



## Application for ENQA Affiliation by the State Agency for Science and Higher Education (EATDA)

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### Public Communication channels

- Website: The official website will be launched very soon.
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/eatdaeduaz>
- LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/eatdaeduaz/>
- Is your organisation active on other social media channels? (Please specify.) The Agency is very active on Facebook and LinkedIn.

## EATDA's Official Application

### I. Applicant's motivation for seeking ENQA affiliation

I.1: Please state the strategic reasons why your organisation wishes to establish a formal relationship with ENQA.

As a governmental agency operating in the field of coordination of science and higher education in the Republic of Azerbaijan, "EATDA" is motivated to become an ENQA affiliate for the following strategic reasons:

- Representation and policy-making;
- Stakeholder involvement in QA matters;
- Networking opportunities and exchange of practice;
- Professional development;
- Collaboration on projects;
- Visibility etc.

I.2: Please state the main reasons why your organisation seeks affiliation with ENQA rather than membership.

- the organisation is not a QA agency - "EATDA" is not a QA agency; it is a stakeholder of the national higher education system. The agency is committed to contributing to the development of Higher Education Area both in the national and international dimensions.

## II. Applicant's background and activities

2.1: Please provide a brief description of your organisation and its main activities.

"EATDA" has been set up in line with the Presidential Decree signed on July 28, 2022. According to the Presidential Decree, "EATDA" is a governmental agency operating in the field of coordination of science and higher education in the Republic of Azerbaijan.

"EATDA" is managed through an approved structure made up of the following departments and units:

- 1) Department for work with higher and secondary specialized education institutions:
  - Unit for work with higher education institutions;
  - Unit for work with secondary specialized education institutions.
- 2) Department for work with research institutes
- 3) Department for International cooperation:
  - International projects management unit;
  - Study abroad unit.
- 4) Legal affairs and human resources unit;
- 5) Finance unit;
- 6) Evaluation and monitoring unit;
- 7) Unit for work with documents and queries.

The primary activities and responsibilities of "EATDA" are as follows:

- To make proposals to the Ministry regarding the formulation of the state policy in the relevant field, to participate in the implementation of that policy;
- To ensure the development of the relevant field;
- To participate in the formation of the normative legal framework in the relevant field;
- To take measures to regulate and coordinate the activities of scientific and educational institutions;
- To take measures to ensure the integration of the educational process with scientific activity;
- To form a result-oriented, transparent and efficient management model in scientific and educational institutions and ensure the use of modern management technologies in this process;
- To take measures to determine the demand for qualified personnel training in accordance with the requirements of the labour market;
- To participate in the implementation of international cooperation in the relevant field.

2.2: Please list all entities that own, control or hold minority participation (i.e. trustees, shareholders, etc.) in your organisation.

"EATDA" operates under the Ministry of Science and Education of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

“EATDA” has 43 permanent employees. The overall management and control of “EATDA” activities are carried out by the Director and two Deputy Directors. “EATDA” management (Director and Deputy Directors) shall be appointed and dismissed by the Minister of Science and Education of the Republic of Azerbaijan. Staff members shall be appointed and dismissed by the Director of “EATDA”.

There is no private participation. Additionally, “EATDA” works in close mutual communication with 20 higher education institutions under the Ministry of Science and Education of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

2.3: What are your organisation's main sources of funding (e.g. self-funding, public funding, private funding)? In case of private funding, please identify the list of contributors.

Sources of “EATDA” revenues include allocations from the state budget. There is no other source of funding.

2.4: If your organisation carries out accreditations, please provide a link to the list of institutions or programmes that your organisation has accredited in the past three years.

Since it is not a QA body, it is not authorized to conduct accreditation, but according to the relevant Articles of its Charter (*Article 2.1.2.* To ensure the development of the relevant field; *Article 2.1.6.* To form a result-oriented, transparent and efficient management model in scientific and educational institutions and ensure the use of modern management technologies in this process and *Article 2.1.8.* To participate in the implementation of international cooperation in the relevant field), EATDA contributes to enhancement of the quality of higher and secondary specialized education and strengthening of scientific-methodical support.

In compliance with relevant Articles of its Charter (*Article 3.1.4.* To take measures to create environment in education that meets international standards in higher and secondary specialized education institutions and *Article 3.1.6.* To control the organization of education in higher and secondary specialized educational institutions according to the relevant state standards), “EATDA” checks, monitors, and evaluates relevant matters.

2.5: What is your organisation's geographical scope (i.e. the geographical areas in which it performs its activities)?

“EATDA” is a governmental agency operating in the field of coordination of science and higher education in the Republic of Azerbaijan. Currently, “EATDA” covers both universities, scientific institutions and non-university institutions (secondary specialized education institutions and research institutes) in the Republic of Azerbaijan.