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**ADMISSION REGULATIONS TO THE NAZARBAYEV UNIVERSITY  
FOUNDATION YEAR PROGRAM AT THE CENTRE FOR  
PREPARATORY STUDIES  
OF THE AUTONOMOUS ORGANIZATION OF EDUCATION  
“NAZARBAYEV UNIVERSITY”**  
*(as amended as of April 11, 2017)*

## Chapter 1. General provisions

1. These Admission Regulations to the Nazarbayev University Foundation Year Program at the Centre for Preparatory Studies of the Autonomous Organization of Education “Nazarbayev University” (hereinafter - Regulations) are developed in accordance with:

1) the Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan “On Status of “Nazarbayev University”, “Nazarbayev Intellectual Schools” and “Nazarbayev Fund” dated January 19, 2011;

2) the Charter of the Autonomous Organization of Education “Nazarbayev University” approved by resolution of the Supreme Board of Trustees dated April 18, 2013;

3) main directions of the Nazarbayev University Strategy for 2013-2020 approved by resolution of the Supreme Board of Trustees dated April 18, 2013,

and determine the procedure for organizing and implementing the admission competition for applicants to be enrolled to the Centre for Preparatory Studies of the Autonomous Organization of Education “Nazarbayev University”.

2. Basic definitions and abbreviations applied to these Regulations:

1) **University** – Autonomous Organization of Education “Nazarbayev University”;

2) **The British Council** – an international organization of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland dealing with the issues of cooperation in cultural spheres and education;

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

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

5) **Centre for Preparatory Studies of the University** – an academic division of the University established to implement the NUFYP;

6) **APTIS** - an English language assessment test developed and administered by the British Council;

7) **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;

8) **NUFYP Entrance Test** – a standardized admission test in Mathematics and one of the following subjects - Physics, Biology/Chemistry, Thinking Skills developed by the University of Cambridge English Language Assessment;

9) **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 (Internet-based Test) and TOEFL PBT (Paper-based Test);

10) **Admission Committee** – an advisory and consultative body of the University established to implement arrangements for admission to the Centre for Preparatory Studies of the University;

11) **Applicant** – a citizen of the Republic of Kazakhstan, a foreign citizen or a stateless individual taking part in the competition who meet the requirements and criteria set out by these Regulations;

12) **Personal account** – online service providing a personal space on the University website upon registration;

13) **Student** – an applicant who successfully passed all stages of the competition provided by these Regulations and enrolled to the Centre for Preparatory Studies based on the decision of the University Provost or his/her designee;

14) **Provisional admission** – an interim enrollment of applicants who received the highest scores on required entrance examinations;

15) **Application form** – an application for admission to the NUFYP posted on the Personal account;

16) **Additional application form** – an application form of posted on the Personal account after the Admissions Committee approval for completion by applicant on condition of successful passing of three stages of the selection process.

17) **Enrolment confirmation form** – a form filled and signed by Applicants upon receipt of letter of acceptance to the Centre for Preparatory Studies of the University.

*Subclauses 18)-21) have been added to clause 2 in accordance with Decision of the Academic Council dated April 5, 2017 No.75 and Oder of the Provost dated April 10, 2017 No.13-н/қ*

18) **School** – School of the University offering undergraduate academic programs;

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

20) **SAT Reasoning Test** (SAT - Scholastic Aptitude Test or Scholastic Assessment Test) – a standardized test for college admissions in USA. The test is intended to assess a student's readiness for college. The SAT Reasoning Test consists of three sections: Mathematics, Critical Reading and Writing;

21) **SAT Subject Test** (SAT - Scholastic Assessment Test) – a standardized test to identify students' aptitude to study certain subjects to apply to the undergraduate program in USA higher educational institutions. There are 20 SAT Subject Tests in five general subject areas: English, history, languages, mathematics and science.

