

Pursuant to Article 104, in accordance with Article 18 paragraph 1 and Article 23 paragraph 1 of the Law of Associations and Foundations (Official Paper of the Republic of North Macedonia No. 52 of 16 April 2010), as well as on the basis of Article 43 of the Statute of Association of Special Educators and Rehabilitators The Assembly of the Association of Special Educators and Rehabilitators of the Republic of North Macedonia at its session held on 18.04.2019 adopted the following

## **STATUTE**

### **Association of special educators and rehabilitators of the Republic of North Macedonia**

#### **I. GENERAL REGULATIONS**

##### **Article 1**

The Association of special educators and rehabilitators of the Republic of North Macedonia, is professional - expert and humanitarian association of citizens, in which voluntarily join special educators, speech therapists, special (social) pedagogics and other specific profiles working with persons with disabilities, as well as persons with disabilities, their parents or guardians.

##### **Article 2**

The name of the Association is: Association of special educators and rehabilitators of the Republic of North Macedonia.

The short name: Association of special educators and rehabilitators.

The headquarters of the Association of special educators and rehabilitators is in Skopje, in the Home of humanitarian organizations "Dare Dzhambaz" st." 11th October" no.42a.

##### **Article 3**

Association has its own seal and stamp.

The seal is round and contains the name of the Association: Association of special educators and rehabilitators of the Republic of North Macedonia-Skopje, and in the middle is the emblem of the Association of special educators and rehabilitators. The stamp is rectangular with the following: Association of special educators and rehabilitators no. \_\_\_\_\_20\_\_godina Republic of North Macedonia, Skopje.

The text of the seal and stamp is in Macedonian Cyrillic alphabet.

##### **Article 4**

Association of special educators and rehabilitators of the Republic of North Macedonia a legal entity with rights, obligations and responsibilities arising from the Constitution, the Law of Associations and

Foundations and the Statute. The activity of the Association extends to the entire territory of Republic of North Macedonia.

The Association, among other things, is also responsible for its movable and immovable property, i.e. with the funds at its disposal.

#### **Article 5**

The Association is represented by the President of the Association of special educators and rehabilitators of the Republic of North Macedonia, or a person authorized by the President of the Association.

#### **Article 6**

The Association may join with humanitarian civil association that is established for providing certain types of assistance in fostering, social, education and rehabilitation of persons with disabilities in the Republic of North Macedonia. The status and participation of these states are governed by separate regulation proposed by the Presidency and adopted by the Assembly of the Association.

### **II. BASIC PRINCIPLES**

#### **Article 7**

The work of the Association is public. Publicity work is provided by regular reporting to members of the Association about all forms of activities, with insight into the implementation of program tasks by submitting a report to the bodies of the Association, a report on material and other financial operations.

To inform the general public the press, radio and television and other electronic forms of information (official web site, e-mail list) are used.

#### **Article 8**

The Association of special educators and rehabilitators is an independent, nonparty and nonprofit organization. If a profit in work is accomplished, it will be used for achieving the objectives set by the Statute.

### **III. OBJECTIVES AND TASKS**

#### **Article 9**

The objectives and tasks of the Association are:

- Coordination and harmonization of the work of special educators and rehabilitants on the territory of the Republic of North Macedonia;

- Promoting, organizing and activating the members of the Association in the efforts for affirmation and development of special education and rehabilitation theory and practice;
- Protecting the interests of the special educators and rehabilitators, special education and rehabilitation facilities and labor;
- Direct and indirect assistance to the members of the Association in carrying out their administrative, financial and material-legal-normative obligations;
- Assistance in resolving disputes in professional social practice related to the interests of special education and special education profession;
- Direct and indirect engagement through various kinds of professionalized practice plans, humanization of personality and social status of persons with disabilities in our society;
- A protection plan engagement, amendment and updating of institutional, social and private, base protection, education and rehabilitation of persons with somatic, sensory, mental, communicative and behavioral impairment, disorders, disability and handicap;
- Engaging in the field of early intervention and social disability prevention;
- Provision of services of social protection of persons, families and groups of citizens with disabilities;
- Continuous engagement and programmed operation of the plan amendment, innovation and overall modernization of legislation in the area of prevention, education and rehabilitation of persons with disabilities;
- Engaging and constantly helping the Association membership in their journalistic-publishing business, especially in terms of student printing literature, manuals and other professional and scientific literature in the field of special education and specific science;
- Directly or indirectly engaging in the field of education, specialization and improvement of qualification and additional qualification of special educators and rehabilitators;
- Consulting and training of volunteers;
- Education, counseling and training of different expert profiles, individuals and organizations;
- Organizing Special education and rehabilitation professional and scientific meetings.

