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REGULATION on Administering the Exam and Methodology for Establishing its Results under Qualification Evaluation Procedure

(With amendments introduced according to the Commission's Decisions
of October 2, 2018 # 210/zp-18,
of October 18, 2018 # 229/zp-18,
of November 23, 2023 # 143/zp-23)

This Regulation defines the procedures for conducting the exam and the methodology for establishing its results in the course of qualification evaluation according to the Law of Ukraine "On the Judiciary and Status of Judges" (hereinafter referred to as the "Law").

I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. Exam means a stage of qualification evaluation established by the Law that serves as a key tool for finding out knowledge, practical skills, and competencies of a judge and/or judicial candidate (hereinafter referred to as the "Exam Participant") to apply laws.

2. Exams are administered by the High Qualification Commission of Judges of Ukraine to determine the ability of the Exam Participants to administer justice in a respective court or to assess whether the Exam Participants fits his\her position under competence criteria.

The exam consists of an anonymous written test and written practical assignment to be done by the Exam Participant.

3. The exam takes into account the court instance levels and specialization.
Specializations of exams during qualification evaluation of judges (judicial candidates) of local and appellate courts and the Supreme Court are: administrative, commercial, criminal and civil.

During the qualification evaluation of judges (judicial candidates) of the high specialized courts (High Court on Intellectual Property, and High Anti-Corruption Court) the exams are focused on the specialization in consideration of cases that fall under their jurisdiction according to the procedural law.

Other specializations, in particular, in consideration of specific categories of cases, shall not be taken into account in the course of exam.

4. Anonymous written test involves selection by a participant of a single answer to multiple choice questions.

5. The practical assignment is performed by the Exam Participant preparing a model court decision (continuation of the presentation of the proposed model court decision) based on the materials of the model court case or continuation of the presentation of the proposed model court decision based on the circumstances set forth therein in accordance with the procedural law in force at the time of its execution, unless otherwise specified in the decision of the Commission and the practical assignment copybook.

During the selection for the position of a Supreme Court judge, the Exam Participant, while completing the practical assignment, has the right to present a draft legal position of the Supreme Court.

(clause 5 of Section I as amended by the Commission's decision
of November 23, 2023 # 143/zp-23)

6. Objectivity of the exam is ensured through its transparency, confidentiality of test questions and practical assignments, unified exam results evaluation methodology, equal access to the information about the procedures, location, time and duration of the exam, etc.

7. The persons duly authorized to provide exam organizational support and perform administrative functions of the Commission (hereinafter - the Authorized representatives) shall include:

- 1) Commission members;
- 2) Commission inspectors;
- 3) employees of the Commission Secretariat.

8. Each Exam Participant shall be provided with all the necessary materials for the exam (test copybooks, answer sheets) as specified by this Regulation.

9. Where the exam is conducted with the use of automated computer systems, a special software package should be in place.

In this case every Exam Participant shall be provided with the required hardware and data media.

10. Listed below are the stages of the exam organization process and the exam itself:

1) development and approval of the exam program and taxonomic parameters of the anonymous written test for the qualification evaluation of judges and/or judicial candidates of the respective level and specialization court (herein after referred to as the "Exam Program" and "Taxonomic Parameters" respectively);

2) development of test questions and model court cases according to the exam program and taxonomic parameters;

(subparagraph 2 of paragraph 10 of Section I as amended by the Commission's decision of November 23, 2023, # 143/zp-23)

- 3) organizational preparation of the exam;
- 4) administering and establishing the results of the anonymous written test;
- 5) performing and establishing the results of the practical assignment;
- 6) determining of the minimum pass score;
- 7) establishing and releasing the general results of the test.

