed undergraduate programs are identified by Schools after enrollment. The maximum allowed number of transferable credits is 72 (seventy two) ECTS. Credits are transferred, but grades are not assigned to transferred courses. The grades received at the previous institution(s) will not be calculated into a student's grade point average (GPA) or cumulative grade point average (CGPA) at the University. This does not apply to former University undergraduate students.

For former University undergraduate students who completed at least one semester, and were voluntarily withdrawn or dismissed from the University for reasons other than disciplinary, two specific conditions apply:

1) within 5 years of leaving University, former students shall follow the re-admission procedures established by the Office of the Registrar. For these former students, all University ECTS credits and grades will be accepted as part of the re-admission process;

2) beyond 5 years of leaving University, former students need to re-apply as a new student according to the terms and procedures established by these Policy and Procedures.

3.1.7. The University considers an application package of documents for enrollment to the undergraduate program of the applicants referred to in paragraph 5 of these Policy and Procedures, except for NUFYP graduates, in accordance with the entry requirements specified in Appendices 1, 2 and 3 to these Policy and Procedures.

In case of impossibility to conduct either required for competition entry examinations indicated in the Appendix 1 of these Policy and Procedures due to circumstances of force majeure or other reasons proving this impossibility, the Admissions Committee is entitled to accept applicants' documents for consideration



without submission of relevant exams. In such conditions, the Admissions Committee is entitled to replace the main exams indicated in Appendix 1 of these Policy and Procedures with other exam alternatives. In doing so, the Admissions Committee develops and approves an effective selection methodology and evaluation criteria by indicating in meeting minutes.

### **3.2. Application process**

3.2.1. To participate in the competition of the undergraduate program applicants, except NUFYP graduates, apply on the admissions portal ([www.admissions.nu.edu.kz](http://www.admissions.nu.edu.kz)) and before the indicated deadline in the Personal account shall:

- 1) accept the consent for personal data processing and fill out an application form
- 2) pay online the application fee set by the University internal documents. Herewith, the application fee is non-refundable;
- 3) upload scanned copies of the applicants' documents for online application valid upon the date of application, indicated in Appendix 3 to these Policy and Procedures. If a document is not in Kazakh, Russian, or English languages, a scanned copy of a notarized translation to English language must be attached too.
- 4) verify results of valid IELTS or TOEFL iBT certificate scores from the Test Administrator's system and submit its scanned copy of test certificates. The last test certificate verified and submitted to the Personal account will be considered in admission competition.

Copies of documents of enrolled students required by these Policy and Procedures and submitted to applicant's Personal account during the admission period are available to the Office of the Registrar in electronic format and used for formation of student's personal folder.

The applicants' documents for enrollment indicated in Appendix 3 to these Policy and Procedures are handed over to the Office of the Registrar of the University and to be returned to the student according to internal documents of the University.

3.2.2. Providing false, incomplete information and/or failure to provide listed in paragraph 3.2.1 of these Policy and Procedures will result in exclusion from the competition or dismissal in case of enrollment.

3.2.3. Voluntary change of the applicant's category indicated in paragraph 3.1.3 of these Policy and Procedures, except NUFYP graduates, during consideration by the Admission Committee and by the indicated deadline is allowed in case if applicant is eligible for another category indicated in paragraph 3.1.3 of these Policy and Procedures.

3.2.4. The appeal procedure of the admission competition results is not provided.

### **3.3. Admissions Committees**



3.3.1. The main objectives of the Admissions Committee are as follows:

- 1) approval of applicants' evaluation methodology in compliance with entry requirements for applicants indicated in these Policy and Procedures and in compliance with the Rules for progression of Foundation Year Program students to undergraduate schools of the University (hereinafter – Progression rules);
- 2) approval of the applicants ranking with all categories of applicants indicated in paragraph 3.1.3 and according to the evaluation methodology .
- 3) providing recommendations with respect to admissions decisions to the University;
- 4) interviewing International and/or Republican Olympiad winners in order to assess their English speaking skills and optionally applicants of the School of Medicine and School of Mining and Geosciences can be interviewed at the discretion of the Admission Committee;
- 5) performing any other duties within the core activities provided by these Policy and Procedures.

3.3.2. The composition of the Admissions Committee shall consist of the School Dean or his/her designated person, representatives of the School, and University's employees if needed.

3.3.3. The Secretary of the Admissions Committee shall be appointed from the employees of the School. The Secretary shall not have the right to vote.

3.3.4. The number of members of the Admissions Committee shall, in any case, be an odd number but not less than 5 members.

