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**CERTIFICATION EXAM PROGRAM
FROM PRIVATE INTERNATIONAL LAW
for students of specialty 293 International Law**

level of higher education - first (bachelor's)

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Educational program - International Law

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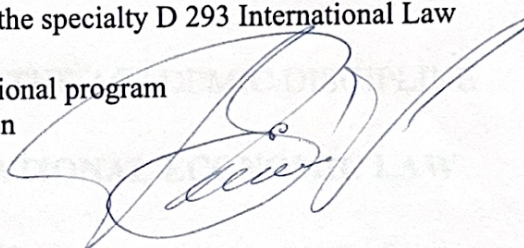
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GENERAL PROVISIONS

The certification exam plays an important role in the final stage of the formation and assessment of the theoretical training of bachelors.

The certification exam is a comprehensive test of students' knowledge of professional disciplines provided for in the curriculum. For 4th-year full-time and part-time students, it is held in the 8th semester.

The main scientific and methodological document regulating the content of the certification exam is the certification exam program. It is aimed at ensuring a comprehensive approach to assessing the theoretical, methodological and practical training of students, to identifying the degree of their preparation for future independent activity.

The purpose of the program is to determine the scope and required level of theoretical knowledge, acquired practical skills and abilities in specialized disciplines in the field of international law.

The certification exam in private international law involves testing students' achievement of the following program learning outcomes:

PRN2. Analyze social processes in the context of the analyzed problem and demonstrate one's own vision of ways to solve it;

PRN3. Conduct collection and integrated analysis of materials from various sources;

PRN9. Independently determine those circumstances in which assistance is needed and act in accordance with the recommendations received.

PRN13. To convey information, ideas, problems, solutions and own experience on current issues of international law to specialists and non-specialists;

PRN15. Freely use available information technologies and databases for professional activities:

PRN19. Demonstrate the necessary knowledge and understanding of the essence and content of the main legal institutions and norms of fundamental branches of national law and international law: European law and the law of the European Union.

EXAM PROGRAM

The certification exam includes test tasks. The test tasks for the certification exam consist of questions from the discipline «Private International Law» on the following topics:

Topic 1. General characteristics of private international law

The concept, subject and system of private international law. Features of private relations of an international nature. The concept and forms of a foreign element in relations of a private-legal nature. The normative composition of private international law. The method of private international law. The place of private international law in the legal system. The main approaches in legal doctrine to the subject, method, composition of norms and the place of private international law in the legal system. The relationship of private international law with private law and public international law. Principles and functions of private international law.

Topic 2. Sources of private international law

Concept and characteristics of sources of private international law. Types of sources of private international law. Legislation on private international law of foreign countries. Codification of private international law. Laws on private international law of individual countries. Judicial and arbitration practice of individual countries as sources of private international law. International treaty as a source of private international law. Types of international treaties. Multilateral (universal and regional) treaties containing unified conflict and substantive rules. Bilateral treaties in private international law. Participation of Ukraine in international treaties on private international law. Custom as a source of private international law. Trade customs. Unification of norms of private international law. International bodies that participate in the development and adoption of sources of private international law.

Topic 3. Conflict of laws rules in private international law

Grounds for the occurrence of conflicts. Concept and types of conflict rules. The effect of imperative norms of the legislation of Ukraine regulating relations with a foreign element. Concept, structure and types of conflict rules. The main types of conflict bindings (formulas of attachment): personal law of individuals and legal entities (nationality); law of the country of the location of the thing; law of the country that determines the requirements for the form of transactions (contracts); autonomy of will; law of the country that applies to the contract in the absence of an agreement on the choice of law; law of the country under which the legal relations to be regulated are most closely connected; law of the country of the place of the offense; law of the country that determines the statute of limitations; law of the country of the court, etc.

Topic 4. Application of conflict of laws rules in private international law

Qualification in private international law. Establishing the content and application of

foreign law. The concept of back reference and reference to a third law. The principle of reciprocity and retortion. Circumvention of the law in private international law. Public order clause in private international law.

Topic 5. Subjects of private international law

An individual as a subject of international private law. A citizen as a subject of international private legal relations. A foreigner as a subject of international private legal relations. A refugee as a subject of international private legal relations. A legal entity as a subject of international private law. Legal regulation of the activities of foreign legal entities in Ukraine. Transnational companies as subjects of international private legal relations. Legal status of offshore companies as subjects of international private legal relations. The state as a subject of international private law. Principles determining the legal regime of foreign investments and investment policy of states. Legal status of foreign investors in Ukraine. State guarantees.

