

**MARMARA UNIVERSITY**  
**DIRECTIVE FOR SELECTION AND PLACEMENT EXAM FOR FOREIGN AND**  
**INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AT ASSOCIATE AND UNDERGRADUATE LEVELS**

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**Purpose and Scope**

**ARTICLE 1** - (1) This directive aims to determine the principles regarding the admission of students to associate and undergraduate programs at Marmara University from abroad and includes provisions related to the Foreign Language Preparation Education.

**Basis**

**ARTICLE 2** - (1) This Directive has been prepared based on the principles regarding the admission of students from abroad as stipulated by the Higher Education Council in its meeting dated 18/07/2022, the amended 45/f article of the Higher Education Law No. 2547 with Law No. 6287, and the relevant changes.

**Definitions**

**ARTICLE 3** - (1) In this Directive:

- a) **Prospective Student:** A candidate who wants to take the MÜYÖS (Marmara University International Student Selection Exam) to study at the associate or undergraduate level at Marmara University,
- b) **Unit:** Faculty, School, or Vocational School,
- c) **Unit Manager:** The Dean in Faculties, the Director in Schools and Vocational Schools,
- d) **Unit Administrative Board:** Faculty Administrative Board in Faculties, School Administrative Board in Schools, Vocational School Administrative Board in Vocational Schools,
- e) **MÜ:** Marmara University,
- f) **MÜYÖS:** Marmara University International Student Selection Exam,
- g) **MÜYÖS Coordination Board:** The Coordination Board for the Selection and Placement of Foreign or International Students,
- h) **ÖSYM:** Measurement, Selection, and Placement Center,
- i) **Rector:** The Rector of Marmara University,
- j) **Rectorate:** The Rectorate of Marmara University,
- k) **Senate:** The Senate of Marmara University,
- l) **TR-YÖS:** Turkey International Student Admission Exam,
- m) **National Document:** Documents and exams valid within the country,

n) **International Document:** Documents and exams valid internationally,

o) **University Administrative Board:** The Administrative Board of Marmara University.

### **Application Requirements**

**ARTICLE 4 - (1)** Provided that candidates are in the last year of high school or have graduated:

a) Foreign nationals, [Those enrolled in educational institutions in Turkey before the 2022-2023 academic year, except for embassy schools, international private schools in the MOBİS system, and foreign nationals studying in Turkey within the framework of projects conducted by the Ministry of National Education],

b) Those who were Turkish citizens by birth but have received permission to renounce Turkish citizenship from the Ministry of Interior and can prove that they hold the document related to the exercise of recognized rights (for minor children recorded in the document renouncing Turkish citizenship according to the Turkish Citizenship Law). [Article 7 of the Turkish Citizenship Law states: "(1) A child born to a Turkish citizen mother or father within or outside Turkey in the context of a marriage is a Turkish citizen," so those candidates applying for the international quota should review the Turkish Citizenship Law.], c) Those who later acquired Turkish citizenship after being foreign nationals or those with dual citizenship in this situation, [Provided they were enrolled in educational institutions in Turkey before the 2022-2023 academic year],

1. Turkish citizens who continued their high school education abroad before 01/02/2013 (except for the TRNC) and completed the last three years of their high school education in a foreign country (including those who completed their entire high school education in a Turkish school opened under the auspices of the Ministry of National Education in a foreign country except for the TRNC),
2. Candidates who started their high school education abroad after 01/02/2013 and completed their entire high school education in a foreign country (including those who completed their entire high school education in a Turkish school opened under the auspices of the Ministry of National Education in a foreign country except for the TRNC), d) Those with TRNC nationality who reside in the TRNC, completed their high school education in the TRNC, and hold GCE-AL exam results or those who enrolled in other countries' colleges and high schools between 2005-2010 and acquired or will acquire GCE-AL exam results.

**(2)** The applications of the following candidates will not be accepted:

a) Turkish nationals who completed their entire high school education in Turkey or the TRNC,

b) Those with TRNC nationality (except for those who completed their high school education in TRNC high schools and hold GCE-AL results, or those who enrolled in other countries' colleges and high schools between 2005-2010 and acquired or will acquire GCE-AL exam results),

c) Dual citizens whose first nationality is Turkish as defined in subparagraph b of Article 4(1) (except those who meet the requirements in subparagraph ç of Article 1),

d) Dual citizens whose first nationality is TRNC (except for those who completed their high school

education in TRNC high schools and hold GCE-AL results, or those who enrolled in other countries' colleges and high schools between 2005-2010 and acquired or will acquire GCE-AL exam results),

e) Turkish nationals or dual citizens whose first nationality is Turkish and who studied in schools within Turkish embassies or foreign high schools in Turkey,

f) Those expelled from any higher education institution in Turkey due to disciplinary reasons, or those who were found to have committed fraud in exams conducted by ÖSYM or MÜ in previous years,

g) Those who have acted against the Republic of Turkey or have been stripped of Turkish citizenship as a sanction,

h) TRNC nationals and dual citizens who will enroll in Turkish high schools from the 2022-2023 academic year onwards, Turkish citizens who have renounced Turkish citizenship/Blue Card holders, and foreign nationals (except for embassy schools, international private schools in the MOBİS system, and foreign nationals brought to Turkey within the framework of projects conducted by the Ministry of National Education).

