

DIGITAL LAW IN UZBEKISTAN

To continue the 2019 “Year of active investment and social development”, 2020 has been declared by the President of Uzbekistan as the **“Year of science, education and the digital economy”** and the priority task is the widespread overview of digital technologies in all areas of economic and social life.

Uzbekistan is currently taking large-scale measures to develop the digital sector of the economy.

In 2018, it was signed the Decree¹ for further improvement the public administration system, create conditions for the introduction and development of the digital economy, improve the investment environment, and implement of Strategic Map for the five priority areas of development of the Republic of Uzbekistan in 2017-2021. It included the main concept of digitalization in Uzbekistan. The main feature of the Decree on digitalization is implementation of the technology of recording and storage of data as distributed database, so called the “blockchain”.

Additional adopted Resolution² is a logical continuation of the work that has been started during this year. The Resolution defines the Ministry for the development of information technologies and communications as the authorized body for the development of the digital economy and e-government, and establishes the “e-government project management center” and “digital economy research center” under the Ministry.

In November 2019, at the suggestion of the President, the national Agency for project management under the President has published a draft concept of the national strategy "Digital Uzbekistan 2030" for discussion. The document notes that the strategy is aimed at:

- accelerated digital development of the country;
- creating a digital economy based on data;
- creating a favorable environment for the development of innovative products;
- improving the efficiency of public administration;
- providing convenient public services to the population and businesses.

In 2020-2022, more than 268 projects are planned for the further development of e-government, telecommunications and information technologies, and the widespread introduction of digital technologies in the real sector of the economy, in agriculture and water management.

With the excellence implementation of all regulations and the Concept by 2030, Uzbekistan is planning to get:

- high-quality, secure and inexpensive access to high-speed Internet and mobile communications;
- a stable and competitive market for communications and

¹ Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan "On measures to develop the digital economy in the Republic of Uzbekistan" No.3832 dated 03.07.2018

² Resolution of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan "On measures for the widespread introduction of the digital economy and e-government"



telecommunications;

- reducing digital inequality between cities and rural areas;
- the primacy of an electronic record over a traditional paper or electronic document;
- strengthening the fight against corruption.

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