Topic 6. Property rights in private international law

Conflict issues of property rights in international private law. Origin and termination of property rights. The law defining the right of ownership to movable and immovable property. The legal regime of ownership of foreigners and foreign legal entities in Ukraine. The legal regime of ownership of foreign states in Ukraine. The main principles of international protection of related rights. Subjects of international protection of related rights. Terms of international protection of related rights. The main principles of international protection of industrial property. Subjects of international protection of industrial property. The mechanism of protection of industrial property in international private law. The meaning of the principles of national regime, reciprocity and priority. International legal protection of rights to methods of individualization of participants in civil turnover, goods and services. The international system of trademark registration. The law defining the right of ownership and other property rights in respect of vehicles. The law defining property rights to movable property (goods) in transit. The law defining methods of protecting the right of ownership and other property rights. Legal regime for investing Ukrainian legal entities and citizens abroad. Legislation of Ukraine on the procedure for investing property values abroad by residents of Ukraine. Legal regulation of opening accounts in foreign banks by residents of Ukraine. Legal regulation of foreign investments in Ukraine. The concept of foreign investments and their types. Sources of legal regulation of foreign investments in Ukraine.

Topic 7. Intellectual property law in private international law

Concept and types of intellectual property. Basic principles of international copyright protection. Subjects of international copyright protection. Terms of international copyright protection.

Topic 8. Obligations in private international law

Legal regulation of contractual obligations in international private law. The concept of a foreign economic agreement (contract). Elements of a foreign economic agreement. Form of a foreign economic agreement. Procedure for concluding international commercial agreements. Concept of types and sources of regulation of international transportation. Conflict and substantive rules regarding the limitation period. Regulation of the terms of delivery of goods. Basic terms of delivery (INCOTERMS). Scope of regulation and varieties. Legal regulation of monetary obligations arising from foreign economic agreements. International legal unification of settlement relations in foreign trade. Unified rules and customs for documented letters of credit. Letter of credit agreement. Forms of letter of credit. Concept of non-contractual obligations in international private law. Concept of tortious obligations. Types of conflict of law bindings used in the legislation of states and international agreements to determine the statute of non-contractual obligations with a foreign element. Law of the country of commission of the offense; the law of the state that suffered from the offense; the law of the court; the law of the nationality of the victim and the offender; the law of the place of residence of the defendant. Treaties on legal assistance of Ukraine with other states.

Topic 9. Inheritance relations in private international law

Conflict issues of inheritance law. The law applied in determining the procedure for the transfer of property, rights and obligations in inheritance. Legal regulation of inheritance by foreigners in Ukraine. Legal regulation of inheritance by citizens of Ukraine abroad. The role and significance of legal assistance agreements in cases of inheritance abroad: determination of the law required for application; inheritance by the state; deceased property; will; competence in inheritance cases; measures to protect the inheritance.

Topic 10. Labor relations in private international law

Conflict issues of labor law. The main types of conflict of laws: the law of the place of conclusion of the labor contract; the law of the place of work; the law of the place of production activity; the law of the employer's location; the law of the employee's citizenship; the law of the ship's flag; the law of the place of registration of the vehicle. The Labor Code of Ukraine on the regulation of labor relations of citizens working outside the state. Conditions and procedure for employment of foreigners in Ukraine. Ukrainian legislation on pension provision for citizens of Ukraine who are abroad and foreigners who are in Ukraine.

Topic 11. Marital and family relations in private international law

Conflict issues of family legal relations. Main types of conflict bindings: law of the place of marriage; law of the spouses' citizenship; law of the country of the child's permanent residence; law of the adoption citizenship; law of the court. Marriage of Ukrainian citizens with foreigners. Rights and obligations of foreign citizens and stateless persons in marriage and family relations. Marriages between citizens of Ukraine and

foreigners in Ukraine. Marriage between a citizen of Ukraine and a foreigner concluded outside Ukraine. Treaties of Ukraine on legal assistance in connection with marriage. Procedure and features of dissolution of marriage between a citizen of Ukraine and a foreign citizen in Ukraine. Legal regulation of personal and property relations between spouses in international private law. Regulation of relations between parents and children in international private law. Legal regulation of adoption in international private law. Legal regulation of guardianship and custody in international private law. Establishment of guardianship and trusteeship over citizens of Ukraine residing outside its borders. Establishment of guardianship and trusteeship over foreigners in Ukraine. Recognition of guardianship and trusteeship established outside of Ukraine.