3.3.5. The composition of the Admissions Committee and the Secretary of the Admissions Committee shall be approved by the decision of the Provost of the University or his/her designated person. In the absence of the Secretary of the Admission Committee the Chairperson of the Admissions Committee appoints the temporary replacement Secretary with indication of such replacement in the Admissions Committee meeting minutes.

3.3.6. The Admissions Department manages the Admissions Committee's activities written in these Policy and Procedures and internal documents of the University.

3.3.7. In the absence of the Chairperson of Admissions Committee his/her powers shall be exercised by the Vice Chairperson. In the absence of both the Chairperson and the Vice Chairperson, Chairperson shall appoint designated person who may act as Chairperson and have the authority and responsibilities of the Chairperson.

3.3.8. Meetings of the Admissions Committee are governed by the Chairperson or Vice Chairperson when necessary. A quorum of the Admissions Committee is a simple majority of the voting members present at the meeting.

3.3.9. The decisions of the Admissions Committee shall be taken by simple majority of those present and voting, and shall be legalized through the minutes. In case of a tie vote the Chairperson of the Admissions Committee will have a casting vote. In cases in which the Admissions Committee has Vice Chairperson, in the



absence of the Chair, tied votes shall be resolved by the decision of the Vice Chairperson.

3.3.10. The members of the Admissions Committee may vote and make decisions via video or audio conferences or any other interactive forms of communication. These types of participation are taken into account for quorum consideration and making decisions. The type of interactive form of communication, by which the voting member of the Admissions Committee participated in the meeting, shall be indicated in the meeting minutes of the Admissions Committee.

3.3.11. Decisions of the Admissions Committee are final and recorded in the minutes of the meeting(s) by the Secretary of the Admissions Committee. The minutes of the meeting(s) shall be formatted according to the specified requirements for preparing Minutes of meeting of the University. The minutes of the meeting(s) shall be updated and include a ranking of all recommended applicants, applicants placed on the waiting list, applicants who accepted the admission offer and voluntarily or involuntarily rejected list of applicants. The working language of the Admissions Committee meetings is English. The minutes in English and Kazakh shall be signed by the Chairperson and the Secretary of the Admissions Committee or their designee(s).

3.3.12. The minutes of the Admissions Committee meeting are confidential and are not the subject for dissemination to the third parties, except for employees of the University in the frame of their duties.

3.3.13. All minutes of the Admissions Committee meetings are duly stitched, numbered, scanned and bound by the Secretary of the Admissions Committee, registered and stored in the Admissions Department until being transferred to the University archive. Scanned copies of signed Minutes shall be provided by the Secretary of the Admissions Committee to the Admissions Department.

### **3.4. Procedure for consideration of applications**

3.4.1. If the Applicant's documents comply with the entry requirements specified in Appendices 1, 2 and 3 of these Policy and Procedures, an applicant shall be allowed to participate in the competition.

The Admissions Committee and the Admissions Department shall be entitled to request any additional documents, if required.

3.4.2. The selection process for admissions to the undergraduate program, except for NUFYP graduates, consists of the following stages:

1) review of application packages according to Appendices 1, 2 and 3 to these Policy and Procedures and checking the compliance with the minimum entry requirements for an undergraduate program by the Admissions Department. The Admissions Department checks the validity of standardized tests via authorized access to the database of test administrators.

The Admissions Department provides the Admissions Committee with electronic copies of required documents of applicants who meet minimum entry requirements of chosen category before an applicant can progress to the next stage of





the selection process. The Admissions Department provides the Admissions Committee with documents of applicants who chose their School as the first choice. Applicants who indicated the second choice will be considered only upon request of the Admissions Committee;

2) interviewing the International and/or Republican Olympiad winners in person or via videoconference by the Admissions Committee members. The number of designated interviewers shall not be less than 2 persons per interviewing applicant. At the discretion of the Admissions Committee some applicants of the School of Medicine and School of Mining and Geosciences may be also invited to the interview;

3) review and define applicants' ranking for recommendation for admission according to approved methodology by the members of the Admissions Committee. The Admissions Committee recommends for admission applicants referred in paragraph 3.1.3. of these Policy and Procedures, based on requirements of the specific category, the content of the documents referred to Appendix 3 to these Policy and Procedures, as well as on the Applicants' interview results (if applicable).

In case of equal academic results between applicants the Admissions Committee may take into account other academic credentials (international standardized test scores, prize-winners in subject Olympiads, science and innovation project/s etc.) and non-academic achievements (sport, involvement in social service etc.) if Admissions Committee will decide so.

