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Article 1

Legal Basis

Regulation for the treatment of students with disabilities at Aleksandër Moisiu University is based on Law no. 50 / 20.15 "On higher education and scientific research in Higher Education Institutions in the Republic of Albania" in Law no. 93 / 20.14 'On the inclusion and accessibility of persons with disabilities', in the Decision of the Council of Ministers no. 1074, dated 23. 12. 2015 "On determining the measures to eliminate obstacles in communication and infrastructure in the provision of public services for persons with disabilities" in the Decision of the Council of Ministers no. 1503 dated 19.11. 2008 Regulation on the use of spaces by persons with disabilities in the code in the Code of Ethics, Statute and Regulation of the Aleksandër Moisiu University as well as in Decision no. 1074, dated 23.12.2015 "On determining the measures to eliminate obstacles in communication and infrastructure in providing public services for people with disabilities.

Article 2

Object

The object of this regulation is to define the rules for:

- a) the treatment of students with disabilities and the definition of the fundamental rights related to their inclusion and accessibility in order to guarantee equal opportunities for all these students on equal terms with others.
- b) guaranteeing independent studies for all students with disabilities who choose to study at the Aleksandër Moisiu University Durres, maximizing their autonomy in order to guarantee studies in the community on equal terms with others.

Article 3

Purpose

The purpose of this regulation is:

- a) To guarantee the promotion and protection of the rights of students with disabilities in UAMD to enable their full and effective participation in the studies offered by UAMD, the financial support for their studies and to guarantee the access of these students to all decision-making bodies, student activities, scientific research and all other activities offered by the Aleksander Moisiu University Durrës through assistance and support.
- b) To determine the responsibility of all responsible structures of UAMD in the implementation of principles of inclusion and accessibility to reduce or even remove barriers for persons with disabilities in order to enable their equal participation in the activities and services of UAMD.

Article 4

Scope of competences

This regulation extends its competence to all students with disabilities for the time they attend studies at Aleksandër Moisiu University Durrës and throughout the period they enjoy the status of student at UAMD.

Article 5

Definition of key concepts

In this Regulation the following terms have the following meanings:

1. "Accessibility" is the removal of obstacles of all kinds.
2. "Obstacle" means:
 - a) Social barriers, especially attitudes, stereotypes and guardian behavior;

b) Environmental barriers, including communication difficulties faced by persons, students with sensory impairments, especially those with visual and hearing impairments, those for whom verbal communication is limited or impossible, or persons seeking simple forms of communication in order to read and understand;

c) Infrastructural obstacles, including those in the premises of the University Aleksander Moisiu Durrës.

3. "Discrimination against persons with physical disabilities" is any distinction, exception, restriction or preference due to disability, which has as its purpose or consequence the obstruction or impossibility of exercising, as well as other rights and fundamental rights recognized in the Constitution and law.

4. "Denial of reasonable accommodation" is the form of discrimination that occurs when denying or refusing to make necessary and appropriate adjustments or changes that are necessary in a particular case without placing an excessive burden in order to ensure that students with disabilities to be able to enjoy and exercise on an equal terms with others while pursuing studies at UAMD.

5. "Students with disabilities" are individuals who have long-term physical, mental, intellectual or sensory impairment which in interaction with various barriers may hinder a person's full and effective participation in Aleksandër Moisiu university activities on an equal basis.

6. "Inclusion" is the efficient and equal participation of students with disabilities in all areas and activities of UAMD, through the removal of environmental, infrastructural and institutional social barriers, which prevent their exclusion, isolation or segregation and limit equal opportunities for these students.

7. "Reasonable adaptation" is the necessary and appropriate modification and adjustments, when necessary, without placing an excessive burden, to guarantee students with disabilities the enjoyment or exercise on an equal footing with others, all fundamental human rights and freedoms.

Article 6

Obligations of the Aleksandër Moisiu University Durrës

The staff of the Aleksander Moisiu University Durrës has the obligation to:

- a) not to discriminate against students with disabilities by guaranteeing that they will not be treated differently when attending studies at UAMD based on the disability they have
- b) to guarantee equality including gender equality that ensures that students with disability to have equal opportunities.
- c) to guarantee the autonomy of students with disabilities and respect their privacy of decision-making.
- d) to guarantee accessibility by avoiding obstacles of any kind;
- e) the inclusion of students with disabilities in order to enable their proper and equal participation in all areas of activity.

Article 7

Assistance in decision making

UAMD staff has the obligation to ensure that students with disabilities who need assistance in decision-making receive adequate support. Support can be provided in a number of ways including support through interpretation and simple language as well as assistance in the person's relationships with third parties who may not understand his or her ways of communicating. Support is given gradually, giving enough time to those who seek it, to learn how to use support for their own good.

Article 8

Accessibility fund

Aleksandër Mosiu University Durrës provides and approves specific funds and takes the necessary measures to provide financial funding in order to avoid environmental and infrastructural barriers in providing services to students with disabilities.

Article 9

Appointed staff for disability issues

Is an employee of the University who has special training and knowledge in the field of disability and has the duty to monitor that policies and programs are designed and implemented in accordance with the criteria set by applicable law for accessibility and inclusion providing equal opportunities for students with disabilities.