11. The exam materials shall include:

- 1) attendance register;
- 2) test copybook;
- 3) answer sheet for anonymous written test;
- 4) copybook with the practical assignment;
- 5) copybook for doing the practical assignment;
- 6) report on sealing and opening safe packages of exam materials;
- 7) report of participant's refusal to take exam
- 8) report on registered violations;
- 9) emergency report;
- 10) video recording materials;
- 11) records of anonymous written test results;
- 12) practical assignment examination record;
- 13) practical assignment results record;
- 14) overall test results record;
- 15) Decision of the Commission on establishing the minimum required passing score for the anonymous written test or practical assignment and establishing the results of the Exam Participants;
- 16) Decision of the Commission on admitting Exam Participants to proceed to judicial dossier review and interview stages (in case the exam is the first stage of the qualification evaluation).

12. Information on the exam results shall be included into the Exam Participant's dossier.

13. The exam shall be video-recorded with the help of special technical means.

II. DEVELOPING, COMPILING, AND APPROVING ASSIGNMENTS FOR THE EXAM

Chapter 1. Drafting test assignments and model court cases (decisions)

(the title of Chapter 1 of Section II as amended by the Commission's decision # 143/zp-23 dated November 23, 2023)

1. Tests and practical assignments (case studies) shall be generated on the basis of test questions and model court cases accordingly.

(Clause of Chapter 1 of Section II as amended by the Commission's decision # 143/zp-23 dated November 23, 2023)

2. Test questions and practical assignments shall be developed according to the Regulation, Exam Program and Taxonomic Parameters of the anonymous written test, in compliance with confidentiality requirements.

3. The Exam Program and Taxonomic Parameters of the anonymous written test shall be developed in accordance with the Commission's assignment by the National School of Judges with account of the instance levels and specialization of the respective court.

The Exam Program establishes the list of disciplines\subjects and topics to be used for the development of test questions for the respective exam.

Taxonomic Parameters of the anonymous written test shall establish the specific weight and qualification level of the disciplines for a corresponding test question.

The Exam Program and Taxonomic Parameters of the anonymous written test shall be approved by the Commission.

4. The National School of Judges of Ukraine shall develop test questions and practical assignments on a regular basis or upon instructions of the Commission.

5. Test questions and practical assignments may be developed by the respective specialists upon instructions of the Commission.

6. The Exam Program is a publicly available document and is posted on the official websites of the Commission and the National School of Judges of Ukraine.

7. As part of the Commission's activity on the development of test questions and practical assignments the Commission shall:

- 1) engage experts with proper experience in the respective specialization (researchers or retired judges);
- 2) ensure the review of test questions and practical assignments;
- 3) ensure monitoring of relevance of the test questions and practical assignments (that they are up-to-date).

8. As part of its activity on the development of test questions and practical assignments the National School of Judges shall:

- 1) engage experts with proper experience in the respective specialization (researchers or retired judges);
- 2) ensure pilot testing of the test questions and practical assignments during the training of judges, training sessions and continuous education training sessions for judges, or other events;
- 3) review test questions and practical assignments following the pilot testing results;
- 4) upon the Commission's instruction ensure that new test questions and practical assignments are provided in the quantity established by the Commission following the review and pilot testing;
- 5) ensure monitoring of the relevance (that they are up to date) of the test questions and practical assignments submitted to the Commission;
- 6) inform the Commission in case a test question or a practical assignment submitted to the Commission became outdated.

9. If a test question or a practical assignment becomes outdated as a result of legislative changes, the National School of Judges of Ukraine shall inform the Commission thereof within three business days from the moment the legal provisions on the basis of which the test question or practical assignment was developed became invalid, and take actions to replace the respective number of test questions or practical assignments within the next month.

10. The test questions shall be drafted in the state language and contain questions that will help assess the level

of participant's knowledge in the area of law, in particular, the level of practical skills in applying law, i.e.:

- 1) knowledge of substantive and procedural laws of Ukraine and international legal acts;
- 2) knowledge of legal positions\opinions of the Supreme Court;
- 3) knowledge of the European Court of Human Rights case law;
- 4) other judicial knowledge and skills required for administering justice.

Note: The knowledge of legal opinions of the Supreme Court shall be taken into account to evaluate the knowledge of legal opinions of the Supreme Court.