## **Chapter 2. Admission terms and procedure**

3. Applicants shall be enrolled to the Centre for Preparatory Studies of the University on a competitive basis.

4. The competition and admission deadlines shall be annually approved by the University Admission Committee and posted on the University website.

5. Applicants meeting the following eligibility criteria can take part in the competition:

1) Students in the final year of secondary education institutions;

2) Students in the final year of technical, vocational, post-secondary and higher education institutions;

3) Applicants graduated from secondary, post-secondary or higher education institutions.

6. The competition process consists of the following stages:

1) Stage I – APTIS;

2) Stage II – subject examination NUFYP Entrance Test;

3) Stage III – IELTS;

4) Stage IV – consideration of Applicants' documents by the Admission Committee.

The University shall determine dates and venue where examinations will be held, and notify an Applicant via e-mail specified in the Personal account; information shall be also posted on the University website.

7. The appeal procedure of the competition results is not provided.

8. APTIS, NUFYP Entrance Test and IELTS may be held in several intakes upon decision of the Admission Committee.

9. Except the cases provided by these Regulations, the APTIS, NUFYP Entrance Test, and IELTS examinations are conducted at the expense of the University. The amount of registration fee for application form fill-out in the Applicants' Personal accounts to take part in the competition shall be set out by University internal documents.

### **Chapter 3. Brief description of the APTIS, NUFYP Entrance Test and IELTS**

10. APTIS consists of 75 multiple-choice questions under three modules – reading, grammar and vocabulary. The duration of the APTIS is 55 minutes.

The number of tasks and duration of APTIS can be changed by the test administrator.

The minimum passing score of the APTIS shall be at least 50% of correct answers.

11. Depending on chosen school where the Applicant is planning to continue his/her studying after successful completion of the NUFYP, the NUFYP Entrance Test shall be held in two of the following subject sections according to clause 34 hereof: Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry/Biology, and Thinking Skills.

Each subject section consists of 30 multiple-choice questions. The duration of testing under each subject section is 60 minutes.

The NUFYP Entrance Test is assessed by standardized scale from 0 to 120 points for each subject section. The minimum passing level shall not be less than a standardized score of 120 in total for 2 (two) subjects, while the passing level for each of the subjects is not less than a standardised score of 50.

12. IELTS consists of 2 parts: written and oral. The overall duration of IELTS is 2 hours and 54 minutes.

The number of tasks and duration of IELTS can be changed by the test administrator.

The written part of IELTS consists of 3 modules – Listening, Reading and Writing. These three modules (Listening, Reading and Writing) are held within one day.

The Listening module consists of 4 sections, 40 questions total. The duration of this module is 30 minutes. Upon completion of record listening Applicants are given additional 10 minutes to fill in the examination answer sheet.

The Reading module consists of 3 sections, 40 questions total. The duration of this module is 60 minutes.

The Writing module consists of 2 tasks. The duration of this module is 60 minutes.

The oral part of IELTS consists of 1 module – Speaking. The Speaking module can be taken on the same day or any other day within seven days before or after taking the other three modules.

The Speaking module is an interview with an instructor (examiner) consisting of three parts. The duration of the Speaking module is 14 minutes.

The Minimum passing scores of IELTS are given in Appendix 1 to these Regulations.

#### **Chapter 4. Admission Committee**

13. The main objectives of the Admission Committee are as follows:

1) cooperation with the Admissions Department of the University on matters of the admission process to the NUFYP at the Centre for Preparatory Studies of the University;

2) consideration of Applicants' examination results by stages of competition;

3) approving the admission process and enrollment schedule;

4) providing recommendations for the admission to the University;

5) approving Applicants' additional application form, letters of notification to be sent to Applicants, and an enrollment confirmation form;

6) interviewing Applicants with TOEFL PBT certificate to assess their English speaking skills;

7) performing any other duties within the core activities provided by these Regulations.

14. The members and Secretary of the Admission Committee are appointed by the decision of the Provost or his/her designee.

