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Legal Newsletter

(February 2022)

The present newsletter contains significant legislative amendments made in various legislative and sub-legislative acts in February 2022.

The Law of Georgia on General Education

On 1st of February, 2022 the following amendment was made in the Law on General Education:

- 1. Sub-paragraph, w⁴" of the Article 2 was formed with the following redaction:
- "w⁴) Teaching Seeker A person who has at the minimum a bachelor's degree in the subject/subject group provided by the National Curriculum and/or a certificate of art or sports vocational education (in the case of an art or sports subject/subject group teacher) and who, due to the need of the general education institution, has been employed in the general education institution for not more than 2 years; ".
 - 2. Paragraph 4 of the Article 21³ was formed with the following redaction:
- "4. The teacher of the position provided in sub-paragraph "d" of the first paragraph, Article 21² of this Law must meet the requirements set by the professional standard for teacher; In addition, a teacher of an art or sports subject/subject group shall have:
 - a) Full General Education;

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b) Relevant art or sports higher education and/or art or sports vocational education and

passed a teacher training program in accordance with the rules established by the legislation of

Georgia. "

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The Law came into force upon its publication.

The Order №999 of the Minister of Finance of Georgia

On 1st of February 2022, 4th Paragraph of the article 18 of the Instruction on Special Tax

Regimes (Annex 1) approved by the Order №999 of the Minister of Finance of Georgia "On

the Use of Special Tax Regimes" established on December 31, 2010 was formed with the

following reduction:

"4. If a small business carries out activities prohibited for a small business or will be fined

for violating the rules of use of the cash register 3 times during the calendar year, the tax

authority shall revoke the status of small business from the beginning of the calendar year in

which the person started the prohibited activity or imposed three fines for violating the rules

for using the cash register.

"Example 3" was supplemented with the same order which determined condition, analysis

and result.

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The Order №487 of the Minister of Justice of Georgia

On 7th of February 2022, the following amendments were made in the instruction

approved by the Order №487 of the Minister of Justice of Georgia made on December 31,

2019:

1. The first paragraph of the Article 27 was formed with the following redaction:

"1. Sporadic registration of land ownership is carried out across the country, based on the

application of the interested person, documentation for registration, cadastral planning /

measurement drawing drawn up in accordance with the current legislation and a document

confirming the payment of the fee for the service, cadastral planning/ measurement drawing

compiled in accordance with the current legislation and on the basis of a document

confirming the payment of the fee for the service, on the Improvement of Cadastral Data and

the rules for Systematic and Sporadic Registration of rights to Plots of Land in accordance

with the benefits provided by the Law of Georgia and this instruction. "2. First paragraph of

the Article 29 was formed with the following redaction:

"1. In case of Sporadic Registration, the Agency shall specify and amend the cadastral data

of the land plot on the basis of the application of the interested person, the cadastral planning /

measuring drawing and the document confirming the payment of the fee for the service and

ensures the involvement of all interested persons in the administrative proceedings initiated

for this purpose. "

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- 3. Paragraph 7 was supplemented to the Article 31, with the following content:
- "7. If during the administrative proceedings initiated on the basis of the application submitted for sporadic registration in the geographical area of systemic registration, by combining the results of the cadastral inventory and the registration documents, it is established that the registration object is not fully or partially in lawful possession, the existing land plot, with the consent of the interested person, the issue of recognition of the right of ownership over the arbitrarily occupied land shall be considered by the Agency in accordance with the rules established by this Instruction."
 - 4. Articles 34 and 35 were taken out.
- 5. Chapter IV¹ was supplemented to the instruction, which determines the identity with the document establishing the right of location of land plots and the recognition of the right of ownership over the arbitrarily occupied land plots.

You can see the full version of the amendment to the document at the following link: https://matsne.gov.ge with the registration code: 040150000.22.027.017297

The Order came into force upon its publication.

The Order №14 / 37 of the General Audit of the State Audit Office

On 8^{th} of February 2022, the following amendment was made to the regulation approved by the Order $N^{\circ}14$ / 37 of the General Audit made on February 1, 2013, on the Approval of the Regulations of the State Audit Office:

- 1. Sub-paragraph E of paragraph 2, Article 5 was formed with the following redaction:
- E) Prepares the annual action plan of the structural unit and its implementation reports;
- 2. Sub-paragraph d.e of paragraph 3, Article 6 were formed with the following redaction:

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"d.e) Provides preparation of strategic and annual action plans of the service, as well as

monitors the implementation of the annual action plan of the service;

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https://matsne.gov.ge with the registration code: 010230000.58.070.016086

The Order came into force upon its publication.

The Order №996 of the Minister of Finance of Georgia

On 8th of February, 2022 an amendment was made to the instruction approved by the

Order №996 of the Minister of Finance of Georgia on Tax Administration made on December

31, 2010, which includes a monthly income tax return of a natural person who arranges

gambling and/or totalizator in a system-electronic form, filling the monthly income tax return

of a natural person arranging gambling and/or totalizator in a system-electronical form, etc.

You can see the full version of the amendment to the above document at the link:

https://matsne.gov.ge with the registration code: 200090000.22.033.017552

The Order came into force upon its publication.

The Order №32 / 04 of the President of the National Bank of Georgia

On 17th of February 2022, definition of terms, obligation of the financial organization to

provide information on the financial product to consumers, obligations of the financial

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organization when concluding a specific financial product agreement with customers - the

prefix of the agreement, obligations of the financial organization in concluding a specific

financial product agreement - information required to be included in the egreement, etc. were

defined by the rule of the President of the National Bank of Georgia №32/04 made on March

9, 2021 on the approval of the rules for protection of consumers' rights while providing

services by Financial Organizations.