11. The set of test questions constitutes the test base, which contains questions from the disciplines defined by the Examination Program.

(Clause 11 of Chapter 1 of Section II as amended by the Commission's decision of November 23, 2023, # 143/zp-23)

12. The multiple-choice test questions and answers shall be expressed clearly and do not permit any ambiguity in their interpretation.

13. Every test question is in a multiple-choice format with 4 variants of answers, among which only one is correct.

14. Practical assignment shall be drafted and performed in the state language.

Types of practical assignments:

type 1 – a model court case is a set of documents with sufficient data and information on the basis of which the Exam Participant must prepare a model court decision and/or continue to present the proposed part of the model court decision based on the materials of the model court case;

type 2 – a model court decision consisting of an introductory, descriptive (except for criminal proceedings) and/or partially reasoning part, based on which the Exam Participant must continue to present it.

The type of practical assignment for the exam is determined by the decision of the Commission.

The practical assignment reveals the level of practical skills and abilities in applying the law, namely:

- 1) ability to think critically and correctly assess the actual circumstances of the case
- 2) ability to motivate one's position
- 3) the ability to apply the sources of law relevant to the disputed legal relations;
- 4) ability to solve the problem correctly;
- 5) the ability to present one's position concisely;
- 6) the ability to comply with the normative language of the official business style.

(Paragraph 14 of chapter 1 of section II as amended by the Commission's decision of November 23, 2023 # 143/zp-23)

15. The set of court cases (decisions) shall be used as the practical assignment database for the courts of the respective level and specialization, in particular:

(Clause 15 of Chapter 1 of Section II as amended by the Commission's decision of November 23, 2023 # 143/zp-23)

- 1) administrative legal proceedings;
- 2) commercial legal proceedings;
- 3) criminal proceedings;
- 4) civil proceedings;
- 5) intellectual property (for the High Court on IP);
- 6) anti-corruption law (for the High Anti-Corruption Court).

Chapter 2. Drafting test and practical assignments

1. The database shall be used to generate test questions for the anonymous written test. The number of test questions shall be as follows:

- 1) For judges of local courts - 80 questions;

2) For judges (judicial candidates) of appellate courts - 100 questions;
3) For judges (judicial candidates) of high specialized courts and the Court of Cassation of the Supreme Court - 120 questions.

2. Test questions shall be chosen at random.

3. Upon decision of the Commission, the test assignment can have up to five (5) variants.
If there is only one Exam Participant, then there shall be just one test variant.

4. The test assignment for the competition shall be approved by the Commission.

5. The variant of the test assignment shall be presented in the test copybook which shall be replicated depending on the number of Exam Participants.

6. The test copybook shall contain the variant number and a set of test questions generated for the respective group of Exam Participants (an Exam Participant).

7. The test copybook shall be replicated depending on the number of the Exam Participants.

8. Following the replication, the test copybooks shall be sealed in special safe packages and kept there until the anonymous written test starts.

The safe packages shall be opened in the presence of the Exam Participants.

The test copybooks shall not be sealed in safe packages in case the replication takes places immediately before the beginning of the test at the test venue.

9. A model court case or a model court decision is generated to formulate specific practical assignment to be performed by the Exam Participants.

(Clause 9, Chapter 2, Section II, as amended by the Commission's decision of November 11, 2023, # 143/zp-23)

10. The model court case(s) or model court decision(s) to ensure the qualification evaluation of the relevant group of Exam Participants shall be selected on a random basis.

(Paragraph 10 of chapter 2 of section II as amended by the Commission's decision of November 23, 2023 # 143/zp-23)

11. The practical assignment for the competition shall be approved by the Commission.

12. The Exam Participants shall perform the practical assignments with consideration of the court (judge) instance level and specialization.

13. The practical assignments shall be replicated depending on the number of Exam Participants.

14. Following their replication, practical assignments shall be sealed in the respective safe packages and kept there until the beginning of the test.

These safe packages shall be opened in the presence of the Exam Participants.