#### **Article 10**

The Association publishes a scientific-professional and informative magazine.

Publishing of magazines and the entire publishing activity is regulated by a rulebook adopted by the Presidency of the Association.

#### **Article 11**

The Association, in order to achieve its goals, interests and activities, can establish appropriate legal entities in accordance with the positive legal regulations.

## **IV. MEMBERSHIP AND ORGANIZATION**

### **Article 12**

Membership in the Association is voluntary. Any citizen of the Republic of North Macedonia, as well as an authorized representative of the organizations of citizens, foundation and other legal entity in the capacity of a collective member, who will voluntarily join the Association by signing a written statement, can be a member of the Association.

The number of members is not limited. All special educators and rehabilitators (special educators for intellectual disabilities, speech therapist, special educators for hearing impairment, special educators for visual impairment, special educators for physical disabilities), can be members of the Association; special pedagogues as well as all active citizens who are dedicated to the realization of the rights of persons with disabilities.

### **Article 13**

The Association for its individual and collective members maintains a register of members and evident lists about the members of the bodies, which is updated at least once every two years.

The Association guarantees the anonymity of personal data of its members, if it is required.

### **Article 14**

Joining is done by signing a form, or by issuing a membership card that in the case of exclusion or termination of membership must be returned.

### **Article 15**

Members of the Association of special educators and rehabilitators of the Republic of North Macedonia have rights and responsibilities under the provisions of this Statute and the legal provisions.

A member has the rights and obligations:

- To free, actively and creatively participate in the work of the Association;
- To elect and be elected in the bodies of the Association;
- To make proposals, suggestions and critical reviews of the work of the Association as a whole and of its organs and bodies;
- To be informed for the overall work of the Association;
- Participate equally in the planning, programming and valorization the work of the Association;
- To participate in the execution of tasks, accomplishing the objectives of the programs, implementation and enforcement of decisions and conclusions of the organs of the Association;
- Regularly to carry out its material and financial obligations to the Association;
- To be member of the Chamber of special educators and rehabilitators in Republic of North Macedonia;
- To respect the Code of special educators and rehabilitators of Republic of North Macedonia;
- Active work for promotion of special education and rehabilitation, special education and rehabilitation labor social and private institution and the special educator and rehabilitator.

- To contribute to improving the conditions for the upbringing and education, health care, social protection and employment of persons with disabilities;
- To respect the provisions of this Statute;
- To represent the interests and views of the Association.

#### **Article 16**

Members in the Association may be members at the same in similar associations abroad, whose statutory provisions are not contrary to the Association of special educators and rehabilitators of the Republic of North Macedonia.

In order to provide the necessary records and gaining continuous insight into the international activities of its members, there is a permanent body for International Communication in the Association, which includes representatives from the sections that are joined in an international association.

#### **Article 17**

Any member may voluntarily withdraw from the Association, for which a written notice shall be submitted. Member may be expelled because of damaging the reputation and activities of the organization and because of action contrary to the Statute and Acts of the Association.

Membership exclusion proposal is submitted by the section, and decision is on the Presidency of the Association. In the case of final appeal final decision is brought by the Assembly of the Association of special educators and rehabilitators of Republic of North Macedonia.

#### **Article 18**

The main organizational unit of the Association is the institutional board.

Within the Association of special educators and rehabilitators, several institutional boards operate as follows:

- Board of special educators and rehabilitators working in special educational institutions;
- Board of special educators and rehabilitators working in regular educational institutions;
- Board of special educators and rehabilitators working in social institutions and kindergartens;
- Board of special educators and rehabilitators working in health institutions;
- Board of speech and language therapists;
- Board of unemployed special educators and rehabilitators and students;
- Board of persons with special needs.

Each board is represented by a President. Candidates for the Chairman of the board are proposed by the members of the board and elected by the Assembly of the Association. The chairman of the board is a member of the Presidency of the Association.

