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# Higher Education Quality Assurance in Ukraine

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# Higher Education in Ukraine in Figures



- 381 state-funded (+75 subdivisions), 23 municipal (+1) and 140 private Universities (+51). More than 1200 HEIs in total
- 1,4 mln students including about 25,000 of PhD and Doctoral students (56% contract-base form of study and 44% state budget form of study)
- About 76,000 foreign students in Ukraine
- About 77,000 Ukrainian students studying abroad
- Graduates (44% social, economic and humanities; 16% engineers; 8% medical workers, 7% teachers, 6% transport workers, 4% natural sciences, the others)

# NAQA mandate

- Accreditation of study programs (bachelor, master, PhD)
- Accreditation of thesis defense committees
- Accreditation of independent agencies
- Institutional accreditation of higher education institutions (HEIs)
- Development of university rankings
- Compliance with academic integrity
- Other activities (Annual Report on the State of Higher Education in Ukraine, development of education policy regulations, agreeing HE standards etc)

2014 - the Law on Higher Education –  
NAQA as independent public non-profit organization

2015 - the first personal NAQA composition –  
no official start

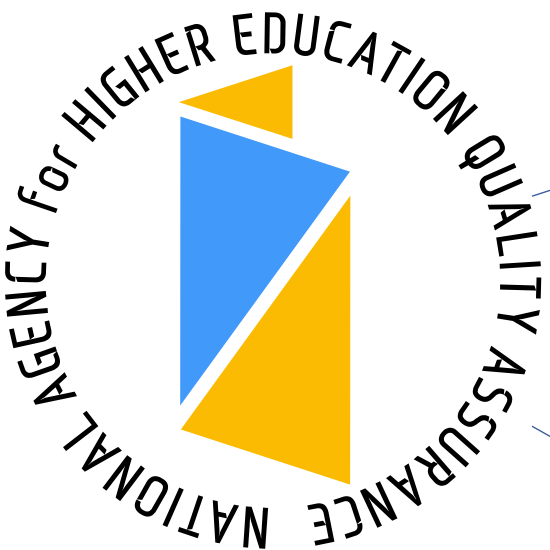
2017 – the Law on Education –  
improved procedure of NAQA members election

December 2018 - the new personal NAQA composition  
February 2019 - NAQA official start of work

Today – requirements for QA and transparency; implementation  
of the HE state policy; addressing modern challenges



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## MISSION

to become a catalyst for changes in HE in Ukraine to create quality culture

## VALUES

- PARTNERSHIP
- TRUST
- INDEPENDENCE
- PROFESSIONALISM
- INNOVATION
- ACADEMIC INTEGRITY
- TRANSPERENCY



NAQA  
(23 elected members)

Secretariat  
(about 60 people)

Subject Area  
Councils  
(29+1)

Trainers (45)

Accreditation  
Experts  
(more than 4000)

Subject Area  
Councils  
members (400)



# NAQA Membership

## Членство Національного агентства у міжнародних організаціях



The International Network for Quality Assurance Agencies in Higher Education (INQAAHE) – повне членство з лютого 2020 року



The Central and Eastern European Network of Quality Assurance Agencies in Higher Education, CEENQA – повне членство з липня 2020 року



The European Association for Quality Assurance in Higher Education, ENQA – афілійований статус з червня 2020 року



The International Center for Academic Integrity (ICAI) – членство з липня 2020 року



# Accreditation of Study Programme



- Regulation on Study Program Accreditation
- 10 criteria aligned to ESG-2015
- 4 grades (A,B,E,F)
- Accreditation process in brief: Self-Assessment – Expert Panel site-visit and report – Verification by Subject area council – Validation by NAQA
- Expert panel - three experts including student expert
- Subject area council includes employer and student representatives
- NAQA includes 2 students and 3 employers representatives
- October 2019-February 2020: 400 regular accreditations



# NAQA Response to covid-19: Online accreditations

- On March 12, 2020 and March 26, 2020 - orders to cancel site-visits to HEIs during covid-19 quarantine
- March 18, 2020 provisional accreditation procedure adopted
- It is based on the following principles: temporary measures; full expertise including all meetings with stakeholders and evaluation of all accreditation criteria; no face-to-face contacts, all interviews should be done using videoconferencing and other IT tools only.
- March 2020- March 2021: more than 1100 online accreditations
- ENQA collection of cases, ENQA anniversary publication, EQAF presentation - <https://en.naqa.gov.ua/?p=910>  
<https://www.enqa.eu/publications/advancing-quality-in-european-higher-education-celebrating-20-years-of-enqa/> <https://eua.eu/events/72-2020-european-quality-assurance-forum.html>