The practical assignments shall not be sealed in safe packages in case the replication takes places immediately before the test at the venue of the practical assignment.

III. ORGANIZATIONAL PREPARATION FOR THE EXAM

1. The Commission shall determine the date, time and venue of the exam.

2. The Authorized Representatives shall provide oversight over the exam, settle all emergency and conflict situations, coordinate and agree actions while preparing and holding the exam.

3. Any stakeholders can be present during the exam and the announcement of exam results.

The participation of stakeholders, in particular, the public, shall be arranged according to the Regulations on the procedures and methodology of qualification evaluation, indicators of compliance with the qualification evaluation criteria, and means of their establishment.

IV. TAKING THE EXAM

Chapter 1. General provisions and rules for taking the exam

1. An Exam Participant shall arrive to take the anonymous written test and practical assignments on the date, at the time and the venue as specified by the Commission. He/she shall have a document certifying his/her identity and the citizenship of Ukraine to proceed with the registration procedure.

An Exam Participant who fails to present the ID card specified in paragraph one of this clause shall be considered as such that has failed to get registered and shall not be permitted to take the anonymous written test and/or practical assignment.

Each Exam Participant shall be issued an individual code for the exam.

2. Following the registration, the Exam Participants shall study the exam procedures and rules.

3. An Exam Participant shall be entitled:

- 1) To have proper and safe exam conditions;
- 2) To obtain in advance the information on the exam program, exam procedures, its time and venue, etc.;
- 3) To enjoy polite and unbiased treatment;
- 4) To be present during the sealing of the package (packages) with the anonymous written test answer sheets;
- 5) To be present during the sealing of the package (packages) with the copybooks for the practical assignment;
- 6) while performing the practical assignment, to use the sources of information specified by this Regulation;
- 7) To see the exam results;
- 8) To use other rights established by the law and this Regulation.

4. Following the registration of Exam Participants, the Authorized Representatives shall make the respective entries in the attendance register.

5. If an Exam Participant is late for the exam he/she may get registered and take the anonymous written test or perform a practical assignment within the timeframe established for the respective event.

No additional time shall be provided in this case.

6. During the exam the participants shall not be allowed to:

- 1) use any paper or electronic sources of information with the exception of those that are permitted by this Regulation for use during the performance of practical assignment;
- 2) wear any overcoats, headwear, and bring bags or briefcases in the exam room while performing the anonymous written test or practical assignments;
- 3) communicate with other Exam Participants;
- 4) receive or transfer information to other Exam Participants;
- 5) take exam in lieu of other Exam Participants;
- 6) use photo, audio and video devices, and any other devices that can record, reproduce and receive/transmit information, in particular cell phones;
- 7) leave the exam room without permission of an authorized representative;
- 8) copy or damage the test copybook, answer sheet, copybook with the practical assignment, copybook for doing the practical assignment, and remove them from the exam room (in case paper is used for the exam as a medium);
- 9) breach discipline regulations and universal rules of conduct and behavior;
- 10) bring to the exam venue any dangerous objects or liquids that can pose a threat to health and life of other people at the exam venue as well as objects that can affect the exam negatively.

7. The Exam Participants shall adhere to the exam rules, follow the instructions and requirements of the authorized representatives, treat them and other Exam Participants with respect and politeness.

8. The Exam Participants may refuse to take the exam at any stage which is to be recorded in a respective report. Such Exam Participant shall be considered to have failed the exam.

9. The Commission shall arrange video recording of the exam process.

10. The Commission may arrange live video broadcast of the exam in real time.

11. Any breaches of the exam procedures or rules shall be recorded by the authorized representatives in the infraction report which is to be submitted to the Commission members to decide their effect on the exam results.

Chapter 2. Taking the Anonymous Written Test

1. Before the start of the anonymous written test the authorized representatives shall inform the Exam Participant (participants) about the exam procedures.

2. After informing the Exam Participant (participants) about the procedures for the anonymous written test, the authorized representatives shall open the package (packages) with the test copybooks and hand them out to the Exam Participant (participants) (in case the test copybooks are not replicated on the exam day and/or at the exam venue) together with the answer sheets.

