

## **ANKARA UNIVERSITY**

### **DIRECTIVE ON THE ADMISSION OF STUDENTS FROM ABROAD**

#### **Objective**

**ARTICLE 1** – The objective of this Directive is to regulate the procedures and principles regarding the admission of students to Ankara University, and the liabilities of such students.

#### **Grounds**

**ARTICLE 2** – This Directive has been prepared within the scope of Law no. 2922 pursuant to the Higher Education General Assembly Decision dated 21/01/2010.

#### **Definitions**

**ARTICLE 3** – Wherever the following terms appear in this document, they shall hereinafter be referred to as:

- a) Relevant Field/Department/Art Major: Any faculty/conservatory/school/field/art major/department under the administration of Ankara University,
- b) Relevant Administrative Board: Faculty board at faculties, conservatory board at the conservatory and school board at schools,
- c) Rector: The Rector of Ankara University,
- d) University: Ankara University,
- e) TRNC: Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus,
- f) MEB: Ministry of National Education,
- g) MOBİS: International Schools Data Processing System,
- h) TR-YÖS: Turkey International Student Admission Examination,
- i) YÖKSİS: Higher Education Information System.

#### **Execution Calendar**

**ARTICLE 4** – At the start of every academic year, the University sets the quota for international students for the following year to be submitted to the Directorate of the Higher Education Council, prepares an execution calendar within this framework, and announces this calendar at the beginning of every academic year. Information regarding the registered students is entered into YÖKSİS.

## **Determination of programs to accept students and their quota**

**ARTICLE 5** – Faculties, conservatories and schools which wish to accept international students may recommend quotas for daytime education, evening education or distant education in associate and undergraduate programs.

Upon the recommendation of the relevant science/art/department administrative board and the approval of the University Board of Administration, information regarding the number of students to be accepted to the said programs is sent to the Council of Higher Education.

## **Application Requirements**

### **ARTICLE 6 - (1) For 2025 Admission Quotas for Students from Abroad**

**A)** The following candidates may apply within the scope of international student quotas on condition that the applicant is in his last year of study or has graduated from high school.

1) Foreign nationals (those who are students in secondary education (high school) institutions are required to have enrolled before the 2022-2023 school year [excluding foreign nationals who are students in embassy schools and international private education institutions in the MOBIS system, and those who come to Turkey within the framework of the project implemented by the Ministry of National Education]),

2) Those who are Turkish citizens by birth but have obtained permission from the Ministry of Interior for the renunciation of their Turkish citizenship and those who can document that they hold a blue card issued upon their request after the renunciation of their Turkish citizenship (those who are students in secondary education (high school) institutions are required to have enrolled before the 2022-2023 school year ) (Those who wish to apply for international student quotas are advised to check the Turkish Citizenship Law as Article 7 of Turkish Citizenship Law No: 5901 bears the provision: “(1) Whether born in or outside Turkey, a child is a Turkish citizen if either the mother or the father is a Turkish citizen.”),

3) Those who are foreign nationals by birth but have obtained a TR citizenship / are in this status but have dual citizenship (those who are students in secondary education (high school) institutions are required to have enrolled before the 2022-2023 school year),

4) Those who are Turkish citizens and have completed their entire (high) school education in a foreign country outside TRNC (Including those who completed their entire secondary education [high school] in Turkish schools established by the Ministry of Education of Türkiye in a foreign country other than TRNC)

5) Those who are TRNC citizens, reside in the TRNC, and have completed their secondary education (high school) in the TRNC with GCE AL exam results; as well as from those who enrolled in and received education from high schools in other countries between 2005 and 2010 and have obtained or will obtain GCE AL exam results; and also from TRNC citizens who have completed their entire secondary education (high school) in a foreign country and have a TR-YÖS result.

