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On November 12, the meeting on changes to student scholarships was held at the Ministry of Education with Vice-rectors and deans of higher education institutions.

The event was attended by Yagub Piriye, Deputy Head of the Apparatus of the Ministry of Education, and Natig Ibrahimov, Deputy Head of the Department of Science and Higher Education.

During the meeting, the duties arising from the Order of the President of Azerbaijan Republic on "Making amendments to the Order No.3108 of the President of Azerbaijan Republic on "Increasing scholarships for doctoral candidates, students and pupils of higher, secondary specialized and initial vocational education institutions" dated August 30, 2013" were explained to the employees of the higher education institutions. It was noted that according to the Order, scholarships would be paid to students receiving full-time education at higher and secondary specialized education institutions regardless of tuition-free education or fee-based education for students and taking into account the overall average success rate and the academic achievements in subjects.

It was underlined that the document signed by the head of state was aimed to increase state care for students, to stimulate students' interest in education, to create a competitive environment among learners in order to improve the quality of education in accordance with the National Strategy for the Development of Education. The new rule reflects the true purpose of student scholarship and is based on the principle of justice. Thus, in accordance with the Order, after the first half-year, regardless of tuition-free education or fee-based education for students, scholarships will be assigned to those who differ in high academic achievement, after taking into account the total number of students admitted to education institution, to this specialty with the state order in the current year.

It should be noted that the Order has a number of advantages from the social point of view. Thus, the implementation of the Order provides an opportunity for students from low-income families, and for those who get a fee-based education and differ in high academic achievement, to receive a scholarship. In addition, refugees and internally displaced persons, as well as students from privileged families, whose tuition fees are paid by the state, will have the opportunity to improve social welfare.

The Order will enable to stimulate interest in education and to create a competitive environment among learners. This, in turn, will create favorable conditions to improve the quality of education and to carry out a training of high-quality personnel.

At the end of the meeting, numerous questions of Vice-rectors and deans of higher education institutions were answered.