15. The Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Secretary are identified within the Admission Committee membership. The composition of the Admission Committee may include the representative/representatives of the University partner, University staff members, including representative/representatives of the University School/Schools upon recommendations of the Centre for Preparatory Studies and other Schools of the University. The number of the Admission Committee members shall be not less than 5.

16. In the absence of the Chairperson of the Admission Committee, his/her powers are exercised by the Vice Chairperson.

17. Secretary of the Admission Committee is appointed from among staff members of the University Admissions Department. The Secretary has no voting right.

18. The Admissions Department of the University arranges and plans the Admission Committee activity.

19. The Admission Committee meetings are held under leadership of the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson as and when required. The Admission Committee shall be quorate if attended by at least three members out of the full Admission Committee.

20. Lists of Applicants with the examination results are provided to the members of the Admission Committee. Personal files of Applicants may be provided at request of the Admission Committee members.

21. Resolutions of the Admission Committee are taken by simple majority vote of the members of the Admission Committee. Each member of the Admission Committee has one vote. In case of a tie vote, the vote of Chairperson or his/her designee shall be deemed casting vote.

22. The Admission Committee members shall be entitled to participate in meetings, vote and take resolutions via audio-video conference and any other interactive means of communication. Participation via these means of communication shall be considered in counting the quorum and votes for decision making.

23. The results of the meetings shall be recorded in the minutes drawn up in Kazakh, Russian and English. The minutes shall be signed by the Admission Committee members, Chairperson or his/her designee and Secretary and shall not be disclosed to any other parties. The Admission Committee meeting minutes must be signed by the members of Admission Committee participated as specified in paragraph 22 of these Regulations and sent to the University address by courier or hand delivered. All Admission Committee meeting minutes must be numbered and laced. The Admission Committee meeting minutes are registered and stored in the Admissions Department.

24. The means of meeting participation by the Admission Committee members shall be specified in the minutes.

## **Chapter 5. Competition stages**

25. The APTIS test is held in the cities of the Republic of Kazakhstan in accordance with the entrance examinations schedule.

26. For registration to go through competition stages, Applicants shall:

*Subclause 1) has been restated in accordance with Decision of the Academic Council dated April 5, 2017 No.75 and Oder of the Provost dated April 10, 2017 No.13-н/қ*

1) fill out an application form posted on the Personal account upon payment of the non-refundable registration fee set by the University internal documents;

2) attach scanned copy of a statement confirming that an Applicant studies in the final grade (course) or certificate / diploma with transcripts for those applicants who completed relevant educational level of study.

3) attach scanned copy of signed consent to personal data processing.

27. Applicants who provide a copy of valid and official TOEFL or IELTS certificate with overall score satisfying requirements specified in Appendix 1 hereto shall be exempted from the APTIS test.

28. On the APTIS test day, registered Applicant shall have his/her identity card, passport or certificate of birth and an original copy of a statement from educational institution with a photograph, for those Applicants under 16 years. If an Applicant fails to present identification document indicated above, he/she shall not be admitted to the test.

29. The APTIS test is administered and evaluated by the British Council. The British Council submits the results to the University.

30. The Applicants who successfully passed Stage I of the admission competition are notified by e-mail and by posting the test results on the Applicant's Personal account.

31. Applicants who successfully passed the APTIS test shall be invited to take subject test NUFYP Entrance Test within Stage II.

32. To take the NUFYP Entrance Test, an Applicant shall have his/her identity card, passport or certificate of birth and an original copy of a statement from educational institution with a photograph, for those Applicants under 16 years. If an Applicant fails to present identification document indicated above, he/she shall not be allowed to take the test.

33. Applicants exempted from the APTIS test in accordance with paragraph 27 hereof shall be admitted to the NUFYP Entrance Test upon registration pursuant to paragraph 26 hereof.

