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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:**

**Πτυχίο Ιατρικής (5 έτη, 300 ECTS, Πτυχίο)**

**IN ENGLISH:**

**Doctor of Medicine (5 years, 300 ECTS, graduate-entry,  
Undergraduate medical degree)**

**OF THE HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION  
University of Nicosia**

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 2021 [L. 136 (I)/2015 - L. 132(I)/2021].

**THE PROCEDURE:**

On 16 December 2021, the legal representative of the Higher Education Institution **University of Nicosia**, 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 2021, 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 onsite visit on 23 and 24 May 2022.

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

Additionally, the EEC examined the institution's facilities and the Medical School's premises (library, computer labs, research infrastructures, etc.), various documents presented and/or requested by the EEC, the School's structure, the curriculum, methodology and equipment used in teaching and learning, the CVs of the teaching staff and their relationship to the institution as teachers in regard to any other duties and teaching in other programs of study.

The EEC also examined clinical core clerkship rotation sites affiliated with the Medical School.

The EEC has documented its findings and recommendations and drew up the External Evaluation Report for Basic Medical Education in the Doc. 300.1.1/1.

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

The Council of the Cyprus Agency of Quality Assurance and Accreditation of Higher Education, during its 83<sup>rd</sup> Summit on 20 June 2022, 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 2021 [L. 136 (I)/2015 - L. 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 accredited to be delivered in English under the provision of accepting students who already hold a first degree.**

The Agency requires the Medical School to comply with the following:

- **Provide Greek lessons to the Medical Students in order to be able to adequately communicate with the patients in hospitals during their clinical training.**
- **Provide incentives to increase student's research activity.**

The current accreditation begins in the Fall/ semester of the academic year 2022-2023 and ceases to be in effect at the end of the Spring semester of the academic year 2026-2027

On the basis of Article (4) of the relevant Legislation, it is noted that “the above accreditation is valid for the period provided by the provisions of the Law and is repeated every five (5) years and that the procedure starts at the request of the institution, which must, and shall be submitted at least sixteen (16) months before the expiry of the previous accreditation”.

Additionally, on the basis of Article (17)(3)(g) during the period of validity of the Accreditation, the Agency acting of its own motion, may examine whether the criteria continue to be met and if they are not met, then the Agency shall revoke the Accreditation, and immediately inform the institution concerned.

Additionally, the Medical School should pay attention and improve all the assessment areas included in the final feedback report, based on the EEC’s recommendations marked with ‘should’.



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Cyprus Agency of Quality Assurance and  
Accreditation in Higher Education

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