

PRINCIPLES REGARDING THE ADMISSION OF STUDENTS FROM ABROAD

A- General Principles:

1) In accordance with the Article 14/f of the Law No. 6287 published on Official Gazette No. 28261 on 11.04.2012, the universities willing to accept students from abroad can do so with the approval of Higher Education Council,

2) a) The quota proposal of the higher education institutions to accept students from abroad will be collected by the Higher Education Council,

b) Student admission quotas from abroad are taken from the universities within the framework of the programs in the SSPT Higher Education Programs and Quotas Guide until the date determined by the Higher Education Council before each academic year, quotas are evaluated and decided by the Higher Education Council; for the programs (which will enroll students for the first time) to be opened in the year concerned, quotas for the students from abroad will be assessed if they are proposed with the SSPT quotas and there will be no quotas for the programs that accept students for the first times with SSPT Additional Placement,

c) Students who have the opportunity to apply student admissions quotas from abroad in accordance with the article 45/f of the Higher Education Law numbered 2547 which was amended by Law numbered 6287 and Principles Regarding the Admission of Students from Abroad determined by the Council of Higher Education, candidates who are Turkish citizens by birth and who have obtained permission from the Ministry of Internal Affairs to withdraw from Turkish citizenship and who document that they have a certificate regarding the Exercise of the Recognized Rights (blue card) obtained by their children who are minors and registered in the certificate of withdrawal from Turkish citizenship and the students who are Turkish citizens and received education in a foreign country before 01/02/2013 and who are in the T.R. nationality and have completed their last three years of secondary education (high school) in a foreign country other than TRNC or who have completed all their high school education in a foreign country (except for TRNC high schools) and candidates who have dual nationality one of which is T.R. will be able to apply to the quotas within the scope of the criteria determined by the universities; in addition,

i) Determination of student quota for the Teaching, Law, Medicine and Dentistry programs, which are in the student admission quotas from abroad offered by higher education institutions and determined by the Higher Education Council,

ii) However, 10% of the quota in the mentioned areas for these candidates specific to these programs should not be exceeded,

d) The quotas of the programs and the language of instruction along with information on Preparatory Program are to be published on the web site of Higher Education Council,

e) Provisions such as education fees and health report of Higher Education programs are to be announced by the universities,

3) To assign quotas for the daytime education, evening education, distance education and open education programs of associate degree and bachelor's degree programs of the universities willing to accept foreign students, and not to assign any quota for the programs affiliated with METEB (education ... at Vocational High School of Industry etc.)

4) During the time of acceptance of the students from abroad, among the examinations which are recommended and approved by the Higher Education Council; not to have any limitation of time period for the examinations (such as Abitur, International Baccalaureate, GCE, Tawjihi) which are at the status of high school graduation examinations and have 2 years of validity limitations for the examinations (SAT etc.) which are at the status of university entrance examinations,

5) Ministerial Cabinet is to designate minimum and maximum amount of the annual education fee to be collected from the foreign students without any exception at public universities,

6) Education fee for the foreign students at Foundation universities is to be designated by the Higher Education Institutions' commission in-charge as in the previous years,

7) In case there is no application for the program of the university or there are vacant quotas, for the programs except Law, Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmaceuticals programs, upon the request of the university, the quotas can be transferred to the quotas of other programs by the related councils on condition that it does not exceed the limits of quota designation specified in article 2/b, for the programs of Law, Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmaceuticals programs the quotas can be transferred with the decision of Higher Education Executive Council.

B- The Applicants:

a) On condition that they are at the final year of high school or at the period of graduation;

The applications of the followings are accepted,

1) Foreign Nationalities,

2) Those who are Turkish citizens by birth and who have obtained permission from the Ministry of Internal Affairs to withdraw from Turkish citizenship and who document that they have a certificate regarding the Exercise of the Recognized Rights obtained by their children who are minors and registered in the certificate of withdrawal from Turkish citizenship in accordance with the Turkish Citizenship Law (it is stated in Article 7 of the Turkish Citizenship Law No. 5901 that '(1) Children born of a Turkish father or mother within wedlock, whether in Turkey or abroad, are Turkish citizens from birth.' and the candidates who will apply to the quota for admission of students from abroad are recommended to read the Turkish Citizenship Law.)