3. The Exam Participant shall specify in the answer sheet the code and the number generated for the test variant he/she has received.

4. After all the Exam Participants have received the test copybooks and the answer sheets, the start of anonymous written test shall be announced.

It is prohibited to start the anonymous written test before the announcement is made to start the exam.

5. The paper-based anonymous written test shall be written in dark blue or black pen ink.

6. To reply to the test questions contained in the test copybook, the Exam Participant shall tick the answer which he/she believes to be correct in the answer sheet using the sign specified in the answer sheet.

The Exam Participants may not make any corrections in the answer sheet or use any other signs except for those specified in the answer sheet, or insert any additional signs, symbols, letters, words, etc.

If two or more boxes have been ticked in the answer sheet, the answer to that question shall be considered incorrect.

If the Exam Participant fails to tick a box in the answer sheet, it shall be considered that the answer has not been provided.

7. The Exam Participants are to make sure that the test answer sheets have been filled in correctly.

8. During the anonymous written test the Exam Participants may only use the test copybook, the answer sheet, blank papers to make notes, and a pen.

The Exam Participants shall also have their ID cards on the desk to certify their identity.

9. The Commission shall decide on the duration of the anonymous written test during the respective qualification evaluation.

10. The Exam Participants may hand in their test copybooks and answer sheets early.

11. When the time for the anonymous written test has expired, the authorized representatives shall announce it whereupon the Exam Participants shall immediately stop writing.

12. In case of a paper-based written test:

1) the Exam Participants shall hand in their test copybooks and the answer sheets to the authorized representatives immediately following the announcement about the end of the exam time;

2) the authorized representatives shall check the integrity of the exam materials;

3) the authorized representatives shall draw a report on closing the package with the answer sheets and put it together with the answer sheets in a separate safe package.

13. If in the process of receiving the answers sheets it is found that an answer sheet has not been filled in correctly and/or an Exam Participant has damaged the test copybook and/or the answer sheet, these shall be recorded in the infraction report.

14. After the authorized representatives have collected the test copybooks and the answer sheets from the Exam Participant or the last Exam Participant (if there is more than one Exam Participant), they shall, at the exam venue,

draw a report on closing the safe package with the answer sheets and put the report and the answer sheets in the respective package that they seal (in case of a paper-based anonymous written test).

15. The infraction reports and emergency reports (if any) shall be put in a separate package and sealed.

Chapter 3. Doing the Practical Assignment

1. Before the exam is due to start the authorized representatives shall instruct the participant (participants) about the exam procedures.

2. After the instructions have been provided, the authorized representatives shall open the package (packages) with the copybooks with the practical assignment (in case they were not replicated on the exam day and/or at the exam venue) in the presence of the Exam Participant (participants) and hand them out to the Exam Participant (participants) together with the copybooks for doing the practical assignment .

3. The Exam Participant who receives the copybook with the practical assignment and copybook for doing the practical assignment shall write down the code that he/she has obtained on the copybooks in a specially designated space.

4. After all the Exam Participants have received the copybooks with the practical assignment and copybooks for doing the practical assignment (if any), the authorized representatives shall announce the start of the exam. It is prohibited to start writing the practical assignment prior to the announcement about the start of the exam.

5. To perform the practical assignment, the Exam Participants may keep on the desks and use the copybook with the practical assignment and copybook for doing the practical assignment (if any), blank sheets of paper to make notes, either blue or black ink pens, and the following regulatory documents (exclusively paper-based published editions): laws, codes, including the ones with comments, plenary decisions, as well as case law of the European Court of Human Rights, except for the texts of court decisions on the merits of the case.

6. The Exam Participants shall also have their ID cards on the desk to certify their identity.

7. The Commission establishes the duration of the practical assignment during the respective qualification evaluation.

8. The Exam Participants shall write their answers for the practical assignment in eligible handwriting that can be processed.