Article 10

Plan of measures

1. UAMD approves by order of the head according to the field of responsibility the plan of measures for adaptation and for the removal of obstacles in communication and infrastructure in the institution in order to provide services for students with disabilities.
2. The plan of measures includes the obligation of UAMD for a) identification of existing facilities and services, for which adaptation is needed, b) progressive planning of funds necessary for adaptation; c) determining the time limit for the realization of the adaptation (adjustments).
3. A copy of this plan after being approved by the responsible person (head)? is sent to the National Council of Disability. Taking adaptation measures should in any case be part of the technical specifications as one of the necessary mandatory conditions to be met in a procurement process.

4. UAMD has the obligation to progressively plan the adaptation process in accordance with the provisions of this decision.
5. UAMD has the obligation to start the work within 12 (twelve) months from the date of approval of the plan of measures to carry out the adaptation process related to the existing facilities and services provided.
6. The plan of measures and periodic/annual reports for their implementation are published by the institution on the official website of UAMD and are also sent to the ministry responsible for disability issues.

Article 11

Accessible online information

UAMD takes progressive measures to implement the accessibility requirements of students with learning difficulties by composing and adapting to their needs any online information intended for them or for public consumption.

Article 12

Physical accessibility of the university

1. All UAMD premises must ensure their use and accessibility even by students with disabilities.
2. The internal structures of the UAMD premises must meet the characteristics referred to in article 9,17,19 and the external structures those referred to in article 12 of decision no. 1503 dated 19.11.2008 "Regulation on the use of spaces by persons with disabilities, implementation of rules for the elimination of architectural barriers in apartments, spaces and public services".
3. In UAMD premises must be guaranteed a level of accessibility in the interior spaces such that can enable the use of the buildings by both the public and the staff according to the rules given in Article 4 of the second part of the Regulation approved with Decision of the Council of Minister no. 1503, dated 19.11.2008.

4. In the case of multi-storey university buildings without elevator, the classroom attended by students with disabilities must be located on the accessible ground floor through a continuous horizontal passage and sloping to the necessary part of it.

5. All UAMD buildings must comply with the accessibility requirements given in point 1, 2, 3 of Article 4 of the Regulation on the use of space by persons with disabilities, the implementation of rules for the elimination of architectural barriers in accommodation spaces and public services ". Limiting to hygienic services the requirement would be considered met if at least one hygienic service on each usable floor is accessible to students in wheelchairs. If in the building, depending on the size and flow of students and staff who use it, more groups of hygienic services should be provided, those that are accessible by people in wheelchairs should be added in proportion.

Article 13

Outdoor spaces

1. For external spaces belonging to buildings, the necessary condition of accessibility is considered fulfilled when there is at least one access road to the building that can be used by people with disabilities, wheelchair users and sensors.
2. Roads in outdoor areas leading to the entrance of UAMD buildings must be provided with at least one of the characteristics that allow the movement of persons with disabilities or mobility disabilities and guarantee them the use of parking equipment and of services located outside the building.
3. Roads should provide a comfortable and easy walk to the entrance of the building without narrowing, equipment, obstacles of various natures which reduce the width of the passage or may cause physical damage to the wheelchair user. Their size should guarantee mobility and at not too high points between them the change of direction by a person in a wheelchair.

Article 14

Basic fire safety rules

1. Any solution provided in UAMD building project to guarantee access or utilization must provide for an appropriate distribution of firefighters and special technical designations for fire protection to persons / students with disabilities or moving and sensory disabilities.
2. Thus priority should be given where technically possible and in accordance with the rules in force to the subdivision of the whole building into "fire chambers" rather than "exit systems" consisting of safety ladders which may not be used by persons with disabilities or mobility disabilities.
3. The division into rooms that constitute "static safe places" should be done in such a way that the premises are protected, evenly distributed and in sufficient numbers, fire resistant and easily accessible by persons / students with disabilities where then they can wait for the ambulance.

Article 15

Financial help for students with disabilities

1. Benefit from financial treatment with scholarships, students who have been admitted to professional study programs, undergraduate programs who belong to disadvantaged group and are students with disabilities certified by the Medical Commission for Assignment of working ability, beneficiaries of the disability payment.
2. Are excluded from the annual tuition fee students who have been admitted to vocational study programs, first cycle study programs who belong to disadvantaged background and are students with disabilities certified by the Medical Commission for Assignment of the ability to work beneficiaries of disability payments.
3. Pay 50% of the annual tuition fee approved by UAMD, students attending studies in the second cycle of study programs and are students with disabilities certified by a decision of the Medical Commission for Assignment of the Ability to work.

Article 16

Accessibility of UAMD buildings

For the fulfillment of the criteria of suitability and accessibility of UAMD buildings in accordance with this regulation and the Regulation for the use of spaces by persons with disabilities, the implementation of the rules for the elimination of architectural barriers in apartments, public spaces and services", The Directorate of Procurement and Investments, Directorate of Financial Administration and the Directorate of Support Services in UAMD, are in charge.

Article 17

Approval and entry into force

This regulation was approved by decision No. 47 date 21/06/2021 of the Academic Senate of the Aleksandër Moisiu University Durrës and enters into force after approval by the Academic Senate of Aleksandër Moisiu University Durrës.