**B)** The following candidates cannot apply as per the scope of international student admission quotas:

1) Turkish citizens who have completed all of their high school education in Turkey or the TRNC,

2) Citizens of the TRNC (excluding those who have completed their secondary education in TRNC high schools and hold GCE AL exam scores, and those registered and trained in high schools in other countries between 2005-2010 and hold, or are to hold, GCE AL exam scores),

3) Dual citizens who hold a TR citizenship by birth as defined in Article (6) paragraph (a) item (2) above (excluding those who meet the provisions under paragraph (a) item (4) of the same article),

4) Dual citizens who hold a TRNC citizenship (excluding those who have completed their secondary education in TRNC high schools and hold GCE AL exam scores, and those registered and trained in high schools in other countries between 2005-2010 and hold, or are to hold, GCE AL exam scores),

5) TR citizens who have received education in schools in any embassy or foreign high schools in Turkey, or dual citizens whose nationality by birth is TR within the scope of paragraph (a) item (2),

6) TRNC citizens and those who have renounced Turkish citizenship/blue card holders and foreign nationals who are to enroll in secondary education institutions as of 2022-2023 school year [excluding foreign nationals who are students in embassy schools and international private education institutions in the MOBIS system, and those who come to Turkey within the framework of the project implemented by the Ministry of National Education]].

## **(2) For 2026 Admission Quotas for Students from Abroad**

**A)** The following candidates may apply within the scope of international student quotas on condition that the applicant is in his last year of study or has graduated from high school:

1) Foreign nationals NOT receiving secondary education (high school) or having graduated from any secondary educational institution in Turkey (excluding foreign nationals who are students in embassy schools and international private education institutions in the MOBIS system, and those who come to Turkey within the framework of the project implemented by the Ministry of National Education),

2) Those who are Turkish citizens by birth but have obtained permission from the Ministry of Interior for the renunciation of their Turkish citizenship and those who can document that they hold a blue card issued upon their request after the renunciation of their Turkish citizenship (those who are students in secondary education (high school) institutions are required to have enrolled before the 2022-2023 school year ) (Those who wish to apply for international student quotas are advised to check the Turkish Citizenship Law as Article 7 of Turkish Citizenship Law No: 5901 bears the provision: “(1) Whether born in or outside Turkey, a child is a Turkish citizen if either the mother or the father is a Turkish citizen.”),

- 3) Those who are foreign nationals by birth but have obtained a TR citizenship / are in this status but have dual citizenship (excluding those receiving secondary education (high school) or having graduated from any secondary educational institution in Turkey or TRNC),
  - 4) TR citizens who completed the entirety of their high school education in a foreign country excluding TRNC (Applicants with TR nationals may also apply on condition that they have completed their entire high school education in a school abroad (TRNC excluded) within the framework of the Ministry of National Education of Turkey),
  - 5) Those who have a TRNC citizenship, reside in the TRNC, have completed their secondary education in the TRNC and hold GCE AL exam scores, and those registered and educated in high schools in other countries between 2005 and 2010 and hold, or will hold, GCE AL exam scores; or, have a TRNC citizenship, having completed their entirety of their high school education and having attained a TR-YÖS score.
- B) The following candidates cannot apply as per the scope of international student admission quotas:
- 1) Turkish citizens who have completed the entirety of their high school education in Turkey or the TRNC,
  - 2) Citizens of the TRNC (excluding those who have completed their secondary education in TRNC high schools and hold GCE AL exam scores, and those registered and trained in high schools in other countries between 2005-2010 and hold, or are to hold, GCE AL exam scores; or, have a TRNC citizenship, having completed their entirety of their high school education and having attained a TR-YÖS score)
  - 3) Dual citizens who hold a TR citizenship by birth as defined in Article (6) paragraph (a) item (2) above (excluding those who meet the provisions under paragraph (a) item (4) of the same article),
  - 4) Dual citizens who hold a TRNC citizenship (excluding those who have completed their secondary education in TRNC high schools and hold GCE AL exam scores, and those registered and trained in high schools in other countries between 2005-2010 and hold, or are to hold, GCE AL exam scores; or, have a TRNC citizenship, having completed their entirety of their high school education and having attained a TR-YÖS score)
  - 5) TR citizens who have received education in schools in any embassy or foreign high schools in Turkey, or dual citizens whose nationality by birth is TR within the scope of paragraph (a) item (2),
  - 6) **a)** TRNC citizens and those who have renounced Turkish citizenship/blue card holders and those receiving secondary education (high school) or having graduated from any secondary educational institution in Turkey or TRNC.  
  