Institutional boards can form expert sections.

#### **Article 19**

For a better access to all members of the Association, a regional organization is established as a supporting organizational unit. There are 8 (eight) regional units that are identical with the statistical regions and municipalities in the Republic of North Macedonia.

Each regional unit shall be represented by a President elected by the Assembly on the proposal of the members of the regional unit or the organs of the Association.

The president of the regional unit is a member of the Presidency of the Association.

The establishment and operation of the regional units is regulated by a Rulebook adopted by the Assembly on the proposal of the Presidency.

#### **Article 20**

Special educators and rehabilitators have their own chamber, which is an integral part of the organizational structure of the Association.

The chamber is formed, organized and works on the basis of the Law. The organization of the whole tasks and the manner of acting of the Chamber of special educators and rehabilitators of the Republic of North Macedonia is regulated by a Rulebook proposed by the Presidency, and adopted by the Assembly of the Association.

#### **Article 21**

In the Association there are permanent and temporary commissions. Forming, organization, goals, objectives and programs of work are governed by Rules adopted by the Presidency of the Association.

Regular committees are:

- for legislation and normative acts;
- for publishing activities;
- for international and national communication.

### **V. BODIES OF THE ASSOCIATION OF SPECIAL EDUCATORS AND REHABILITATORS OF THE REPUBLIC OF NORTH MACEDONIA**

#### **Article 22**

Bodies of the Association of special educators and rehabilitators of the Republic of North Macedonia are:

1. Assembly
2. Presidency
3. President
4. Executive Board

## **Article 23**

### **Assembly**

The Assembly is the highest organ of the Association of special educators and rehabilitators of the Republic of North Macedonia.

The Assembly is composed of delegates proposed by the institutional boards according to the number of members, such as:

- to 5 members - 1 delegate;
- from 5 to 10 members - 3 delegates;
- from 10 to 15 members - 5 delegates;
- from 15 to 20 members - 7 delegates;
- from 20 to 30 members - 10 delegates;
- from 30 to 50 members - 12 delegates;
- more than 50 members 15 delegates.

By function, delegates of the Assembly are members of the Bodies of the Association.

## **Article 24**

The Assembly has the following competencies:

- adopts a Statute, program and other acts;
- adopts the Code of special educators and rehabilitators of the Republic of North Macedonia, i.e. changes and gives amendments to the Code;
- gives awards, declarations, plaques and certificates of appreciation for meritorious members and citizens;
- decides to change the objectives of the Association;
- elects and dismisses the Chairman of the Assembly;
- elects and dismisses the President of the Association;
- elects and dismisses members of the Presidency;
- reviews complaints and appeals and makes final decisions after them;
- concludes and confirms agreements between the Association and other legal entities;
- adopts annual plans and programs for material and financial operations;
- adopts annual work report and financial report;
- submit financial report to the competent body of the state administration, i.e. to the body of the municipalities, the municipalities in the City of Skopje and the City of Skopje in cases when it uses funds from the Budget of the Republic of North Macedonia, or budgets of the local self-government units;
- decides on the internal organization and organizational forms of the organs of the Association;
- monitors, evaluates, stimulates, directs and coordinates the work of the institutional boards and regional units of the Association;
- makes decisions on the establishment of funds;

- decides on status changes of the Association;
- makes decisions that regulate the relations of the Association with its associate members;
- makes decisions on the election of honorary members of the Association;
- makes decisions for membership of the Association in the bodies of other associations;
- decides on the termination of the Association by a two-thirds majority vote of all members of the Association;
- performs other activities in accordance with the Statute and the acts of the Association.

#### **Article 25**

The Assembly works in sessions. The session of the Assembly is convened by the Chairman of the Assembly. The session may be regular or extraordinary. The regular session is held every year and the extraordinary session is held as needed.

The session of the Assembly is also convened upon proposal of the Presidency, the President of the Association or 1/3 of the total number of members of the Assembly.

If the Chairman of the Assembly fails to convene a session within 15 days from the day of the given proposal, the session shall be convened by the Presidency or the Initiators.

#### **Article 26**

The most important decisions, attitudes and conclusions are adopted by the Assembly by a majority of the delegates present.