The Exam Participants may not insert any signs (symbols, letters, words, etc.) in the copybook for doing the practical assignment that are not found in the practical assignment materials and can help identify the Exam Participant.

The Exam Participants are to make sure that the copybooks for doing the practical assignment have been filled in correctly.

9. The Exam Participants may hand in the copybooks with practical assignment and copybooks for doing the practical assignment early.

10. When the time for the practical assignment has expired, the authorized representatives shall announce the end of the exam time and the Exam Participants shall immediately stop writing.

11. In case of a paper-based practical assignment:

1) the Exam Participant shall hand in the copybook with practical assignment and copybook for doing the practical assignment to the authorized representatives immediately following the announcement about the end of the exam time;

2) the authorized representatives shall check the integrity of the submitted copybooks;

3) the authorized representatives shall draw a report on closing the package with the copybooks for doing the practical assignment and put it together with these copybooks in a separate safe package.

12. If in the process of receiving the copybook for doing the practical assignment it is found that an Exam Participant has damaged the copybook with the practical assignment, this shall be recorded in the infraction report.

13. After the authorized representatives have collected the copybook with the practical assignment and copybook for doing the practical assignment from the Exam Participant or the last Exam Participant (if more than one

Exam Participant have performed the practical assignment) they shall draw, at the exam venue, a report on closing the safe package with the copybooks for doing the practical assignment and put the report together with the copybooks for doing the practical assignment in the respective package that they seal (in case of a paper-based practical assignment).

14. The infraction reports and emergency reports (if any) shall be sealed in a separate package.

V. PROCESSING MATERIALS OF THE ANONYMOUS WRITTEN TEST AND PRACTICAL ASSIGNMENT

1. The stage of processing materials of the paper-based anonymous written test includes the following steps:

- 1) open the safe package (safe packages) with the anonymous written test materials;
- 2) scan the answer sheets of the Exam Participants;
- 3) process the scanned answer sheets;
- 4) resolve the issues with the answer sheet that have not been recognized by the software (failure to read the code, etc.);
- 5) review the infraction report and decide whether the infractions (if any) should be taken into account while establishing the results of the anonymous written test;
- 6) establish the minimum pass score and the results of the anonymous written test; make them available to the public;
- 7) identify and announce the list of the Exam Participants who have reached or exceeded the minimum pass score;

2. The stage of processing materials of the paper-based practical assignment test includes the following steps:

- 1) open safe packages with the practical assignment materials;
- 2) scan the copybooks for doing the practical assignment;
- 3) review the practical assignments performed by the Exam Participants;
- 4) resolve the issues (if any) with the copybooks for doing the practical assignment that have not been recognized by the software (failure to read the code, text etc.);
- 5) review the infraction report and decide whether the infractions (if any) should be taken into account while establishing the results of the practical assignment test;
- 6) establish the minimum pass score and the results of the practical assignment test; make them available to public;
- 7) identify and announce the list of the Exam Participants who have reached or exceeded the minimum pass score;

3. The safe packages with the results of the anonymous written test shall be opened in the presence of the Commission members and the Exam Participants (if so desired), to be recorded in a respective report by the authorized representatives.

4. The Commission shall scan and process the answer sheets of the anonymous written test using special computer software that supports automatic calculation of the number of correct answers and the overall score of the Exam Participants.

5. The answer sheet of the Exam Participant who refused to take the exam shall not be scanned.

6. The number of correct answers provided by the Exam Participants shall be calculated by the following principles:

- 1) Each correct answer to one test question for local court judges equals to 1.125 points;
Each correct answer to one test question for judges (judicial candidates) of appellate courts equals to 0.9 points;
Each correct answer to one test question for judges (judicial candidates) of the high specialized court and the Court of Cassation of the Supreme Court equals to 0.75 points;
- 2) Incorrect answers (such as wrongly marked answers or two ticked options for one test question) or no answer to the test question shall bring 0 points;
- 3) All the points shall be added.

7. For the Exam Participant who has failed to indicate the number of the test work variant, the results of the anonymous written test shall be equal to 0 points.