34. Depending on the chosen school where the applicant is planning to continue his/her studying after successful completion of the NUFYP, Applicants take the NUFYP Entrance Test in the following four (4) subject sets:

1) Mathematics and Physics if an Applicant is applying to the School of Engineering or School of Mining and Geosciences;

2) Mathematics and Physics or Mathematics and Chemistry/Biology if an Applicant is applying to the School of Science and Technology;

3) Mathematics and Chemistry/Biology if an Applicant is applying to the School of Medicine;

4) Mathematics and Thinking Skills if an Applicant is applying to the School of Humanities and Social Sciences.

Applicants choose school where they are planning to continue studying after successful completion of the NUFYP while filling in an application form uploaded on Applicant's Personal account pursuant to paragraph 26 hereof.

35. The NUFYP Entrance Test is administered and evaluated by representatives of the strategic partner of the University or a university and/or examination Centre with which the University cooperates.

36. The Applicants who successfully passed Stage II of the admission competition are notified by e-mail and by posting the test results in the Applicant's Personal account.

37. Applicants who successfully passed the NUFYP Entrance Test shall be invited to take IELTS test within Stage III.

38. To take IELTS, an Applicant shall have his/her identity card, passport or certificate of birth and an original copy of a statement from educational institution with a photograph, for those Applicants under 16 years. If an Applicant fails to present identification document indicated above, he/she shall not be allowed to take the test.

39. Applicants may take IELTS or TOEFL at their own expense before or after taking the test within the University competition selection. Copies of valid and official IELTS or TOEFL certificates shall be submitted to the Admission Committee by deadlines set by the Admission Committee. In such case the Admission Committee shall consider the best result of the Applicant.

40. Applicants who provide a copy of valid and official IELTS or TOEFL certificate with scores satisfying minimum required scores specified in Appendix 1 hereto before IELTS tests within the University competition may not participate in stage III of the competition.

41. IELTS is administered, evaluated and Applicants are notified about results by international specialized agencies authorized to develop and assess the IELTS test.

### **Chapter 6. Test procedure requirements**

42. Applicants shall comply with the test procedure requirements specified by the regulations 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.

43. The test scores of Applicants who violate the test procedure requirements shall be canceled by the test administrators.

Applicants with cancelled test scores shall not be permitted to participate in the competition for the current academic year.

44. If there is an extra admission intakes in the current year, the Admission Committee may consider an Applicant who has registered in accordance with paragraph 26 hereof but did not participate in the previous stages of competition due to reasonable excuse supported by relevant documents.

### **Chapter 7. Enrollment at the Centre for Preparatory Studies of the University**

45. Upon completion of the three stages of the selection process, the Admission Committee recommends Applicants for provisional admission. These Applicants are notified of the Admission Committee decision by an official notice-letter sent by e-mail. The provisions for admission are indicated in the notice-letter. The number of applicants recommended for provisional admission shall be determined by the Admission Committee.

Failure to meet the provisions for enrollment by the deadline indicated in the notice-letter, deprives an Applicant of his/her right to participate in the competition according to these Regulations.

46. Provisionally admitted Applicants shall submit the following documents to the University:



- 1) filled out additional application form;
- 2) a notarized copy of identity card, passport, or certificate of birth and an original copy of a statement from educational institution with a photograph, for Applicants under the age of 16 ;
- 3) a notarized copy of nationally recognized certificate stating completion of a secondary school, technical, vocational or post-secondary school or university or IB (International Baccalaureate) diploma or bachelor's degree certificate or diploma of a specialist with transcript (if available at the time of document submission).

