

## THE CONSTITUTION IS MY PRIDE

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**Annotation:** The new version and the changes of the Constitution of the Republic of Uzbekistan is outlined in this article.

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It is important to know the meaning of this word “constitution” when we talk about it. A constitution is a set of fundamental rules that determine how a country or state is run. Almost all constitutions are “codified”, which simply means they are written down clearly in a specific document called “the constitution”. However, some countries, such as Israel, New Zealand and the United Kingdom, have “un-codified” constitutions which can’t be found written down neatly in one particular place. Constitutions usually include the following basic elements:

A passionate introductory statement setting out the purpose of the constitution, known as a preamble.

A detailed description of how power is to be distributed between the three branches of government - the legislature, executive and judiciary - as well as between national and state levels of government

A guarantee of certain basic rights enjoyed by individual citizens of the country.

A constitution sets out the fundamental principles by which the state is governed. It describes the main institutions of the state, and defines the relationship between these institutions (for example, between the executive, legislature and judiciary). It places limits on the exercise of power, and sets out the rights and duties of citizens.

Codified constitutions contain fundamental, superior law, and are harder to amend than ordinary law. Constitutional change typically involves approval by a super-majority in the legislature, or a referendum, or sometimes both. Constitutions concern different levels of organizations, from sovereign countries to companies and unincorporated associations. A treaty that establishes an international organization is also its constitution, in that it would define how that organization is constituted. Within states, a constitution defines the principles upon which the state is based, the procedure in which laws are made and by whom. Some constitutions, especially codified constitutions, also act as limiters of state power, by establishing lines which a state's rulers cannot cross, such as fundamental rights.

The new version of the Constitution of the Republic of Uzbekistan officially came into effect on May 1, 2023. This was based on the adoption of a relevant law consisting of 11 articles based on the result of the referendum held on April 30. Until then, since 1992, the constitution has been amended 15 times. This time, due to the large scale of changes, a new version of the document was adopted. As a result of the update, the number of items in the main law increased from 128 to 155, and the norms in it increased from 275 to 434. In total, according to officials, the constitution has been updated by 65%.

Below, the changes that took place in the ten most important areas are mentioned according to the sequence in the document:

1. Uzbekistan is a legal, social and secular state;
2. The Constitution is directly applicable;
3. Privileges do not need to be written down in law;
4. All uncertainty is in favour of man;
5. Human rights may be restricted in order to maintain social morality and public order;
6. Teachers are specially recognized;
7. Land can be private property;
8. Obstruction of media activity is a cause of responsibility;
9. Changes in public administration: The term of office of the President has become 7 years;
10. Changes in local government administration: Governors have left the council chairmanship.

In addition to the above, many other norms were added to the constitution, including:

- The death penalty is prohibited in Uzbekistan.
- If a person's confession is the only evidence against him, he cannot be found guilty or punished.
- Evidence obtained in violation of the law shall not be used in the course of justice.
- Everyone has the right to request the correction of incorrect information about his identity, the destruction of information about him that was collected illegally or has no legal basis.
- The state creates conditions for ensuring the use of the Internet global information network.

According to officials, December 8, 1992 will be recognized as the date of adoption of the constitution, and the date of December 8 – holiday will not change.

In conclusion, the new version of the Constitution serves the development of our country, the development of the well-being of our people. This constitutional reform represents the latest effort by Uzbekistan to modernize and open up the country.

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