In case the practical assignment performed by the Exam Participant is no readable or the content is not clear to identify the performer, 0 points shall be awarded.

8. The results of the anonymous written test shall be published on the official website of the Commission the next business day following the establishment of the results.

9. The Commission members responsible for conducting the respective qualification evaluation shall review and establish the results of the practical assignment performed by the Exam Participants.

The practical assignments performed by the Exam Participants can be reviewed by the respective experts of the Examination Board that is to be established by decision of the Commission.

10. The practical assignments performed by the Exam Participants shall be distributed between the members of the Commission for reviewing with the help of special software.

11. The practical assignments performed by the Exam Participants shall be reviewed to check whether they correspond to the performance evaluation methodology indicators.

The copybook for doing the practical assignment of the Exam Participant who has refused to take exam shall not be reviewed.

12. The results of the practical assignments performed by the Exam Participant are determined by the members of the Commission, after which the final grade of the Exam Participant for the practical assignment is calculated by determining the arithmetic mean. The score for the practical assignment shall be calculated by rounding to an approximate integer or a number with a coefficient of 0.5.

13. The results of the practical assignment shall be published on the official website of the Commission the next business day following the establishment of the results.

14. The minimum acceptable score for anonymous written tests, practical assignment, and exam shall be established based on the rating of the participants, taking into account the number of judicial positions, for which the competition is announced. The minimum acceptable number of score points shall be established by the Commission before the start of the exam.

The rating of the exam stages (anonymous written tests, practical assignment) and the exam is generated according to the number of points scored by the participants (from greater to smaller), where each participant is assigned a separate position.

Based on the results of anonymous written test, the participants in the number that is four times as large as the number of judicial vacancies for which the competition was announced who scored the minimum and more points are allowed/admitted do the practical assignment.

The participants who failed to score the minimum acceptable number of points for anonymous written test are recognized as those that have not confirmed their ability to administer justice in the relevant court, regardless of the outcome of the second stage of the exam (if any) and shall terminate their participation in the competition.

The minimum acceptable score for anonymous written test, practical assignment is 60 percent of the maximum possible score for the respective stage of the exam unless the decision of the Commission sets a higher minimum acceptable score.

The minimum acceptable score for the practical assignment is determined for the purpose of establishing a minimum acceptable score for the exam.

The number of participants admitted to the second stage of qualification evaluation who have scored the minimum acceptable and higher number of points for the exam (in case of receiving the minimum acceptable and larger score for anonymous written test) shall be three times larger than the number of judicial vacancies for which the competition is announced, on condition of scoring the minimum acceptable number of points and higher for the exam.

The minimum acceptable score for the exam is the sum of the minimum allowed score for its stages and is 60 percent of the maximum possible score for the exam unless the decision of the Commission sets a higher minimum acceptable score for the exam.

If two or more participants have scored the same number of points for an anonymous written test or exam, all such participants are allowed to further participate in the qualification evaluation. In this case, the number of participants admitted to do the practical assignment or a second stage of qualification evaluation may be increased according to the number of participants with the same results.

(Item 14 of Section V as amended by Decision of the Commission of October 2, 2018, # 210/zp-18)

15. The minimum pass score for the anonymous written test or practical exam shall be established for each exam separately.

16. The maximum score that the Exam Participant can receive in the anonymous written test is 90 points.
17. The maximum score that the Exam Participant can receive in the practical assignment test is 120 points.
18. The general test results present the sum of scores obtained for the anonymous written test and the practical assignment.
19. The general exam results shall be established and matched with the Exam Participants' names following the review of all the answer sheets and copybooks for doing the practical assignment.
If the identification software fails to find the answer sheets or copybook with the practical assignment matching the code number generated for the Exam Participant, such participant shall be awarded 0 points.
20. The general exam results shall be published on the official website of the Commission the next business day after the results are established.
The information on the website shall include the personified results of the Exam Participants who have achieved the minimum pass score in the anonymous written test and practical assignment test.