3) Candidates who were foreign nationals but acquired the citizenship of T.R./those who have dual nationality in this situation

*4) Among the students who are Turkish citizens and received education in a foreign country before 01/02/2013, those who have completed their last three years of secondary education (high school) in a foreign country other than TRNC (including those who have completed all

their secondary education (high school) in Turkish schools opened in a foreign country except TRNC by Ministry of National Education),

b) Candidates who started secondary education abroad after 01/02/2013 and students who completed their entire secondary education (high school) in a foreign country except TRNC (including those who have completed their secondary education (high school) in Turkish schools opened in a foreign country except TRNC by Ministry of National Education).

5) Those who have TRNC citizenship and reside in TRNC and complete high school education in TRNC and have GCE AL examination results along with those who obtained their education from college or high schools in other countries between the years 2005-2010 and have GCE AL examination results or those who are to have.

b) The applications of those with the following conditions are not accepted:

1) Those that are Turkish citizens and completed their entire high school education in Turkey or TRNC,

2) TRNC citizens (except those who obtained their middle education in TRNC high schools and have GCE AL examination results and those who obtained education from college or high schools in other countries between the years 2005-2010 and have GCE AL examination results or those who are to have),

*3) As pursuant to paragraph 2 of the article a, the applicants who have double citizenship with Turkish Republic citizenship at birth, (except for those who meet the conditions stated in the paragraph 4 of the article a)

4) The applicants with double citizenship one of which is TRNC citizenship (except those who obtained their middle education in TRNC high schools and have GCE AL examination results and those who obtained education from college or high schools in other countries between the years 2005-2010 and have GCE AL examination results or those who are to have)

5) T.R. citizens at the schools within the body of Embassies in Turkey and those who obtain education from foreign schools in Turkey or those whose nationality of birth is Turkish as pursuant to paragraph 2 of the article a.

C- Principles on Acceptance Conditions of the Universities: (Üniversitelerin Kabul Koşullarına İlişkin İlkeler)

1) Regularizing principles of directives or regulations approved by the university senates on accepting students from abroad through methods to be employed in accepting students such as minimum scores of nationwide examinations of countries, international examinations, middle education average grades, examination conducted by the university, and presenting it to the approval of the Higher Education Council.

2) Addition of financial assurance amount to the conditions and principles of the university for the students from abroad in order to ensure their continuation of higher education in our country.

3) Universities in our country shall arrange an "acceptance letter" or any equivalent letter for the students who legally come to our country and accepted by the universities, upon the

acceptance of higher educational institutions' related rules, for the students who apply in interim period, the analysis will be conducted by the higher education institution and the candidates who fulfill the application conditions will be arranged a "pre-acceptance letter" or any equivalent document for the next year in a number not to exceed 1/3 of the previous year quota of the university for the foreign students

4) In order to have foreign students prefer our country for higher education, to prepare introductory documents and catalogues that publicize universities in our country; to encourage universities to take part in educational fairs abroad and formation of International Students Office within the universities in order to assist applicant or registered students,

5) By designating application calendar within the scope of student quotas of higher education institutions for the students from abroad, specifying it in academic calendar and informing the Directorate of Higher Education Council about the students who have been registered,

6) Evaluation of Turkish language level of the students from abroad through criteria designated by the university of acceptance and within the frame required documents by the Higher Education Institution.

*: It has been regulated according to the decision taken for the candidates who can apply at the Higher Education Executive Board dated 16.07.2014, based on the authority given to the Executive Board at the Higher Education General Assembly meeting dated 21.5.2014, in accordance with the decision to stay of execution issued by the 8th Department of the Council of State.