Topic 12. International civil procedure and international commercial arbitration

The concept of international civil procedure. Determination of jurisdiction of civil cases with a foreign element. The main systems of determining jurisdiction. The concept of contractual jurisdiction. Procedural status of foreign citizens and foreign legal entities in Ukrainian civil proceedings. Procedural status of a foreign state and its diplomatic missions in Ukraine. Execution of orders of foreign institutions of justice. Legal regulation of the execution of foreign judicial orders in Ukraine. The Hague Convention on Civil Procedure of 1954. The role of legal assistance agreements. Performance of notarial acts in cases with a foreign element. The concept of legalization. Apostille. The concept of foreign trade arbitration. Legal status and types of arbitration courts. Institutional foreign trade arbitration and arbitration ad hoc . UNCITRAL Model Convention on International Commercial Arbitration. Arbitration Rules of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe. Rules of the International Commercial Arbitration Court at the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Ukraine. Rules of the Maritime Arbitration Commission at the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Ukraine. Meaning and content of the arbitration clause. Recognition and enforcement of foreign arbitral awards. Agreement on the procedure for resolving disputes related to the conduct of economic activities.

QUESTIONS FOR THE CERTIFICATION EXAM in private international law (PIL)

1. The concept and history of the emergence of private international law. The development of the science of private international law in European countries.
2. The problem of defining the subject of private international law.
3. The place of the PIL in the national legal system. Relationship with other branches of national law.
4. Participation of a “foreign element” in private law relations.
5. Legal methods of influencing relations with a foreign element.
6. General characteristics of the sources of private international law.

7. International treaty in the system of sources of private international law.
8. Ukraine's participation in multilateral and bilateral agreements in the field of PIL.
9. Domestic legislation in the system of sources of private international law. Legislation of Ukraine in the field of private international law.
10. The importance of codification of domestic law in the field of PIL, its types.
11. General characteristics of the Law of Ukraine "On Private International Law".
12. The question of the duality of sources of private international law. The relationship between an international treaty and the domestic legislation of states.
13. Legal custom in the system of sources of private international law.
14. Judicial and arbitration practice in the PIL. Judicial precedent as a source of PIL.
15. The role of doctrine in the system of sources of private international law.
16. Lex mercatoria, its place in the modern PIL.
17. The concept and meaning of unification and harmonization of norms of private international law. International centers of unification in the field of private international law.
18. The concept, function and structure of the conflict of laws rule.
19. Classification of conflict of laws rules, main classification criteria.
20. Types of collision bindings (attachment formulas) and their scope of application.
21. Effect of conflict rules in time. Interlocal conflicts in private international law.
22. "Flexible" attachment formulas, their role in modern PIL.
23. The principle of "closest connection" in private international law, its significance in conflict of laws regulation.
24. Autonomy of will: essence, difference from collision binding.
25. Interpretation and application of conflict of laws rules. Establishing the content of foreign law.
26. Legal qualification in the PIL. Hidden conflicts in the PIL (conflict of qualification).
27. Back-reference and reference to the law of a third country.
28. Circumvention of the law and its legal consequences.
29. Public order clause: concept, types.
30. The concept of imperative norms. Imperative norms of a foreign state in the field of PIL.
31. Reciprocity: concept, types. Retorsions in private international law.
32. General characteristics of subjects of private international law.
33. Personal law of an individual: concept, content and scope of its action.
34. Conflict issues of legal capacity of foreigners.
35. Peculiarities of the legal status of stateless persons, refugees and persons in need of temporary or additional protection.
36. Features of recognizing a foreigner as having limited legal capacity and incapacitated legal capacity.
37. Conflict issues of missing persons and declaration of a person as deceased in private international law.

