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Law of the Republic of Azerbaijan “On the efficient use of Energy Resources and Energy Efficiency” has been adopted.
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Major amendments have been made to the Law “On the rights of persons with disabilities”.
3. *9 August, 2021*  
The new provision regulating pension of civil servants has been included to the Laws on Labour Pensions and on Civil Service.

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1. The new Law determines the legal, organizational and economic bases of the state policy in the field of efficient use of energy resources and energy efficiency, regulates the activity of state bodies (institutions), individuals and legal entities in this field and relations arising between them.

This Law envisages important provisions such as public policy in the field of efficient use of energy resources and energy efficiency, state programmes, energy audit and management systems, rules of calculation of energy consumption and informing consumers, production, storage, transmission and distribution of energy as well as supply efficiency.

The Law will enter into force on 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2022.

2. Significant changes to the Law “About the rights of persons with disabilities” include the following:
  - The term “degree of disability” has been replaced by “percentage of dysfunction”:  
  
I degree disability – 81-100 percent of body dysfunction;  
II degree disability – 61-80 percent of body dysfunction;  
III degree disability – 31-60 percent of body dysfunction.
  - The term “disabled children under the age of 18” has been replaced by the term “persons with an identified disability under the age of 18”. As a result, children are also included in the general group of "Persons with Disability".
  - A new provision has been added:

Article 3.2. Assessment of a person's disability, including re-assessment of disability shall be carried out within 10 (ten) working days from the date of entry of the referral for medical and social examination into the centralized

electronic information system of the body (institution) determined by the relevant executive authority, if additional investigation is required, it shall be extended for a period of 15 (fifteen) working days.

The law will come into force on 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2022.

3. With the new amendment, civil servants have to comply with certain seniority level in order to receive a supplement to their labour pensions. The relevant regulation reads as follows:

*If at the date of termination of civil service of civil servants in connection with the establishment of a public legal entity by the body (institution) determined by the relevant executive authority on the basis of the state body there is no more than 2 years before reaching the retirement age provided for in the Law of the Republic of Azerbaijan “On Labour Pensions”, the right to receive a supplement to the labour pension as a civil servant arises when they have at least 13 years of service in the civil service.*

This regulation has been added to the Law “on Labour Pensions” as well as to the Law “on Civil Service” with the effective date being 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020.

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