Applicants without nationally recognized certificate stating completion of a secondary school, technical, vocational or post-secondary school or university or (IB) (International Baccalaureate) diploma or bachelor's degree certificate or diploma of a specialist with transcript shall submit a notarized copy of a document indicated above by deadlines set by the Admission Committee:

- 4) an original copy of valid IELTS or TOEFL certificate, or original screenshot from the official website of the TOEFL administrating institution (followed by submission of an original copy by deadlines set by the Admission Committee) if an Applicant passed the test independently;
- 5) 086-U form medical certificate released not earlier than January 1<sup>st</sup> of the year of its submission to the University;
- 6) an original copy of chest photo fluorography taken not later than one year before it is submitted to the University;
- 7) 2 copies of 063-U form vaccination card or vaccination passport;
- 8) copies of certificates of achievements, letters of recognition and awards received for the last 3 years during the study and other documents confirming Applicants' personal achievements, if available;
- 9) an original copy of signed consent for personal data processing.

Any documents submitted in foreign languages shall be translated into Kazakh or Russian and notarized.

In case of failure to provide one or more documents listed above, the Applicant will not be enrolled to the Centre for Preparatory Studies of the University.

In addition, the foreign citizens or stateless individuals shall submit a copy of an insurance policy on health insurance valid for the entire study term.

Any documents submitted to the University are not subject to return.

47. Providing false and incomplete information leads to exclusion from the admission competition or to dismissal from the University in the case of enrollment.

48. The main admission criteria to the University Centre for Preparatory Studies are as follows:

- 1) the NUFYP Entrance Test results, which meet the minimum test requirements as indicated in paragraph 11 hereof;
- 2) the IELTS or TOEFL results, which meet the minimum test requirements as set out in Appendix 1 hereto.

49. During the admission competition to the Centre for Preparatory Studies, preference will be given to Applicants with the highest cumulative score of the NUFYP Entrance Test.

With the equal NUFYP Entrance Test results, priority will be given to Applicants with the highest overall IELTS or TOEFL score. When the IELTS and TOEFL overall scores are compared (converted), the TOEFL overall score is converted to the IELTS overall score according to Appendix 2 hereto.

With the equal IELTS or TOEFL results, priority will be given to Applicants with the highest scores in sections by following primacy Writing, Listening, Reading, Speaking.

With all the above mentioned criteria being equal, the Admission Committee gives the right of priority to the applicants with the other best academic, research, sport and artistic achievements (recipients of the Altyn Belgi, awardees of international and republican subject Olympiads, research competitions and winners of sport and artistic contests).

50. Upon completion of all admission intakes (in case of additional admission intakes) based on the competition selection results and evaluation of the Applicants' documents, the Admission Committee recommends Applicants for admission to the Centre for Preparatory Studies.

Successful completion of the three stages does not guarantee admission to the Centre for Preparatory Studies of the University.

51. The Applicants shall be admitted based on their results as provided by paragraph 49 hereof and submitted documents as set out in paragraph 46 hereof and in accordance with the number of places determined by the Admission Committee at the Centre for Preparatory Studies of the University for every subject set of the NUFYP Entrance Test specified by paragraph 34 hereof (Mathematics/Physics, Mathematics/Chemistry-Biology, Mathematics/Thinking Skills).

*Clause 52 has been restated in accordance with Decision of the Academic Council dated April 5, 2017 No.75 and Oder of the Provost dated April 10, 2017 No.13-н/қ*

52. The Applicants not included in the enrollment list but meeting the admission requirements according to paragraph 48 hereof shall be put in a waiting list approved by the Admission Committee in accordance with paragraph 49 hereof. In case of a vacant place in the list of students recommended for admission or enrolled students (enrollment offer or offer of study waiver), Applicants from the waiting list may be recommended by the Admission Committee for admission to study at the University Centre for Preparatory Studies after submission of documents to the University specified in subparagraphs 1) - 9) of paragraph 46 of these Regulations.

53. Based on the results of the Admission Committee meeting, an official letter of notification about taken decision shall be sent to Applicants by e-mail. In addition, the related information is posted on the Personal account of an Applicant.

54. The Applicants recommended for admission by the Admission Committee shall formally notify about their acceptance or waiving the offer to study in the Centre for Preparatory Studies of the University by sending a relevant enrolment confirmation form approved by the Admission Committee to the University.

