

NAC investigates corruption scheme with fake diplomas in the field of cosmetic surgery. Head of a multifunctional center of the ASP, detained for a bribe of 15 000 euros



Officers of the National Anti-corruption Centre (NAC) and prosecutors of the Chisinau Municipal Prosecutor's Office are documenting a case of influence peddling, within a file opened in May 2025, in which the head of a multifunctional center in the cadastral register of the Public Services Agency (ASP) is being investigated. The official is suspected of having demanded and received 15,000 euros in bribes from administrators of several salons specializing in dermatology and cosmetic surgery in the Republic of Moldova and Romania in exchange for the completion of fake graduation diplomas from a higher education institution abroad, without the beneficiaries having actually followed the respective studies.

At the same time, the person concerned allegedly claimed to have influence over decision-makers in the field of education and health in the Republic of Moldova, promising that he could facilitate the recognition and equivalence of diplomas from abroad. Thus, holders of fake diplomas, without real professional training, could have obtained the right to perform medical and aesthetic procedures in salons in the country.

The case, documented by the NAC for more than 6 months, highlights an alarming phenomenon for public safety – corruption and falsification of professional qualifications in the field of aesthetic medicine, through which unqualified persons end up carrying out activities with a direct impact on the health of citizens. The suspect was detained for 72 hours, and the investigations continue, with several complaints being examined.

The NAC and the Prosecutor's Office urge citizens and salon administrators to report any case of corruption or illegal activity, thus contributing to the protection of public health and professional integrity in the field of beauty.

We remind that every person shall be presumed innocent until a final and irrevocable court decision is rendered.