The decision concerning the interests of an institutional board may be lodged by the competent body of the institutional board not later than 15 days, in writing, from the date of the official submission of the decision by the Executive Board of the Association. In such a case, the decision shall be put to rest and returned to the reconsideration of the Assembly.

#### **Article 27**

##### **Presidency**

The Presidency of the Association is the governing body of the Association in which each member has equal rights, obligations and responsibilities for the operation and development of the Association in accordance with the Statute.

The Presidency is the highest body of the Association between two Assemblies.

The Presidency consists of: the Chairman of the Assembly who is Chairman of the Presidency, the Presidents of the Institutional Boards and the Presidents of the Regional Units. The Presidency of the Association also participates in the work of the Presidency, without the right to decide.



### **Article 28**

The Presidency is elected by the Assembly with a majority of the total number of present members of the Assembly. In the case of termination or inactivity of member of Presidency, the Presidency on a session elects duty executive till the next session of the Presidency.

### **Article 29**

Candidates for a member of the Presidency are proposed by the institutional boards, regional units and the organs of the Association.

Members of the Presidency are members of the Assembly, i.e. members of the Association. The mandate of the presidency members is four years with the right to re-election.

### **Article 30**

The Presidency has the following responsibilities:

- proposes amendments to the Statute;
- on the proposal of the President of the Association, elects and dismisses the members of the Executive Board;
- determines and implements the statutory and program tasks of the Association, as well as the decisions and conclusions of the Assembly;
- provides the Rules of Procedure for its work;
- adopts an annual work program;
- establishes a draft of the basic guidelines for the work and development of the Association;
- reviews organizational, professional, scientific, professional and doctrinal issues, takes positions, gives assessments, determines its guidelines and undertakes or proposes to the Parliament measures, procedures and activities;
- reviews proposals and requests of individual members of the Association;
- reviews objections and appeals against its decisions, reviews the appealed decisions and if it does not rectify or reverse the complaints, i.e. sends complaints with its own articles to the Parliament as a second instance body;
- proposes to the Assembly the granting of recognitions, praise, plaques, certificates of appreciation etc. of meritorious members and citizens;
- initiates and proposes meritorious citizens and members for awarding high social recognitions;
- establishes a proposal for the admission of honorary members of the Association;
- monitors and controls the material and financial performance of the Association;
- follows the application of the Statute and the Program of the Association;
- is followed by the execution of the adopted decisions, conclusions and attitudes of the bodies and bodies of the Association;

- examines organizational, financial, property, legal, professional, professional and other issues arising from the relations in which the Union enters into other legal entities and individuals;
- initiates and organizes expert-scientific gatherings in the country;
- reviews and assesses the need for participation in international expert-scientific meetings and makes a decision;
- adopts decisions for authorization of the members of the Executive Board;
- does and confirms decisions.

The Presidency performs all the tasks in accordance with the Statute of the Association, the decisions of the Assembly of special educators and rehabilitators and the Law, and is responsible for the work of the Assembly of the Association of special educators and rehabilitators.

#### **Article 31**

The presidency works and decides at sessions, which are held regularly once every three months.

The regular sessions are convened and chaired by the Chairman of the Presidency.

A proposal for convening an extraordinary session may be given by at least five members of the Presidency and the President of the Union. The Chairman of the Presidency is obliged to convene a meeting within a period of five days from the day the request was submitted.

Convening the session is done with an invitation in which the time, place and draft agenda for the session is noted.

The presidency can work and decide if at least half of the number of members are present at the meeting. Decisions are made by majority vote.

The sessions are recorded on a transcript, which is adopted at the next session of the Presidency.

#### **Article 32**

##### **Executive Board**

The Executive Board is the executive body of the Association. It is composed of 6 (six) members. The function of a member of the Executive Board is the President of the Union, who is also the President of the Executive Board.

The members of the Executive Board elect the Presidency on the proposal of the President of the Association with the majority of the present number of members.

The mandate of the members of the Executive Board is four years with the right to re-election.