38. The concept of personal law of a legal entity.
39. The concept of "nationality" of a legal entity in private international law and the doctrines of its definition.
40. Foreign legal entities in Ukraine, their admission to economic activity in Ukraine. Legal regimes regarding foreign legal entities in Ukraine, grounds for their establishment.
41. Forms of participation of foreign legal entities in economic activity in Ukraine. Representative offices and branches of foreign legal entities in Ukraine.
42. Transnational corporations and their types.
43. Features of the creation and operation of offshore companies.
44. International legal entities, their legal status.
45. State participation in private law relations with a foreign element.
46. State immunity in the PIL. Types of state immunity, their content.
47. Basic doctrines regarding state immunity in the PIL.
48. International treaties on state immunity.
49. Ways of expressing the consent of a state to the non-application of immunity rules to it.
50. Norms on the immunity of a foreign state in the legislation of Ukraine.
51. Classification of things in civil law and PIL.
52. Main conflict issues of property rights and other property rights in modern PIL.
53. Conflict aspects of the emergence and termination of ownership of property in transit.
54. Concept, classification of foreign investments and forms of investment activity. Legal regimes of foreign investments.
55. Peculiarities of international legal regulation of investment relations.
56. Legal regime of ownership of foreign states, international organizations, foreign individuals and legal entities in Ukraine.
57. Legal regime of property of the state of Ukraine, citizens of Ukraine and Ukrainian legal entities abroad.
58. The concept of intellectual property and its features in the PIL.
59. Legal regulation of copyright protection in the PIL. Main international treaties in the field of copyright protection.
60. The concept and protection of related rights in the PIL. Main international treaties in the field of protection of related rights.
61. The concept and features of industrial property in the PIL. International legal protection of industrial property. The concept of convention priority.
62. World Intellectual Property Organization, its functions.
63. Protection of intellectual property rights within the framework of the WTO. General characteristics.
64. WTO Agreements on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights.
65. Transactions with a foreign element: concept and types. Scope of the law applicable to the transaction.
66. Conflict of laws issues of obligations (basic attachment formulas). Conflict of

laws bindings applicable to contractual obligations with a "foreign element".

67. The concept and form of a foreign economic agreement, the procedure for its conclusion.

68. Legal regulation of the international sale of goods. UN Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods of April 11, 1980 (Vienna Convention): general characteristics and scope of application.

69. International Incoterms rules, their scope of application.

70. Features of consumer rights protection under a consumer contract.

71. Representation, power of attorney and statute of limitations in private international law.

72. International transport organizations and their role in the unification of legislation on international transportation.

73. Concept, types and features of international transportation.

74. International maritime transportation: concepts and types. Conflict of laws in the field of merchant shipping and unification of maritime law.

75. International rail transport. Agreement on International Rail Transport (COTIF) 1980.

76. International road transport. Convention on the Contracts for the International Carriage of Goods by Road (CMR) 1956.

77. Simplification of customs procedures and creation of guarantees regarding possible damage caused during international road transportation.

78. International air carriage. Montreal Convention for the Unification of Certain Rules for International Carriage by Air of 28.05.1999.

79. International river transport. Budapest Convention on the Contract for the Carriage of Goods by Inland Waterways of June 22, 2001. 80. International mixed transport. UN Convention on the International Mixed Carriage of Goods of May 24, 1980.

81. The concept and content of non-contractual obligations complicated by a "foreign element" and conflict approaches to their regulation.

82. Conflict issues of tort obligations.

83. Labor relations with a foreign element and sources of their legal regulation.

84. International legal regulation of labor rights. Normative activities of the International Labour Organization (ILO).

85. Labor rights of migrants and foreigners in Ukraine.

86. Peculiarities of regulation of labor relations of foreigners and stateless persons working in Ukraine. Employment of foreigners in Ukraine.

87. Labor relations of citizens of Ukraine working abroad.

88. Social security in private international law.

89. Conflict issues in the sphere of marital and family relations with the participation of a foreign element; their conflict regulation.

