

Federal Internet-exam in the sphere of higher education in Russia

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New tendencies in the development of higher education in modern society put a particular focus on the issues of quality evaluation of graduates' training.

The National Accreditation Agency developed a brand new technology of testing produced via Internet "Federal Internet-exam in the sphere of higher education". The primary aim of the Internet-exam is the implementation of mass testing technology which provides for diagnosis of students' basic level of training and its compliance with the requirements of State Educational Standards (SES).

The Internet-exam plays a considerable role in the integration of the Bologna principles as one of the main requirements for the institutional quality assurance is the demonstration of quality of students' training not only to the educational authorities but to the academic community, parents and employers. The Internet-exam is an effective mechanism which promotes openness and transparency of evaluation procedures and contributes to the creation of quality assurance systems within HEIs related to external independent review.

In our opinion this technology has an international perspective. Cooperation may be stimulated both in terms of mutual formulation of tasks on common sections of educational standards and in organizing testing among students aimed at revealing coordinated quality assessment criteria of specialists' training. The article also covers the case studies on participation of HEIs from the states of Commonwealth in the Internet-exam.