*Clause 55 has been restated in accordance with Decision of the Academic Council dated April 5, 2017 No.75 and Oder of the Provost dated April 10, 2017 No.13-н/қ*

55. Enrollment of Applicants to the grants of University shall be formalized by the decision of the University Provost or his/her substitute based on the Admission

Committee's recommendations, enrollment confirmation forms signed by Applicants and upon the payment of enrollment deposit.

Enrollment deposit is a mandatory payment that secure the applicant's place in the Foundation Year Program at Centre for Preparatory Studies of the University.

Awarding Applicants with the University grants shall be carried out according to the procedure established by the internal documents of the University.

Enrollment of applicants on a fee-paying basis shall be carried out according to paragraph 7-1 of these Regulations

*Clause 56 has been restated in accordance with Decision of the Academic Council dated April 5, 2017 No.75 and Oder of the Provost dated April 10, 2017 No.13-н/к*

56. The enrolled Students shall submit to the University an original copy of nationally recognized certificate stating completion of a secondary school, technical, vocational or post-secondary school or university or IB (International Baccalaureate) diploma or bachelor's degree certificate or diploma of a specialist with transcript by deadlines set by the Admission Commission and sign a relevant Agreement on rendering the educational services under the University Preparatory Certificate Program according to the form approved by the University. Non-fulfillment of these conditions by Students disqualifies them from studying in the Centre for Preparatory Studies of the University, as well as reimbursing of previously paid enrollment deposit.

*Chapter 7-1 has been added to the Regulations in accordance with Decision of the Academic Council dated April 5, 2017 No.75 and Oder of the Provost dated April 10, 2017 No.13-н/к*

### **Chapter 7-1. Enrollment to the Centre for Preparatory Studies of the University on a fee-paying basis**

57. Additional selection process for Applicants to be enrolled on fee-paying basis is carried out by the Admissions Committee.

58. Applicants from the one of the following categories can participate in the additional selection process to study on fee-paying basis:

1) Applicants that fall into one of the categories indicated in paragraph 5 of these Regulations who successfully passed all stages of selection according to paragraph 5 of these Regulations and were put in a waiting list according to paragraph 52 of these Regulations.

2) Applicants that fall into one of the categories indicated in paragraph 5 of these Regulations who independently pass the tests and meet the minimum admission requirements indicated in the Appendix 3 of these Regulations.

59. Applicants complying with subparagraph 1) of paragraph 57 of these Regulations shall submit the documents according to the requirements indicated in subparagraphs 1) – 9) of these Regulations.

60. Applicants complying with subparagraph 2) of paragraph 57 of these Regulations shall submit documents according to requirements indicated in subparagraphs 1) – 9) of these Regulations and additionally shall present:

1) an original copy of valid SAT Reasoning Test or ACT with writing part or electronic copy of it (followed by submission of an original copy by deadlines set by the Admission Committee);

2) an original copy of valid SAT Subject Test indicated in Appendix 3 to these Regulations or electronic copy of it (followed by submission of an original copy by deadlines set by the Admission Committee).

61. Providing false and/or incomplete information leads to exclusion from the admission selection process or to dismissal from the University in the case of enrollment.

62. The main admission criteria to the University Centre for Preparatory Studies for applicants indicated in subparagraph 2) of paragraph 57 of these Regulations are as follows:

1) the SAT or/and ACT test results which meet the minimum test requirements as indicated in Appendix 3 to these Regulations;

2) the IELTS or TOEFL results which meet the minimum test requirements as set out in Appendix 1 to these Regulations.

63. For applicants indicated in subparagraph 2) of paragraph 57 of these Regulations the priority will be given to the applicants with the highest overall SAT and/or ACT test results.

With the equal SAT Subject Test, SAT Reasoning Test or ACT test results, priority will be given to applicants with the highest overall IELTS or TOEFL score. When the IELTS and TOEFL overall scores are compared (converted), the TOEFL overall score is converted to the IELTS overall score according to Appendix 2 hereto.