90. Law applicable to marriage. Concept of consular marriages. Recognition of marriages concluded abroad.

91. Conflict of laws regulation of legal consequences of marriage.

92. Conflict regulation of property and personal non-property relations of spouses. Marriage contract.
93. Conflict of laws regulation of termination of marriage and its recognition as invalid.
94. Conflict regulation of relations between parents and children. Establishment and contestation of paternity.
95. Conflict issues of adoption. Adoption of children of citizens of Ukraine by foreigners.
96. Guardianship and guardianship: general requirements and conflict of laws.
97. Rights and obligations of parents and children. Alimony obligations in private international law.
98. Conflicts of laws in the field of inheritance.
99. Conflict issues of inheritance by law and will in the PIL.
100. Inheritance issues in legal aid contracts.
101. Conflict aspects of inheritance of movable and immovable property.
102. Protection of inheritance rights of Ukrainian citizens abroad.
103. Transfer of inheritance to the state in private international law.
104. The concept of international civil procedure. Sources of legal regulation of civil procedural relations with a foreign element.
105. Procedural legal capacity and capacity of foreign persons.
106. Procedural position of the state. Judicial immunity.
107. The concept, types and methods of determining international jurisdiction. The concept of conflict of jurisdiction.
108. Rules and grounds for determining the jurisdiction of cases with a foreign element to the courts of Ukraine. Exclusive jurisdiction.
109. Prorogation and derogation agreements.
110. International legal assistance and its types. Execution of court orders.
111. Legalization of documents. Apostille affixing.
112. Functions of a consul in performing notarial functions. Consular legalization.
113. Recognition and enforcement of foreign court decisions. Systems for the enforcement of foreign court decisions.
114. The concept and legal nature of international commercial arbitration.
115. Permanent arbitration courts. Consideration of disputes in arbitration.
116. International treaty unification of commercial arbitration. International centers of commercial arbitration.
117. International regulations, UNCITRAL Model Law on International Commercial Arbitration.
118. Arbitration agreement: legal nature and types.
119. Arbitration award. Enforcement of foreign arbitral awards. New York Convention (1958) on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards.
120. Grounds for refusal to recognize and enforce foreign arbitral awards.

LIST OF RECOMMENDED LITERATURE

1. International private law: textbook / [E. M. Bilousov, I. M. Zhukov, V. V. Komarov, I. V. Yakovyuk and others]; ed. by E. M. Bilousov, I. V. Yakovyuk. Kharkiv: Pravo, 2021. 408 p.
2. Vasylchenko V.V. Scientific and practical commentary on the Law of Ukraine “On International Private Law”. Kyiv: Istina, 2007. 200 p.
3. Fedynyak G. S., Fedynyak L. S. International private law: textbook. 8th ed., revised and supplemented. Kyiv: Alerta, 2021. 524 p.
4. Wojcichowski A.V. International law: textbook. Kharkiv: National University of Internal Affairs. 2020. 544 p.
5. Kalakura V.Ya. International private law: a textbook. 2nd ed., revised and supplemented. Kyiv: Publishing house of the Kyiv National University, 2024. 340 p.
6. Private International Law: Textbook / edited by A. S. Dovgert and V. I. Kisil. 2nd edition. K. Alerta , 2014. 656 p.
7. International private law: a textbook / co - authors: D.J.S., Assoc. Prof. K.R. Rezvorovich; Ph.D., Assoc. Prof. M.P. Yunina; Ph.D., Assoc. Prof. M.M. Frolov and others; editor -in-chief D.J.S., Assoc. Prof. K.R. Rezvorovich. Dnipro: Dnipro State University of Internal Affairs, 2024. 92 p.
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13. Vyshnovetskaya S. V., Korneyev Y. V. International private law: a textbook. S. V. Vyshnovetskaya, Y. V. Korneyev. K. Center for Educational Literature, 2019. 164 p.
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ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

for written responses on the qualifying examination in Private International Law

Examination tasks are presented to students in a test format; a single exam paper contains 100 questions, each offering four answer options, only one of which is correct.

The total score is calculated by summing the correct answers to the questions in the task completed by the student.

The total score obtained by the student is converted into a four-level grading scale as follows:

- Excellent – 90–100 points;
- Good – 70–89 points;
- Satisfactory – 50–69 points;
- Unsatisfactory – 0–49 points.

The use of artificial intelligence (AI) technologies when providing written answers during an attestation exam is governed by the V. N. Karazin Kharkiv National University Policy on the Use of Artificial Intelligence Technologies.

The following AI usage model applies:

«AI Prohibited» Model.

The use of AI technologies is not permitted during assessment activities designed to evaluate a student's individual knowledge and the development of their competencies specifically: oral examinations, modular tests, exams (or pass/fail assessments) unless otherwise specified by the instructor, and other forms of assessment where the instructor has restricted AI usage.

Declaration of AI Use.

If AI technologies are used, the student is required to specify: the name of the AI service or model; the date of use; and the nature of the assistance (e.g., idea generation, information retrieval, data analysis, code generation, text editing).

Upon the instructor's request, the student must provide the prompts used or explain how the AI tools were utilized.

Undeclared use of AI technologies or the submission of AI-generated material as one's own academic work is considered a violation of academic integrity principles, in accordance with the University's internal regulations.