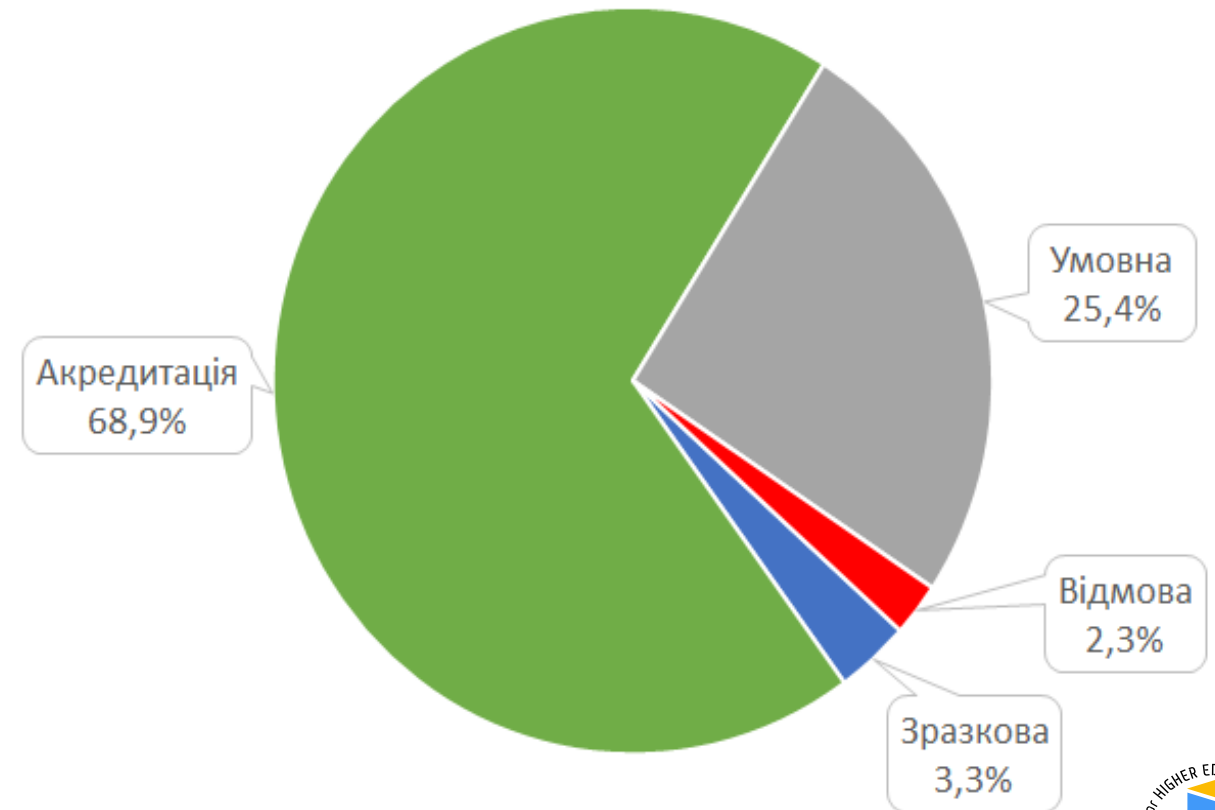
# NAQA Final Decisions (1500 in total):

A - 3.3%

B - 68.9%

E - 25.4%

F - 2.3%



[www.public.naqa.gov.ua](http://www.public.naqa.gov.ua)

# Cross Border QA

- Ukrainian HEI may choose a suitable EQAR-registered agency included into the order of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine (dated July 10, 2019 No. 554-p) – details <https://www.eqar.eu/kb/country-information/country/?id=181>
- Only **final decision on accreditation** of study programme by relevant foreign agency is equivalent to the accreditation by NAQA (Chapter V of Regulations on Accreditation of Study Programme in Higher Education) – details [https://en.naqa.gov.ua/?page\\_id=472](https://en.naqa.gov.ua/?page_id=472)
- 35 Ukrainian study programmes are accredited by HCERES (France), ZEvA (Germany), AIC (Latvia) – details <https://en.naqa.gov.ua/?cat=6>



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# Thank you for your attention!



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change and improvement of  
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