



LEGISLATION UPDATE

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<p data-bbox="159 398 454 470">1 May, 2025 <i>Amendments to the Law</i></p>	<p data-bbox="625 398 1548 470">Article 17.2 has been added to the Law “On the Efficient Use of Energy Resources and Energy Efficiency” with the following content:</p> <p data-bbox="625 524 1548 676"><i>17.2. Except for incandescent lamps specifically intended for use in production processes and in products whose primary purpose is not lighting, the import, production, and sale of electric incandescent lamps that can be used for lighting purposes in alternating current circuits are prohibited as of the following dates:</i></p> <p data-bbox="625 730 1548 801"><i>17.2.1. Incandescent lamps with a power of 60 W or more — from January 1, 2026;</i></p> <p data-bbox="625 855 1548 927"><i>17.2.2. Incandescent lamps with a power of 25 W (inclusive) up to but not including 60 W — from July 1, 2026.</i></p> <p data-bbox="625 1025 1428 1061">For further details: https://president.az/az/articles/view/68690</p>
<p data-bbox="215 1312 371 1384">7 May, 2025 <i>New Rules</i></p>	<p data-bbox="625 1236 1548 1308">By Decision No. 146 of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Azerbaijan dated May 2, 2025, the following were approved:</p> <ul data-bbox="675 1361 1548 1724" style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>“The List of Economic Activities Related to Cultural and Creative Industries in the Republic of Azerbaijan”;</i> ▪ <i>“The List of Occupations (Positions) Related to Cultural and Creative Industries in the Republic of Azerbaijan”;</i> ▪ <i>“The List of Products and Services Related to Cultural and Creative Industries Produced in the Republic of Azerbaijan”; and</i> ▪ <i>“The List of Goods and Services Related to Cultural and Creative Industries under Foreign Economic Activity in the Republic of Azerbaijan.”</i> <p data-bbox="625 1868 1548 1939">For further details: https://nk.gov.az/az/senedler/qerarlar/azerbaycan-respublikasinda-medeni-ve-yaradici-sena-8821</p>

12 May, 2025
New Agreement

The “Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan and the Government of the Federal Republic of Somalia on Cooperation in the Fields of Defense and Defense Industry”, signed in Baku on February 12, 2025, has been approved.

For further details: <https://president.az/az/articles/view/68783>

13 May, 2025
New Rules

By Decision No. 156 of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Azerbaijan dated May 12, 2025, the “Rules on the Form and Filling of Employees' Work Books” were approved.

These Rules have been prepared in accordance with Part 3 of Article 87 of the Labour Code of the Republic of Azerbaijan (hereinafter – the Code) and establish the form and the procedures for filling out the work book of employees in cases specified in Sub-article 2-1 of Article 7 of the Code.

For further details: <https://nk.gov.az/az/senedler/qerarlar/iscilerin-emek-kitabcasinin-formasi-ve-onun-doldur-8831>

15 May, 2025
Amendments to the Law

The following new articles have been added to the Law “On State Registration and State Register of Legal Entities”:

2.0.18. Beneficial owner – a natural person (or persons) who ultimately exercises control over a legal entity or a foreign legal arrangement, is the actual owner of the legal entity or foreign legal arrangement and/or on whose behalf a transaction is conducted and/or an agreement is concluded, and who ultimately exercises effective control over the legal entity or foreign legal arrangement.

4.2-2. Every legal entity, as well as the representative office or branch of a foreign legal entity, must know and possess accurate, up-to-date, and verifiable information about its beneficial owner (including in electronic form), and must submit such information in the manner and cases provided by law.

4.2-3. Every legal entity, as well as the representative office or branch of a foreign legal entity, must retain documents (including electronic documents) containing information about its beneficial owner in accordance with the procedure established by law.

For further details: <https://president.az/az/articles/view/68807>

22 May, 2025
Amendments to the Law

Article 10.2 of the Law “On Mediation” has been amended as follows:

10.2. Clergy members; persons declared by a court to be legally incapable or with limited legal capacity; individuals with an unexpunged or unpardoned criminal record; individuals who, due to serious misconduct or actions incompatible with their duties, were dismissed from service within the last 3 (three) years (prior to the date of the agreement on the application of the mediation process); military personnel discharged from active service due to unsuitability or by court judgment or disciplinary action resulting in deprivation of military rank; individuals dismissed from law enforcement bodies; as well as persons whose powers as a judge, civil servant (including in special types of public service), lawyer, or notary were terminated as a disciplinary measure — cannot act as mediators.

Additionally, according to Article 10.4-1, which has been newly added to the Law:

10.4-1. A natural person wishing to engage in mediation activity must have at their disposal an office consisting of at least two rooms that meets the requirements determined by the Mediation Council.

For further details: <https://president.az/az/articles/view/68884>

22 May, 2025
New Rules

By Decision No. 164 of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Azerbaijan dated May 22, 2025, the “Rules for Determining the Minimum Retail Price of Alcoholic Beverages” were approved.

These Rules have been prepared in accordance with Article 29-1.2 of the Law of the Republic of Azerbaijan “On Protection of Consumer Rights” and regulate the determination of the minimum retail price of alcoholic beverages.

For the purposes of these Rules, alcoholic beverages refer to all vodka products (excluding fruit vodkas) sold in retail trade outlets (hereinafter – the product).

The minimum retail price of the product is determined based on packaging volumes.

For further details: <https://nk.gov.az/az/senedler/qerarlar/alkoqollu-ickilerin-perakende-satisina-dair-minimu-8849>

22 May, 2025
Amendments to the Law

The following new article has been added to the Law “On Advertising”:

1.4. This Law also applies to advertisements on digital platforms that serve as carriers of advertising addressed to consumers located within the territory of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

According to newly added Article 26-1.1, advertising disseminated by a digital platform influencer must be accompanied by a note such as “advertisement”, “based on advertising rights”, “sponsorship”, or “partnership”.

For further details: <https://president.az/az/articles/view/68885>

30 May, 2025
Amendments to the Code

Article 539.3 has been added to the Code of Administrative Offenses with the following content:

539.3. Failure to submit, or submission of incomplete, inaccurate, or untimely information (documents) required by the relevant executive authority exercising state control over compliance with labor legislation — in connection with the cases provided for in Article 539.1-1 of this Code (excluding the cases specified in Article 602.4 of this Code regarding inspections conducted at the locations where entrepreneurial activity is carried out) — shall result in a fine of 1,000 to 1,500 manats for officials and 2,000 to 2,500 manats for legal entities.

Articles 555.1 and 555.2 have been revised as follows:

555.1. If the employer conceals the occurrence of an occupational accident or fails to report the accident on the day it occurred to the relevant executive authority exercising state control over compliance with labor legislation, a fine in the amount of 1,000 to 2,200 manats shall be imposed.

555.2. If the employer fails to draw up the relevant act no later than one day after the investigation of the accident is completed, or refuses to draw up the act on the conducted investigation, a fine in the amount of 1,500 to 2,200 manats shall be imposed.

For further details: <https://president.az/az/articles/view/69052>

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