3.4.3. Based on the outcomes of the competition and decisions the Admissions Committee recommends applicants for admission following the approved ranking. These applicants recommended for admission will be notified by the Admissions Department about the Admissions Committee's decision, except for NUFYP graduates. Provisions of admission are included into the admission offer. Failure to fulfill in due time the provisions of admission specified in the admission offer deprives applicants of the right to take part in the competition according to the Policy and Procedures.

3.4.4. The number of applicants recommended for admission shall not exceed the number of places allocated to the undergraduate program defined by the internal documents of the University.

3.4.5. The applicants not included in the recommended list but meeting the undergraduate admission entry requirements shall be put in a waiting list approved by the Admissions Committee in accordance with their ranking. The Admissions Department is allowed to move up applicants from the waiting list according to their ranking and to send them the admission offers in order to fill the empty seats in accordance with the number of educational grants in case of refusals or withdrawals of applicants recommended for admission. Applicants from the waiting list can participate in the additional selection process to study on scholarships and fee-paying basis.

3.4.6. The applicants recommended for admission by the Admissions Committee who received an admission offer notify the University about their decision by sending an Enrollment confirmation form and paying Guarantee fee in



their Personal account in due time. In case of not providing the Enrollment confirmation form and paying Guarantee fee the applicant will not be enrolled to the program.

3.4.7. The applicants recommended for admission by the Admissions Committee in accordance with established dates written in the admission offer shall upload scanned copy of a notarized copy of the documents for enrollment indicated in Appendix 3 to these Policy and Procedures in case of its absence in Personal account and submit to the Admissions Department an original of the documents for enrollment indicated in Appendix 3 to these Policy and Procedures.

3.4.8. Documents submitted in other languages, except the Kazakh and Russian languages, shall be translated into the English language. The translation of the documents shall be notarized.

3.4.9. The applicants, who are not recommended for admission, receive notification letters about rejection decisions.

3.4.10. Enrollment of applicants shall be legalized by the decision of the University Provost or his/her designated person. Admissions Department prepares enrollment decision. Herewith, if applicant has also applied to NUFYP program, after accepting the admission offer of undergraduate programs, he/she will automatically be excluded from the admission competitions to NUFYP program and vice versa except the cases when applicant is offered fee-paying study. Applicants can be enrolled to one academic program and/or level of education only.

3.4.11. Awarding applicants other University scholarships and enrollment on a fee-paying basis shall be carried out according to the procedure established by the internal documents of the University.

3.4.12. Applicants who have already earned an undergraduate degree under the Republic of Kazakhstan state fund are not eligible for admission under the state educational order to the University's undergraduate degree.

3.4.13. Applicants have the right to be admitted conditionally to the program without the final diploma and/or official final transcript of IB, A-level in exceptional cases with the condition that they will submit a final transcript and a diploma by the end of 1st Fall Semester according to the Academic calendar of the program. In the event of failure to fulfill the terms of conditional enrollment, the student will be dismissed from the University. The Schools and Admissions Department must notify each other of the fulfillment or non-fulfillment of the conditions of admission.

### **3.5. NUET procedure requirements**

3.5.1. In order to participate in NUET, applicants shall choose in application form NUET category and identify the preferable place of testing;

3.5.2. 40. To participate in NUET, applicants of NUET category shall submit IELTS/TOEFL scores complying with requirements indicated in Appendix 1. Applicants who do not meet entry requirements of IELTS/TOEFL cannot participate in NUET;



3.5.3. Applicants shall comply with the test procedure requirements specified by the Policy and Procedures and procedures approved by the Test Administrators. Information about the test procedure requirements is posted on the University website and sent to applicants by email before the test date.

3.5.4. Despite the format of the testing (online or offline), applicants must go through authorization procedure during the registration to the test using identification documents. If an applicant fails to present the documents indicated above, he/she shall not be admitted to the test.

3.5.5. The test scores of applicants who violate the test procedure requirements shall be canceled by the Test administrators or Admission Committee. Applicants with cancelled test scores shall not be permitted to apply again to the University in the future.

3.5.6. The NUET is administered and evaluated by representatives of the Test Administrators.

3.5.7. Upon completion of NUET, applicants are notified by e-mail and by posting the test results in the applicant's Personal account.

3.5.8. Applicants who failed NUET by not meeting minimum requirements written in Appendix 1 shall be rejected from further consideration except the cases when applicant meets requirements of another category according to the paragraph 3.2.3 of these Policy and Procedures.

### **3.6. Conditions for consideration of NUFYP graduates category**

3.6.1. NUFYP graduates do not apply directly on the admissions portal and do not have the Personal account. Application package of documents for enrollment of NUFYP graduates is waived. All data and documents on NUFYP graduates category is stored in the Office of the Registrar database.