**b)** Foreign nationals receiving secondary education (high school) or having graduated from any secondary educational institution in Turkey (excluding foreign

nationals who are students in embassy schools and international private education institutions in the MOBIS system, and those who come to Turkey within the framework of the project implemented by the Ministry of National Education).

### **The examinations to be used for the evaluation of applicants**

**ARTICLE 7 - 1)** Applicants are required to obtain the following grades in order to apply for the following programs:

#### **a) TR-YÖS**

Medicine	min. 440
Medicine (English)	
Dentistry	
Dentistry (English)	
Computer Engineering	
Computer Engineering (English)	
Electrical and Electronics Engineering (English)	
Artificial Intelligence and Data Engineering	
Software Engineering	
Pharmacy	min. 400
Pharmacy (English)	
Biomedical Engineering (English)	
Civil Engineering	min. 300
Midwifery	
Nursing	
Law	min. 275
Law (English)	
Veterinary Medicine	
Veterinary Medicine (English)	
Physics Engineering (English)	
Food Engineering (English)	
Geophysics Engineering (English)	
Geology Engineering (English)	
Chemistry Engineering (English)	

2) (**Amendment: 25.03.2024-626/5851**) In order to apply for programs other than the ones listed in the first paragraph of the same article, the candidates are required to meet the following conditions:

- a) 200 points out of 500 points in TR-YÖS,
- b) Minimum 4 points in Germany ABITUR Exam,
- c) Minimum 30 as the diploma grade on the International Baccalaureate (IB) diploma,
- d) For GCE (A Level) and Cambridge International A Level exams, applying to the program requires at least an A grade in one of the subjects relevant to the program, with two A Levels; additionally, the A Level grades are scored as follows: A\*=140, A=120, B=100, C=80, and for AS (Advanced Subsidiary Level) grades in subjects different from the A Level subjects, half of these points are awarded, requiring a minimum total score of 320.
- e) Minimum 400 points out of 700 in the relevant program in the central university entrance exam (TQDK / DİM) given in Azerbaijan,
- f) To have scored at least a B2 level in six subjects (areas), including at least one subject relevant to the program applied for, in the West African Examination Council West African Senior School Certificate Examination (WASSCE) (WAEC) exams.
- g) In addition to meeting admission requirements, the applicants who apply for departments or programs which admit students in accordance with the special talent examination must also succeed in the special talent examination which will be held by the Faculty/Conservatory/School.
- h) To have scored at least 1100 in total and 650 in Mathematics (Mathematic score is to be evaluated in the placement process) in SAT 1 (Scholastic Assessment test).

#### **The validity period of exams to be used for student admission**

**ARTICLE 8 - (Amendment: 25.03.2024-626/5851)** Repealed.

#### **Transfer of vacant quotas to other programs**

**ARTICLE 9** – In the event that there are no applications for available quotas or the quotas are not filled, the University may ask for the addition of these quotas (excluding Law, Medicine, Teaching, Dentistry and Pharmacy programs) to other programs' quotas within the scope of the relevant regulations.

## **Application**

**ARTICLE 10** – Date of application, documents required for application and instructions are announced at Ankara University Directorate of Student Affairs Department web page. Applications are made online within the given dates on the International Student Admission Application System.

## **Evaluation of Applications**

**ARTICLE 11 - (1) (Amendment: 25.03.2024-626/5851)** During the evaluation of applications to our international student quotas, applicants are listed according to their scores and dates of birth, and placement in the preferred program is made. A maximum of 10% of the quota can be allocated to the same nationality.