#### **Article 33**

The Executive Board has the following responsibilities:

- prepares meetings of the Presidency and prepares materials;
- manages and responds to the management of the property of the Association;

- prepares an annual report on the work of the Association;
- prepares an annual plan and program for material and financial performance of the Association;
- adopts a Rulebook on the organization of the work and work tasks and fees of the professional service of the Association;
- decides on business trips at home and abroad;
- approves the idea if it is consistent with the objectives and tasks of the Association as a first step in defining the project and seeking potential donors for its realization;
- performs other activities that arise from the needs of the Statute of the Union and which are not in the competence of another body of the Association.

#### **Article 34**

The Executive Board works and decides at sessions, which are held regularly once a month. The sessions are convened and managed by the President of the Union or in his absence the Vice President.

The Executive Board can work and decide if half of the total number of members is present at the meeting.

Decisions are made by majority vote. Minutes are kept for the work of the sessions.

#### **Article 35**

##### **President of the Association**

The President is the legal representative of the Association of special educators and rehabilitators of the Republic of North Macedonia. He represents the Association in relations with third parties.

#### **Article 36**

The President elects the Assembly with a majority of the present members.

The mandate of the President is four years with the right to re-election.

#### **Article 37**

The President has in particular the following rights, obligations and responsibilities:

- the President is a full member of the Assembly and the Executive Board and is responsible for the implementation of the Statute, decisions, attitudes and policies of the Association.
- appoints and presides over the sessions of the Executive Board;
- signs all acts adopted by the Executive Board, the Presidency and the Assembly, and is a signatory on the account of the Association;
- signs the implementation of decisions and material-financial work before the Presidency and the Assembly;
- manages and evaluates the programs and operations of the Association;

- identifies, acquires, and manages resources;
- prepares an annual budget;
- proposes policies and strategic initiatives to the Presidency;
- promotes the Association in the community.

#### **Article 38**

The organs and bodies of the Association work on the basis of a rulebooks prepared by the Executive Board, adopted by the Presidency and confirmed by the Assembly of the Association. For the purpose of achieving the common interests and ensuring efficient and rational planning and programmed operation, the bodies and units of the Association adopt long-term and short-term working plans.

### **V. FUNDING OF THE ASSOCIATION**

#### **Article 39**

Sources of financing of the Association are:

- membership fees, voluntary contributions, donations, legacies;
- income from own business;
- donation-based projects;
- grants and financial gains from various agencies and foundations;
- funds from the Budget of the Republic of North Macedonia, the budgets of the municipalities, the municipalities in the City of Skopje and the City of Skopje;
- other incomes.

#### **Article 40**

The funds of the Association are used to achieve the objectives set forth in this Statute and the Program for work.

The material and financial contractor of the Association is the President and in his absence the vice President, on the basis of a written authorization from the President.

#### **Article 41**

Expert-administrative technical work of the Association is performed by a paid person-technical secretary. Professional administrative-technical operation is regulated by a Rulebook proposed by the Executive Board, and adopted by the Presidency of the Association.

## **VI. TRANSIENT AND FINAL ACTS**

### **Article 42**

The Association stops working if:

- a decision has been taken for the cessation of the existence of the Association in accordance with the Statute;
- twice as much time has been spent than the time provided for holding a session of the highest body established by the Statute, and it has not been held;
- in two consecutive years no final account has been submitted in accordance with the law;
- if the number of members of the Association is reduced to the number established for establishment;
- a decision has been taken by a competent court;

The decision for termination of the work is adopted by the Assembly with a two-thirds majority of the members of the Association.

The President of the Association is obliged to notify the competent basic court within 15 days for the circumstances referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article.

The termination of the Association is determined by the Basic Court with a decision under the rules of the non-procedural procedure.

### **Article 43**

Amendments to the Statute are made by the same procedure as for its adoption.

Any member of the Association can propose an initiative for amending the Statute.

The proposal is reviewed by the Presidency and, together with its opinion, it is submitted to all members of the Assembly, fifteen days before the session of the Assembly.

The Assembly shall adopt the Statute with a majority of the members present.

### **Article 44**

The right to authentic interpretation of the provisions of this Statute is carried out by the Assembly, and between the two Assemblies the Presidency of the Association of special educators and rehabilitators of the Republic of North Macedonia.

### **Article 45**

This Statute shall enter into force on the day of its adoption, and thus the Statute of the Association of special educators and rehabilitators on March 15, 2011 ceases to be valid.

18.04.2019

Skopje

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rehabilitators of Republic of North Macedonia  
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