3.6.2. List of NUFYP graduates shall be formed by the Office of the Registrar and transferred to the Admissions Department.

3.6.3. NUFYP graduates must meet requirements indicated in the Progression rules;

3.6.4. NUFYP graduates shall be considered for the first year of undergraduate program at the University.

3.6.5. The Admissions Committee reviews NUFYP graduates according to paragraph 3.3.1 of these Policy and Procedures.

3.6.6. Decision results of the Admissions Committee on NUFYP graduates shall be sent to the Admissions Department and Office of the Registrar.

3.6.7. NUFYP graduates shall be notified by the Office Registrar on decisions made by the Admission Committee and send offers to those who are recommended for admission to undergraduate program.

3.6.8. Enrollment decision on NUFYP graduates shall be done by the Office of the Registrar.



3.6.9. Since the Admissions Department does not have personal information on the NUFYP graduates data, the preparation of statistical data on them is within the Office of the Registrar's competence.

### **3.7. Mid Year Intake**

3.7.1. An additional selection process for applicants to be enrolled on a fee-paying basis for Spring semester according to the Academic calendar of the undergraduate programs is carried out by the Admissions Committee.

3.7.2. Admission period during which the competition is conducted is annually approved beforehand by the undergraduate programs Admission Committee of each School in consultation with the Admissions Department and posted on the University website.

3.7.3. Applicants may participate in the undergraduate programs competition on fee-paying basis with categories indicated in subparagraphs 1)-5) of paragraph 3.1.3 and to participate in the competition must meet requirements specified in Appendices 1, 2 and 3 of these Policy and Procedures. Thus, NUET applicants category may participate in the Mid Year intake only with the results of NUET taken in the same calendar year of submission of their application.

3.7.4. The application process for fee-paying study is conducted as regulated in Section 3 of these Policy and Procedures.

3.7.5. The selection process for admissions to the undergraduate program, except for NUFYP graduates, shall be regulated as specified in Chapter 3.4.

3.7.6. Enrollment of Applicants on a fee-paying basis shall be formalized by the decision of the University Provost or his/her substitute.

3.7.7. Applicants applying for undergraduate programs in the Spring semester on fee-paying basis and recommended for enrollment do not participate in selection for awarding an educational grant “Nazarbayev University” and other scholarships during enrollment.

### **Section 4. Waiver**

4.1. The Provost is eligible to grant a Waiver from certain provisions of these Policy and Procedures.

### **Section 5. Temporary Provision**

5.1. Not applicable.

### **Section 6. Revision**

6.1. This Policy and Procedures shall be reviewed within one year after approval and completion of the admission cycle and revised if necessary.



## **Section 7. Related Documents**

7.1. Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan “On the Status of Nazarbayev University, Nazarbayev Intellectual Schools and Nazarbayev Fund,” the Charter of the autonomous organization of education Nazarbayev University, Policy for preparing some internal administrative documents on core activities and students contingent in the autonomous organization of education Nazarbayev University, and Procedure for preparing some internal administrative documents on core activities and students contingent in the autonomous organization of education Nazarbayev University.



Appendix 1 to the Admission Policy and Procedures to the undergraduate program of the autonomous organization of education Nazarbayev University

### Minimum entry requirements to participate in the competition of the undergraduate program\*

#### 1. Minimum entry requirements for SAT/ACT applicants category

Minimum entry requirements for SAT Reasoning Test и ACT	Minimum entry requirements for IELTS or TOEFL
SAT Reasoning Test - no less than 1240 or ACT - composite score no less than 26.	IELTS – no less than 6.5 overall (with at least 6.0 in each sub-score) or TOEFL iBT - 79 (Reading – no less than 13, Listening – no less than 12, Speaking – no less than 18, Writing – no less than 21)

#### 2. Minimum entry requirements for A-level/NIS Grade 12 Certificates category

Minimum entry requirements for A-level/NIS Grade 12 Certificates	Minimum entry requirements for IELTS or TOEFL
not less than ABB for any subjects	IELTS – no less than 6.5 overall (with at least 6.0 in each sub-score) or TOEFL iBT - 79 (Reading – no less than 13, Listening – no less than 12, Speaking – no less than 18, Writing – no less than 21)

#### 3. Minimum entry requirements for IB Diploma Programme category

Minimum entry requirements for IB DP scores	Minimum entry requirements for IELTS or TOEFL
not less than 30 total score and 4, 4, 5 for 3 subjects of HL	IELTS – no less than 6.5 overall (with at least 6.0 in each sub-score) or TOEFL iBT - 79 (Reading – no less than 13, Listening – no less than 12, Speaking – no less than 18, Writing – no less than 21)