With the equal IELTS or TOEFL results, priority will be given to Applicants with the highest scores in sections by the following priority Writing, Listening, Reading, Speaking.

With all the above mentioned criteria being equal, the Admission Committee gives the right of priority to the applicants with the other best academic, research, sport and artistic achievements (recipients of the Altyn Belgi, awardees of international and republican subject Olympiads, research competitions and winners of sport and artistic contests).

64. Enrollment of Applicants on a fee-paying basis shall be formalized by the decision of the University Provost or his/her substitute based on the Admission Committee's recommendations and enrollment confirmation forms signed by Applicants and upon payment of the enrollment deposit. Applicants indicated in subparagraph 2) of paragraph 57 of these Regulations and recommended for admissions do not participate in selection for awarding grants and admitted only for fee-paying education.

65. Students enrolled on a fee-paying basis shall submit to the University an original copy of nationally recognized certificate stating completion of a secondary school, technical, vocational or post-secondary school or university or IB (International Baccalaureate) diploma or bachelor's degree certificate or diploma of a specialist with transcript by deadlines set by the Admission Commission and sign a relevant Agreement on rendering the educational services under the University Preparatory Certificate Program according to the form approved by the University. Non-fulfillment of these conditions by Students disqualifies them from studying in Centre for Preparatory Studies of the University, as well as reimbursing of previously paid enrollment deposit.

## **Chapter 8. Final provisions**

66. The Admission Committee shall resolve issues not regulated by these Regulations independently.

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**Appendix 1**  
**to the Admission Regulations**  
**to the Nazarbayev University Foundation**  
**Year Program at the Centre for Preparatory**  
**Studies of the Autonomous Organization of**  
**Education «Nazarbayev University»**

**IELTS and TOEFL minimum passing scores**

	<b>IELTS</b>	<b>TOEFL iBT</b>	<b>TOEFL PBT*</b>
for the School of Engineering, the School of Science and Technology, the School of Mining and Geosciences, the School of Medicine	6.0 (5.0 in each section)	60-78 (at least: 4-7 in Reading section; 4-6 in Listening section; 14-15 in Speaking section; 14-17 in Writing section)	550 (50 in Reading, Listening sections; 2 in Writing section; Speaking section evaluated by the Admission Committee)
for the School of Humanities and Social Sciences	6.0 (6.0 in each section)	60-78 (at least: 18-19 in Speaking section; 12-19 in Listening section; 13-18 in Reading section; 21- 23 in Writing section)	550 (54 in Reading section; 53 in Listening sections; 3 in Writing section; Speaking section evaluated by the Admission Committee)

\*TOEFL PBT is accepted only from Applicants of the countries where IELTS and TOEFL iBT are unavailable

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**Appendix 2**  
**to the Admission Regulations**  
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**Comparison (conversion) table of TOEFL/IELTS scores**

<b>IELTS</b>	<b>TOEFL iBT</b>	<b>TOEFL PBT*</b>
5	35-45	500 – 529
5.5	46-59	530 – 549
6	60-78	550 – 573
6.5	79-93	574 – 599
7	94-101	600 – 629
7.5	102-109	630 – 647
8	110 -114	648 – 657
8.5	115-117	658 – 670
9	118-120	671

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**Appendix 3  
to the Admission Regulations  
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Year Program at the Centre for Preparatory  
Studies of the autonomous organization of  
education «Nazarbayev University»**

**MINIMUM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

for the Nazarbayev University Foundation Year Program without passing APTIS and NUFYP Entrance Test (for graduates with a secondary school, post-secondary and higher education certificate, as well as students at final year of secondary schools, colleges, vocational or post-secondary educational establishments) on a fee-paying basis

<b>*School of Engineering, School of Mining and Geosciences</b>	<b>*School of Science and Technology</b>	<b>*School of Humanities and Social Sciences</b>
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