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REGISTRATION OF PRIVATE ENTREPRENEURSHIP: IN THE CONTEXT OF NAVOIY REGION

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Abstract. This article analyzes the procedures, processes, and features of registering private entrepreneurship in the Navoiy region of the Republic of Uzbekistan. It examines the opportunities created for the development of entrepreneurship in the region, the legal framework, and existing challenges. In addition, recommendations are provided for further development of entrepreneurship in the region.

Key words: Navoiy region, private entrepreneurship, registration, business environment, business entities, entrepreneurial entities, digitalization, economic development, free economic zone.

Introduction. In the modern world, entrepreneurial activity is considered a fundamental pillar of any country's economy. In Uzbekistan, particularly in recent years, comprehensive reforms have been carried out to promote the development of private entrepreneurship. As a result of these reforms, business procedures have been simplified, new opportunities have been created for entrepreneurs, and overall economic activity has significantly increased.

Navoiy region is one of the most economically promising areas of Uzbekistan, distinguished by its mineral resources, industrial capacity, and agricultural potential. In such an environment, supporting private entrepreneurship and facilitating its development contributes to the sustainable growth of the region's economy. Therefore, the efficiency and transparency of the registration process for private entrepreneurship hold particular importance.

This article analyzes the legal framework, current procedures, existing challenges, and solutions related to the registration of private entrepreneurship in Navoiy region. Additionally, based on international experience, recommendations are provided for further improving the registration process of entrepreneurship in the region.

Legal foundations for the registration of private entrepreneurship.

Legislative Framework. In Uzbekistan, the registration of private



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entrepreneurial activity is regulated by a number of legislative acts. These include:

- The Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan "On Guarantees of Freedom of Entrepreneurial Activity"
- The Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan "On Private Enterprises"
- The Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan "On Improving the System of State Registration and Accounting of Business Entities"
- The Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan "On the Procedure for State Registration of Business Entities"

These legal documents define the main principles, procedures, and conditions for the registration of business entities. In particular, the reforms introduced between 2021 and 2024 have focused on further simplifying and digitalizing the registration process, as well as eliminating barriers.

Authorities Responsible for Registering Business Entities in Navoiy Region. In the Navoiy region, the registration of business entities is mainly carried out by the following authorities:

- Public Service Centers
- Tax Authorities
- The Business Entity Registration Portal

Each of these bodies has its own responsibilities, and cooperation between them ensures the effective operation of the business registration process. Special attention is paid to reducing human involvement and ensuring transparency in the registration process through the use of digital technologies.

The process of registering private entrepreneurship in navoiy region. Types of Business Entities and Their Registration Features. In the Navoiy region, the following types of business entities can be registered:

- Sole proprietors
- Limited liability companies (LLCs)
- Family enterprises
- Dehkan and farming households
- Private enterprises
- Joint-stock companies
- Foreign and joint ventures

Each type of business entity has its own specific registration features. For example, registering a sole proprietor is relatively simple, requiring a small number of documents and a quick process. Registering a joint-stock company,



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on the other hand, is more complex, requiring more documentation and more time.

Stages of the Registration Process. The process of registering private entrepreneurship in the Navoiy region consists of the following stages:

- 1. **Preparation of the application and documents:** Depending on the type of business entity, a set of required documents is prepared. This may include the founding documents, copies of passports, and information about the business name and type of activity.
- 2. **Submission of application and documents:** The prepared documents are submitted either to the Public Service Center or electronically via the portal fo.birdarcha.uz.
- 3. **Payment of state fee:** A state duty is paid according to the established amount for the registration of the business entity.
- 4. **Review of documents:** The submitted documents are reviewed by the relevant government authorities and checked for compliance with legal requirements.
- 5. **Decision on registration:** If the documents comply with the legal regulations, a decision is made to register the business entity.
- 6. **Entry into the State Register:** Information about the registered business entity is entered into the Unified State Register.
- 7. **Issuance of registration certificate:** After the registration is complete, the entity is issued a certificate confirming its official registration.
- 8. **Tax registration:** The registered business entity is automatically registered with the tax authorities and assigned a Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN).

Registration Deadlines and Fees. In the Navoiy region, registration timelines are regulated by law. Sole proprietors are usually registered within one working day, while legal entities are registered within a maximum of three working days.

Registration fees vary depending on the type of business entity. As of 2024, the registration fee for sole proprietors is 10% of the minimum monthly wage, while for limited liability companies it is 50% of the minimum monthly wage. However, when the application is submitted electronically, the state fee is reduced by 10%.

Specifics of business registration in navoly region. Unique Features of the Regional Economy Navoly region is one of the largest industrial centers in Uzbekistan. The region's economy is primarily based on the mining industry,



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metallurgy, chemical industry, construction materials production, and agriculture.

In such an environment, special attention is given to business entities operating in these sectors during the registration process.

One of the distinctive features of Navoiy region is the presence of the "Navoi" Free Economic Zone. Business entities registered within this zone are granted various tax and customs privileges, which in turn provides additional incentives for entrepreneurial activity in the region.