In the event that there are vacant quotas following placement and registration within the scope of international student admission quotas and after additional placements have been made, the evaluation procedures are followed respectively. Applications which are made as per the types of exams given in Article 7 of this directive are evaluated.

a) In the event that there are vacant quotas following placement, the remaining applications are evaluated in accordance with the order of scores without taking the country quota into consideration.

b) Before the academic year begins, additional placements according to high school graduation degrees can be made in the vacant quotas in programs deemed convenient by our University senate.

(2) Applications are not evaluated in the following cases:

a) Applications of candidates who have submitted two applications are not evaluated.

b) Applications of those who have made a false declaration are not evaluated.

(3) By signing the letter of undertaking at the end of the application, the applicant is deemed to have accepted all legal responsibilities.

(4) Applications should be made by the applicants individually, and applications made by an institution, organization (third parties) and a third person are not evaluated.

## **Announcement of results**

**ARTICLE 12** – On the date of the announcement of results as stated in the application announcement, students can log in to the application system by entering their info (user name, password) and learn the result of their placement.

## **Determination of tuition fees**

**ARTICLE 13** – Tuition fees to be collected from international students every year are determined by the University Board of Administration' Resolution in accordance with the minimum and maximum amounts to be set within the scope of the relevant regulations.

**Financial security amount to be sought in applicants who have earned the right to be placed in programs in our University**

**ARTICLE 14 – The applicants who will register in the relevant programs are required to sign and submit the “Financial Security Declaration Form” indicating that they have sufficient financial security to sustain their education and provide for themselves for the duration of their time in Turkey Preparation of a letter of acceptance or an equivalent document**

**ARTICLE 15 – The applicants receive the placement result document over the application system bearing a verification code and an ID number.**

### **Registration**

**ARTICLE 16 - a)** Registrations are carried out at the place and on the date announced on the website by the Directorate of Student Affairs every year. Registration will not be carried out for those who have failed to complete the procedures for registration, and those who do not have all the documents listed in the announcement on the announced date of registration.

b) In the event that the originals of the required documents for registration are not in Turkish, notarised originals of the translations translated by a sworn translator are required.

### **Determination of the level of Turkish**

**ARTICLE 17 –** Students coming from abroad are required to prove their Turkish proficiency level with a C1 level Turkish Proficiency Certificate obtained from the Ankara University Turkish and Foreign Languages Application and Research Center (TÖMER) or the Yunus Emre Institute. Students who fail to submit the diploma or the language certificate in question are given one-year deadline; an additional year is given to those who still cannot prove their proficiency in Turkish at the end of this year. Should they are still unable to demonstrate a C1 level of Turkish at the end of this additional year, they will be dismissed.

Foreign students who are placed in programs within the scope of Turkey scholarships are not subjected to the above-mentioned. Students whose scholarships are terminated but who would like to continue their education using their own resources can benefit from an additional period.

These terms are not sought for the graduates of secondary education institutions affiliated to the MEB in Turkey and abroad, TRNC citizens who have graduated from TRNC high schools, Turkish citizens who have graduated from TRNC high schools, and when admitting students to programs where the courses are taught in only one specific foreign language.

### **Miscellaneous**

**ARTICLE 18 -** For situations that are not covered by this Directive, the “Principles Regarding the Admission of Students from Abroad” set by the Higher Education Council, “Ankara University Associate and Undergraduate Education and Teaching Regulation”, “Ankara University Foreign Language Education and Teaching Regulation”, University Board of Administration’s Decisions and Senate Decisions are executed.



## **Repealed Directive**

**ARTICLE 19** - The Directive which entered into effect with the Senate Decision dated 05/08/2022 No.588/5391 on “Directive on the Admission of Students from Abroad to Ankara University” has been repealed.

## **Validity**

**ARTICLE 20** - This Directive is effective as of the date it is approved by the University Senate.

## **Implementation**

**ARTICLE 21** - The provisions of this directive are implemented by the Rector.

<b>Date of Directive Passing by Senate Assembly and Assembly/Verdict Number</b>		
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