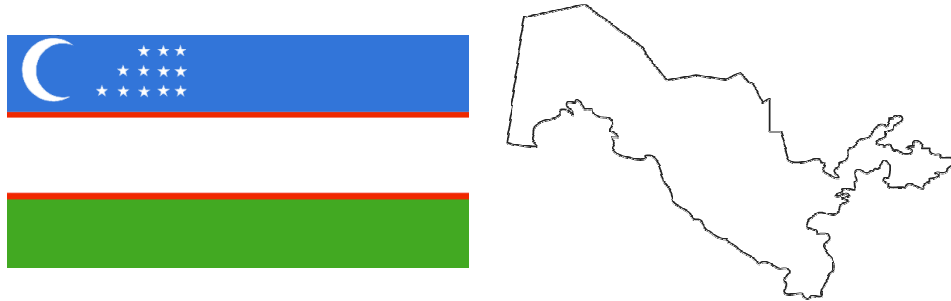


REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

(O'ZBEKISTON RESPUBLIKASI)



BACKGROUND AND LEGAL SYSTEM

LEGAL SYSTEM	Based on civil law system according to the traditions of the continental, Roman-Germanic family of laws.
POLITICAL SYSTEM	Republic.
HEAD OF STATE	President, elected by a popular vote, serves a seven-year term with a right to one re-election. This was extended from a five-year term in a Constitutional Amendment in 2002.
HEAD OF GOVERNMENT	Prime Minister, appointed by the President.
SUBNATIONAL ENTITIES	Uzbekistan is divided into 12 provinces (<i>viloyatlar</i>), 1 autonomous region (<i>respublika</i>), Karakalpakstan, and 1 city (<i>shahar</i>). The capital is Tashkent (Toshkent).
SUBLOCAL ENTITIES	None.
TRANSLITERATION SYSTEM	Latin alphabet (Cyrillic prior to 2000).
LANGUAGES	Uzbek (Uzbekistan), Russian, Karakalpak (Karakalpakstan).

CONSTITUTION

OFFICIAL NAME	O'zbekiston Respublikasining Konstitutsiyasi.
ENACTMENT	Adopted December 8, 1992, Amended December 28, 1993 and January 27, 2002.
CITATION FORMAT	CONST. REPUB. UZB. [Constitution] art. <article number> (1992). or O'ZBEKISTON RESPUBLIKASI KONSTITUTSIYASI [Constitution] pt. <part number>, ch. <chapter number> (Uzb. 1992).
<i>Example</i>	CONST. REPUB. UZB. [Constitution] pt. I, ch. 1, art. 3 (1992).

STATUTES

GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE	<p>The highest representative body of the state is the Parliament (<i>Oliy Majlis</i>), The Supreme Assembly of the Republic of Uzbekistan.</p> <p>In 2002, the Constitution was amended to give the Parliament a bicameral structure, consisting of the Legislative, or lower, House, and the Senate, the higher house. The House has 120 members elected by a popular vote to serve five-year terms. The Senate has 100 seats of which 84 members are elected by regional governing councils to serve five-year terms and 16 are appointed by the President.</p>
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LEGISLATIVE PROCESS	<p>The right to initiate legislation in the Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan is vested in the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, the Republic of Karakalpakstan through the highest body of state authority (Jokargy Kenes), the deputies of the Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan, the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan, the Constitutional Court, the Supreme Court, the Higher Arbitration Court and the Procurator General of the Republic of Uzbekistan.</p> <p>The Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan shall pass laws, decisions and other acts. Any law shall be adopted when it is passed by a majority of the total voting power of the deputies of the Oliy Majlis. Promulgation of the laws and other normative acts shall be a compulsory condition for their enforcement.</p>
REPORTER	<p>Laws are published in the official issues of the following legal publications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Official Legislation of Uzbekistan: (<i>O'zbekiston Respublikasi qonun hujjatlari to'plami/Sobranie zakonodatel'stva Respubliki Uzbekistan</i>) • Financial Legislation of Uzbekistan: (<i>O'zbekiston Respublikasi moliya qonunchiligining to'plami / Finansovoe zakonodatel'stvo Respubliki Uzbekistan</i>) <p>Laws are also published in the following newspapers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Xalq so'zi • Narodnoje slovo • Pravda Vostoka
CITATION FORMAT	<p><name of law>, No. <volume number>-<article number>, <special title of law in Uzbek> [<English translation>] (<date of passage>).</p>
Examples	<p>Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan, No. 289-XII, <i>Vijdon erkinligi va diniy tashkilotlar to'g'risida</i> [On Freedom of Conscience and Religious Associations] (June 14, 1991 in new edition of the Law 618-I as of May 1, 1998).</p> <p>Law on Foreign Borrowings, No. 263-I, art. 9.1.2 (1996).</p>

ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE SOURCES	<p>The President issues decrees, enactments and ordinances.</p> <p>The President appoints a Cabinet of Ministers with approval of the Supreme Assembly. They issue enactments and ordinances in accordance with current legislation.</p> <p>Other administrative bodies include Ministries, State Committees, and Agencies.</p>
REPORTER	<p>Bulletin of Normative Acts of the Ministries, Governmental Committees and Bodies of the Republic of Uzbekistan (<i>O'zbekiston Respublikasi vazirliklari, davlat qo'mitalari va idoralarining me'yoriy hujjatlari byuletenni/Bulleten' normativnih aktov ministerstv, gosudarstvennih komitetov i vedomstv Respubliki Uzbekistan</i>).</p>
CITATION FORMAT	<p><name of decree/edict>, No. <volume number>, art. <article number> (<year of passage>) (Uzb.).</p>
<i>Examples</i>	<p>Decree of the Cabinet of Ministers No. 538 (1998) (Uzb.).</p> <p>Edict of the President No. 1652, art. 1 (1996) (Uzb.).</p>

CODES

CIVIL CODE	<p>Enacted in December 21, 1995.</p> <p>Part I, Articles 1-385.</p> <p>Part II, Articles 386-1199.</p>
CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE	<p>Enacted August 30, 1997.</p>
CRIMINAL CODE	<p>Enacted September 22, 1994.</p>
CODE OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE	<p>Enacted April 25, 1997.</p>

OTHER CODES	Labor Code (1997), Land Code (1998), Family Code (1998), Tax Code (1997), Administrative Responsibility (1994), Air Code (1993), Housing Code (1998), City Planning Code (2002), Custom Code (1997), Economic Procedure (1997).
CITATION FORMAT	<code name>, No. <volume number>, art. <article number> (<year of enactment>) (Uzb.).
<i>Examples</i>	Civil Code of the Republic of Uzbekistan, art. 14 (1995) (Uzb.). Criminal Code of the Republic of Uzbekistan, art. 216.2 (1998) (Uzb.).

CASE LAW

JUDICIAL OVERVIEW	<p>The main courts of Uzbekistan are the Constitutional Court, the Supreme Court, and the High Economic Court. Judges of these courts are nominated by the President and elected by the Oliy Majlis.</p> <p>The Uzbek President is a member of the Constitutional Court for life. In the Republic of Karakalpakstan there is a Supreme Court and Economic Court. Judges of regional, district, city, and economic courts are appointed and dismissed by the President, for five-year terms. This leaves a high level of control over the judiciary by the executive branch.</p> <p>In 2000, a new Law on Courts was adopted that introduced the specialization of courts. Following the adoption of this law courts of general jurisdiction were divided into civil and criminal courts.</p>
REPORTER	Bulletin of the Supreme Court of the Republic of Uzbekistan: (Biulleten' Verkhovnogo Suda Respubliki Uzbekistan/O'zbekiston Respublikasi Oliy Sudining Byulleteni) (SUSPENDED)
CITATION FORMAT	<court name>, <reporter name>, No. <volume number>, <page number> (<date of decision>).

Example

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A Guide to Uzbekistan Legal Research

<http://www.llrx.com/features/uzbekistan.htm#sources>

Uzbekistan Government Website

<http://www.gov.uz>

Press Service of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan

(Provides links to recent decrees and resolutions)

<http://www.press-service.uz/>

Central European and Eurasian Law Initiative (CEELI) (ABA website)

<http://www.abanet.org/ceeli/countries/uzbekistan/legalinfo.html>

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<http://lawlib.freenet.uz/>

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