Regional Programs and Incentives. A number of regional programs and incentives have been introduced to support entrepreneurship in Navoiy region, including:

- **Loan programs:** Preferential loans are available for business entities operating in the region.
- **Tax incentives:** Certain types of entrepreneurial activities are granted tax benefits.
- **Infrastructure support:** Programs are being implemented to develop necessary infrastructure for business entities.
- **Entrepreneur training and consulting:** Centers for training and consulting entrepreneurs have been established in the region.

Analysis of Statistical Data. In recent years, the number of registered private business entities in Navoiy region has significantly increased. Between 2020 and 2024, the number of registered business entities in the region grew by nearly 30%. This growth is mainly attributed to entities operating in agriculture, the service sector, and manufacturing.

The sectoral distribution of registered business entities in the region is as follows:

Agriculture: 28%Service sector: 32%Manufacturing: 22%

• **Trade**: 15%

Other sectors: 3%

These statistics reflect both the effectiveness of the business registration process in Navoiy region and the diversification of its economy.

Application of digital technologies. Electronic Registration System. In Uzbekistan, including the Navoiy region, significant efforts are being made to digitalize the process of private business registration. Through the electronic



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registration system (fo.birdarcha.uz), business entities can now be registered online.

This system offers the following advantages:

- **Time-saving:** The registration process is much faster compared to traditional methods.
 - **Cost reduction:** Lower state fees are required for electronic registration.
- **Transparency:** The registration process is monitored electronically, which reduces the risk of corruption.
- Convenience: Business entities can apply for registration from any location at any time.

Implementation of the "One-Stop Shop" Principle. The business registration process has been simplified through the introduction of the "One-Stop Shop" principle. Under this system, business entities can submit all required documents in one place and obtain all necessary permits from a single location.

In the Navoiy region, "One-Stop Shop" service centers have been established, offering the following services:

- Business entity registration
- Opening a bank account
- Tax registration
- Statistical registration
- Obtaining required permits for business activity

Thanks to the efficiency of these centers, the business registration process in the Navoiy region has become significantly simpler and faster.

Advantages and Challenges of Digital Technologies. The use of digital technologies has brought several benefits to the business registration process in Navoiy region. However, there are also some challenges associated with this transition.

Advantages	Challenges
Faster registration process	Low digital literacy among the
	population
Reduction of bureaucratic obstacles	Internet connectivity issues,
	especially in remote areas
Increased transparency	Technical malfunctions in electronic
	systems
Improved efficiency in data exchange	Issues related to data security
Faster registration process	Low digital literacy among the



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population

Efforts are ongoing to address these challenges and further improve the application of digital technologies in business registration.

Existing problems and ways to solve them. Obstacles in the Registration Process. There are certain barriers to business registration in the Navoiy region. These include:

- **Bureaucratic obstacles:** In some cases, the registration process requires excessive documentation and procedures.
- Lack of information: Business entities often lack complete knowledge about registration procedures.
- **Infrastructure issues:** In remote areas, internet connectivity problems exist.
- Shortcomings in the operation of public service centers: In some cases, public service center staff lack sufficient qualifications, or there are issues with long queues at these centers.

Mechanisms for Protecting Entrepreneurs' Rights. The following mechanisms have been introduced in the Navoiy region to protect entrepreneurs' rights:

- The Institution of the Business Ombudsman: This institution protects the rights of entrepreneurs before state authorities.
- The Council of Entrepreneurs of the Navoiy Region: This council represents the interests of entrepreneurs and defends their rights.
- **Hotlines:** Entrepreneurs can file complaints through dedicated hotlines if their rights are violated.
- **Judicial protection:** Entrepreneurs may turn to the courts if their rights are infringed.

Recommendations for Improvement. To improve the business registration process in the Navoiy region, the following recommendations are proposed:

- Further simplification of the registration process: Reduce excessive documents and procedures, and shorten registration periods.
- Enhance information systems: Develop resources that provide complete information about registration procedures for business entities.
 - **Develop digital infrastructure:** Expand internet access in remote areas.
- Improve the operation of public service centers: Increase staff qualifications and address issues related to long queues.



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• Strengthen mechanisms for protecting entrepreneurs' rights: Expand the powers of the Business Ombudsman and enhance the activities of the Council of Entrepreneurs in the Navoiy region.

Conclusion. In recent years, the process of registering private entrepreneurship in the Navoi region has significantly improved. The introduction of digital technologies, the implementation of the "one-stop shop" principle, and the reduction of bureaucratic barriers have simplified and accelerated the registration process.

However, certain systemic problems still remain relevant. These include excessive bureaucratic procedures, lack of information among entrepreneurs, insufficient digital infrastructure in remote areas, and some shortcomings in the activities of public service centers. To address these issues, the following measures are recommended: further simplification of registration procedures, improvement of information delivery systems, development of digital infrastructure, enhancement of service quality, and strengthening of mechanisms for protecting entrepreneurs' rights.

Additionally, drawing on the experience of developed countries, it is advisable to implement innovative approaches in the region. These include the use of blockchain technologies, artificial intelligence, mobile applications, and cloud technologies, which can further improve the efficiency and transparency of the registration process.

In conclusion, improving the system for registering private entrepreneurship in the Navoi region can contribute to sustainable economic growth in the region. In turn, this will help increase the well-being of the population and enhance the attractiveness of the entrepreneurial environment

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