You can see the full version of the amendment to the above document at the link:

https://matsne.gov.ge with the registration code: 220020000.18.011.016611

The Order came into force from the 1st of March 2022.

The Order №14 / 04 of the President of the National Bank of Georgia

On 17th of February 2022, the Code of Ethics related to the withdrawal of credit by

financial institutions was approved.

You can see the full version of the amendment to the above document at the following

link: https://matsne.gov.ge with the registration code: 220090000.18.011.016610

The Order came into force from the 1st of March, 2022.

The Order №194/04 of the President of the National Bank of Georgia

On 17th of February 2022, the rule about effective interest rate was determined.

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The Order came into force from the 1st of March 2022.

The Order №41 of the Minister of Finance of Georgia

On 18th of February 2022, following amendments were made to the rules approved by the Order Nº41 of the Minister of Finance of Georgia established on February 26, 2021, on approving the rules for depositing and withdrawing money from the account in case of the arrangement of lottery, gambling and/or winning game in the system-electronic form":

1. Sub-paragraph "b" of the Article 2 was formed with the following redaction:

"b) Player - a person defined by the Law of Georgia on Arrangement of Lotteries, Gambling and Winning game, who participates in the game for the purpose of winning,

except for the persons provided in sub-paragraphs "b1" and "b3" of Article 3 of the same Law; "

2. Sub-paragraph ,,c" of the Article 4 was formed with the following redaction:

"c) It is not allowed for a player to transfer/move money from his/her gaming account to

another player's gaming accounts; ".

You can see the full version of the amendment to the above document at the following

link: https://matsne.gov.ge with the registration code: 040170310.22.033.017554

The Order came into force from the 1st of March, 2022.

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The Order №180 of the Minister of Finance of Georgia

On 18th of February 2022, Order N180 of the Minister of Finance of Georgia established on

June 1, 2017 "on determining the permissible types of services related to the activities for a

person carrying out activities in the gambling business outside the territory of Georgia" was

declared as repealed.

You can see the full version of the amendment to the document at the following link:

https://matsne.gov.ge with the registration code: 040170310.22.033.017555

The Order came into force upon its publication.

The Order №243 of the Minister of Finance of Georgia

On 21st of February 2022, an amendment was made in the "requirements/standards for

gambling and/or winning games organized in the system-electronic form" (Annex Nº 1)

approved by the Order № 243 of the Minister of Finance of Georgia of October 1, 2020, which

determined the minimum age of a player in Georgia in the case of a Georgian citizen and a

foreign citizen, on the suspension/blocking of their accounts.

You can see the full version of the amendment to the above document at the link:

https://matsne.gov.ge with the registration code: 040170310.22.033.017557

The Order came into force from the 1st of March, 2022.

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The Order Nº43 of the Minister of Finance of Georgia

On 22nd of February 2022, rules for registration, identification and verification of a player

by the holder of a lottery, gambling and/or winning game permit in a system-electronic form

were defined by the Order №43 of the Minister of Finance of Georgia of February 26, 2021.

You can see the full version of the amendment to the document at the following link:

https://matsne.gov.ge with the registration code: 040170310.22.033.017558

The Order came into force from the 1st of March, 2022.

The Order №54 of the Minister of Finance of Georgia

On 23rd of February 2022, the rule of registration of information about the persons who

entered the place of gambling by the holder of the permit for arranging gambling and/or

winning games was approved.

You can see the full version of the amendment to the above document at the link:

https://matsne.gov.ge with the registration code: 040170310.22.033.017559

The Order came into force from the 1st of March, 2022.

The Resolution №322 of the Government of Georgia №322

On 4th of February 2022, The Resolution № 322 on Approval of the Rules of Isolation and

Quarantine of the Government of Georgia established on 23rd of May 2020 was amended and

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performing any type of entertainment, artistic, festival and cultural event (except theatrical

and cinematographic) was determined.

You can see the full version of the amendment to the document at the following link:

https://matsne.gov.ge with the registration code: 470230000.10.003.023261

The Resolution came into force under its publication and it's valid to the relationships

arising from 1st of February, 2022.

In the same resolution, on 10th of February, 2022 there was made an amendment on the

basis of which several issues of the "Rules of Isolation and Quarantine" were amended.

You can see the full version of the amendment to the document at the following link:

https://matsne.gov.ge with the registration code: 470230000.10.003.023273

The Resolution came into force from the 10th of February, 2022.

In the same resolution, on 28th of February, 2022 there was made an amendment and

international travel by air, land and sea were determined.

You can see the full version of the amendment to the document at the following link:

https://matsne.gov.ge with the registration code: 470230000.10.003.023299

The resolution, except for sub-paragraphs "c.b" and "c.c" of sub-paragraphs ,,c" and sub-

paragraph "b.b" of sub-paragraph "b", paragraph 2, Article 1 of the Resolution, came into force

under its publication and is valid to the relationships arising from 1st of March 2022.

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Sub-paragraph "b.b" of sub-paragraph "b", paragraph 2, Article 1 of the Resolution came into force from 15th of March 2022.

Sub-paragraphs "c.b" and "c.c" of sub-paragraph "c", paragraph 2, Article 1 of the Resolution came into force from 4th of March 2022.

The Resolution №86 of the Government of Georgia

On 23rd of February 2022, on the basis of the Law on Lotteries, Gambling and Winning game, the rule of making forbidden persons list was defined.

You can see the full version of the amendment to the document at the following link: https://matsne.gov.ge with the registration code: 040170310.10.003.023294

The Resolution came in force from the 1st of March, 2022.