**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 (viloyatlар), 1 autonomous region (respublika), Karakalpakstan, and 1 city (shahar). The capital is Tashkent (Toshkent).

**SUBLOCAL ENTITIES**
None.

**TRANSLITERATION SYSTEM**
Latin alphabet (Cyrillic prior to 2000).

**LANGUAGES**
Uzbek (Uzbekistan), Russian, Karakalpak (Karakalpakstan).
## CONSTITUTION

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## STATUTES

| GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE | The highest representative body of the state is the Parliament (Oliy Majlis), The Supreme Assembly of the Republic of Uzbekistan. |
|----------------------| 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. |
**LEGISLATIVE PROCESS**

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.

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.

**REPORTER**

Laws are published in the official issues of the following legal publications:

- Official Legislation of Uzbekistan: *(O’zbekiston Respublikasi qonun hujjatlari to’plami/Sobranie zakonodatel’stva Respubliki Uzbekistan)*
- Financial Legislation of Uzbekistan: *(O’zbekiston Respublikasi moliya qonunchiligining to’plami / Finansovee zakonodatel’stvo Respubliki Uzbekistan)*

Laws are also published in the following newspapers:

- Xalq so’zi
- Narodnoje slovo
- Pravda Vostoka

**CITATION FORMAT**

<name of law>, No. <volume number>-<article number>,
<special title of law in Uzbek> [<English translation>] (<date of passage>).

**Examples**


# ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS

## ADMINISTRATIVE SOURCES

The President issues decrees, enactments and ordinances.

The President appoints a Cabinet of Ministers with approval of the Supreme Assembly. They issue enactments and ordinances in accordance with current legislation.

Other administrative bodies include Ministries, State Committees, and Agencies.

## REPORTER

Bulletin of Normative Acts of the Ministries, Governmental Committees and Bodies of the Republic of Uzbekistan (O’zbekiston Respublikasi vazirliklari, davlat go’mitalari va idoralarining me’yoriy hujiatlari byuletenni/Bulleten' normativnih aktov ministerstv, gosudarstvennih komitetov i vedomstv Respubliki Uzbekistan).

## CITATION FORMAT

<name of decree/edict>, No. <volume number>, art. <article number> (<year of passage>) (Uzb.).

**Examples**

Decree of the Cabinet of Ministers No. 538 (1998) (Uzb.).

Edict of the President No. 1652, art. 1 (1996) (Uzb.).

## CODES

**CIVIL CODE**

Enacted in December 21, 1995.

Part I, Articles 1-385.

Part II, Articles 386-1199.

**CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE**

Enacted August 30, 1997.

**CRIMINAL CODE**


**CODE OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE**

Enacted April 25, 1997.
OTHER CODES


CITATION FORMAT

<code name>, No. <volume number>, art. <article number> (<year of enactment>) (Uzb.).

Examples


CASE LAW

JUDICIAL OVERVIEW

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.

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.

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.

REPORTER

Bulletin of the Supreme Court of the Republic of Uzbekistan: (Biuleten' 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


SOURCES


CIA World Factbook - Uzbekistan

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

Open Library for Legal Information
Открытая Библиотека правовой информации
Очик хуукый ахборот кутубхонаси
http://lawlib.freenet.uz/

East View Information Services
http://www.eastview.com

Embassy of Uzbekistan to the United States Website
http://www.uzbekistan.org/

A Guide to Legal Research in Uzbekistan
http://www.nyulawglobal.org/globalex/Uzbekistan.htm

Uzbek Civil and Labor Codes on Natlex

Washington University Manual of International Legal Citation
Judicial Reform Index for Uzbekistan
UNPAN017570.pdf

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