

Form 400.1

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**FINAL REPORT OF THE CYPRUS AGENCY OF QUALITY ASSURANCE AND  
ACCREDITATION IN HIGHER EDUCATION**

**EVALUATION - ACCREDITATION  
OF THE PROGRAMME OF STUDY**

**IN GREEK: Ιατρική Φυσική και Διαγνωστική Απεικόνιση  
(18 months/90 ECTS, MSc, E-Learning)**

**IN ENGLISH: Medical Physics & Diagnostic Imaging  
(18 months/ 90 ECTS, MSc, E-Learning)**

**OF THE HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION**

**Cosmos Open University**

This Final Report was prepared on the basis of Article (20)(2)(f)(i) of the “Quality Assurance and Accreditation in Higher Education and the Establishment and Operation of an Agency on Related Matters Laws” of 2015 to (Num. 3) of 2021 [N.136 (I)/2015 to N.132 (I)/2021].

**THE PROCEDURE:**

On **22/09/2022**, the legal representative of the Higher Education Institution Cosmos Open University, submitted an application (Doc. 200.1), based on Article (17) of the “Quality Assurance and Accreditation in Higher Education and the Establishment and Operation of an Agency on Related Matters Laws” of 2015 to 2020, for the evaluation-accreditation of the programme of study:

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In the framework of competences conferred on it by the relevant legislation, the Council of the Agency has constituted an External Evaluation Committee (EEC), which after initially examining the institution's application for programme evaluation and accreditation, performed an on-site visit at the institution on 28/02/2023 & 01/03/2023.

The EEC met with the head of the institution, the head of the relevant department, the programme's coordinator, members of the academic staff, and members of the administrative staff, students and/or their representatives and the Internal Quality Assurance Committee.

Additionally, the EEC examined the institution's facilities (library, computer labs, labs, teaching classes, research infrastructures, etc.), various documents presented and/or requested by the EEC, the School's/Faculty's structure and the programme's position in it, the CVs of the teaching staff and their relationship to the institution as teachers in regard to any other duties and teaching.

The EEC has documented its findings and recommendations and drew up the External Evaluation Report in the Doc. 300.1.1.

### **CYQAA Council's Decision**

The Council of the Cyprus Agency of Quality Assurance and Accreditation of Higher Education, during its 99<sup>th</sup> Summit on 13/11/2023, according to the Article (20)(2)(f)(i) of the "Quality Assurance and Accreditation in Higher Education and the Establishment and Operation of an Agency on Related Matters Laws" of 2015 to of 2015 to (Num. 3) of 2021 [N.136 (I)/2015 to N.132 (I)/2021], and on the basis of the suggestions of the External Evaluation Committee and the comments of the institution on the External Evaluation Committee report, decided that **the programme is rejected** based on the following remarks:

- i. The subject of the program is not compatible with distance education.***
- ii. There is no clear orientation and clarification that these are pre-medical studies.***
- iii. The Study Guides do not meet the expected specifications of relevant study programs***
- iv. The admission criteria do not meet the program requirements.***
- v. It confers professional rights while there was no dialogue with the professional body (Medical Physics Registration Board) and the other social partners.***

On the basis of Article 20(2)(g)(i) The institution may, within one (1) month from the receipt of the final Report of the Agency, raise an objection requesting its review by the Evaluation Agency, stating the grounds which, in its opinion, justify the withdrawal and the review of the Evaluation Report.

(Professor Mary Ioannidou-Koutselini)  
President of the Board of the  
Cyprus Agency of Quality Assurance and  
Accreditation in Higher Education

Date: 15/11/2023