**4. Minimum entry requirements for transfer students category**

<b>Minimum entry requirements for SAT Reasoning Test or ACT</b>	<b>Minimum entry requirements for IELTS or TOEFL</b>	<b>GPA entry requirement</b>
SAT Reasoning Test - no less than 1240 or ACT – composite score no less than 26	IELTS – no less than 6.5 overall (with at least 6.0 in each sub- score) or TOEFL iBT - 79 (Reading – no less than 13, Listening – no less than 12, Speaking – no less than 18, Writing – no less than 21)	Not less than 5 out of 4.0 GPA

**5. Minimum entry requirements for winners of International and/or Republic Olympiads category \*\***

<b>Type of Olympiad</b>	<b>Medal type</b>	<b>Minimum entry requirements for IELTS or TOEFL</b>
Republic Olympiad	gold and silver medals (I, II) for the current academic year	required, no minimum passing score
International Olympiad	gold, silver and bronze medals (I, II, III) for the last three years	

**6. Minimum entry requirements for NUET applicants category**

<b>NUET</b>	<b>Minimum score in total</b>	<b>Minimum passing scores per subject</b>	<b>Minimum entry requirements for IELTS or TOEFL</b>
Mathematics	130	60	IELTS – no less than 6.5 overall (with at least 6.0 in each sub-score) or TOEFL iBT - 79 (Reading – no less than 13, Listening – no less than 12, Speaking – no less than 18, Writing – no less than 21)
Critical Thinking and Problem Solving		60	

\* Only valid certificates are considered for admission competition and only on the condition that the test is taken at Testing Center in person.

\*\* Applicants of the winners of International and Republic Olympiads category can apply with both type of Olympiads in the same time.



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### **List of International Subject Olympiads**

1. International Mathematics Olympiad - IMO
2. International Physics Olympiad - IPHO
3. International Chemistry Olympiad - IchO
4. International Biology Olympiad IBO
5. International Olympiad in Informatics - IOI
6. International Zhautykov Olympiad in Mathematics, Physics and Informatics
7. International Mendeleev Chemistry Olympiad

### **List of Republican Subject Olympiads of the Republic of Kazakhstan**

1. Republican Mathematics Olympiad
2. Republican Physics Olympiad
3. Republican Chemistry Olympiad
4. Republican Biology Olympiad
5. Republican Informatics Olympiad





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**List of the applicants' documents for online application**

- 1) Application form;
- 2) scan copy of passport or national ID, or birth certificate for applicants under the age of 16;
- 3) scan notarized copy of nationally recognized certificate stating completion of a secondary school or college with transcript or its foreign equivalent, A-level certificate or UK Foundation Programme (if available at the time of documents submission) or a certificate from educational institution according to the sample in Personal account of applicant (in case the applicant is a current student of the final grade (course) at the time of online application);
- 4) scan notarized copy of NIS Grade 12 Certificate or its academic reports with predicted scores acknowledged by the school with obligation to submit the hard copy of the document in due time (only for graduates of NIS Grade 12 Certificate);
- 5) scan notarized copy of IB Diploma Programme with transcript or predicted scores acknowledged by the school with obligation to submit the hard copy of the document in due time (only for IB Diploma Programme graduates);
- 6) scan copy of Motivation letter;
- 7) verified score report of valid ACT certificate or verified score report of valid SAT Reasoning certificate downloaded from the Test administrator system. ACT and SAT must be valid and passed no more than 3 years ago at the moment of submitting online application. In case the applicant provides several valid SAT Reasoning/ACT certificates, the Superscoring will be applied;
- 8) score report of valid (no more than 2 years at the moment of submitting online application) Academic IELTS/TOEFL certificate verified from the test administrator system and scanned copy of the certificate, or a scanned copy of a valid TOEFL PDT certificate;
- 9) scan copy of Diploma/Certificate of International and/or Republican Olympiad (only for International/Republic Olympiad winners indicated in Appendix 2 to these Policy and Procedures);
- 10) scan copy of transcript from the university attended in original language and English or academic reports with predicted scores acknowledged by the university attended (only for transfer students);
- 11) scan copy of course description of studied courses/subjects from university attended in both English and original languages (only for transfer students).



### **List of the applicants' documents for enrollment**

- 1) An original of a nationally recognized certificate stating completion of a secondary school, technical, vocational or post-secondary school;
- 2) an original of a NIS Grade 12 Certificate or A-level certificate (only for A-level/ NIS Grade 12 Certificate category);
- 3) an original of an IB Diploma Programme with transcript (only for IB Diploma Programme graduates).