### **Citizenship Status**

1. **Group A:** Turkish citizens who completed their high school education abroad, excluding the TRNC. They pay tuition fees if they secure the right to enroll in the university.
  - For candidates who were born as Turkish citizens and completed their high school education abroad (excluding the TRNC), and for those with dual citizenship whose first nationality is Turkish: a special quota is not set for applicants to Dentistry, Pharmacy, Law, Engineering, Teaching, and Medicine programs. Those ranked within the program quota based on the MÜYÖS or TR-YÖS scores from the year of the exam, will be placed within the program's quota without exceeding 10%, and for programs other than those mentioned, placements will be made considering a 20% country quota. Candidates who do not rank within the program quota will not be placed.
2. **Group B:** Candidates who were born as Turkish citizens but lost their citizenship by obtaining permission from the Ministry of Interior to renounce Turkish citizenship, and who hold a Blue Card. They pay tuition fees if they secure the right to enroll in the university.
  - A special quota is set for applicants to Dentistry, Pharmacy, Law, Engineering, Teaching, and Medicine programs. Those ranked within the program quota based on the MÜYÖS or TR-YÖS scores from the year of the exam will be placed within the program's quota without exceeding 10%, and for programs other than those mentioned, placements will be made considering a 20% country quota. Candidates who do not rank within the program quota will not be placed.
3. **Group C:** Foreign Nationals. They pay tuition fees if they secure the right to enroll in the university.
4. **Group D:** Dual citizens. First nationality foreign, later acquired Turkish citizenship. They pay tuition fees if they secure the right to enroll in the university.

5. **Group E:** Dual citizens. First nationality Turkish, later acquired foreign citizenship. They pay tuition fees if they secure the right to enroll in the university.
- A special quota is not set for applicants to Dentistry, Pharmacy, Law, Engineering, Teaching, and Medicine programs. Those ranked within the program quota based on the MÜYÖS or TR-YÖS scores from the year of the exam will be placed within the program's quota without exceeding 10%, and for programs other than those mentioned, placements will be made considering a 20% country quota. Candidates who do not rank within the program quota will not be placed.

#### **Determination of Quotas and Applications**

**ARTICLE 5 - (1)** The quotas for the admission of students from abroad will be determined by the Senate so that they do not exceed 50% of the quotas for the programs listed in the previous year's ÖSYS Higher Education Programs and Quotas Guide (excluding programs related to METEB such as Vocational High Schools).

- The details about program quotas, score thresholds, language of instruction, preparatory classes, and application dates will be announced on the MÜ website.
- Applications will be made through the MÜ website on the dates specified in the academic calendar.

#### **Marmara University International Student Selection Exam and Placement Coordination Board**

**ARTICLE 6 - (1)** The selection and placement process for foreign and international students will be carried out by the MÜYÖS Coordination Board. This Board consists of 1 (one) Chairperson assigned by the Rector and a minimum of 4 (four) and a maximum of 8 (eight) members.

- The MÜYÖS Coordination Board will make the necessary plans considering the dates specified in the academic calendar and will manage the examination and placement processes.

#### **Marmara University International Student Selection Exam (MÜYÖS)**

**ARTICLE 7 - (1)** MÜYÖS consists of two sections: Basic Learning Skills and Turkish Language Proficiency.

- The Basic Learning Skills section aims to measure candidates' ability to think abstractly, analytically, and mathematically, and includes questions on mathematics, geometry, and basic science subjects.
- The Turkish Language Proficiency section aims to assess candidates' proficiency in the Turkish language.

(2) MÜYÖS is held once a year in the second half of April at the places specified in the guide prepared by the MÜYÖS Coordination Board.

(3) Candidates will not be allowed to take MÜYÖS if they do not meet the application requirements. If it is determined later that they did not meet the requirements, their exam results will be

invalidated, and the necessary legal actions will be taken.

(4) MÜYÖS results are valid for two years from the date of the exam.

(5) MÜYÖS results will be announced on the MÜ website, and placement procedures will be conducted based on these results.

(6) Candidates who do not meet the application requirements or who do not score above the threshold score set by the MÜYÖS Coordination Board will not be considered for placement.

### **Application and Placement Procedures**

**ARTICLE 8** - (1) Applications will be made online through the MÜ website on the dates specified in the academic calendar.

- The documents to be uploaded during the application, the application fee, and other related issues will be announced on the MÜ website.
- Applications that do not meet the conditions or are made with missing documents will not be accepted.
- Candidates whose applications are accepted will receive an exam entrance document and will take the MÜYÖS on the date specified in the academic calendar.

(2) Placement will be made based on the MÜYÖS results considering the program quotas, score thresholds, and candidates' preferences.

(3) The placement results will be announced on the MÜ website, and candidates who are placed will be required to complete their registration within the specified dates.

### **Final Registration Procedures**

**ARTICLE 9** - (1) Candidates who are placed in a program must complete their registration at the relevant units within the dates specified in the academic calendar.

- During registration, candidates must submit the original copies of the documents uploaded during the application, along with any other documents requested by the unit.

(2) Candidates who do not complete their registration within the specified dates will lose their right to enroll.

### **Exemptions**

**ARTICLE 10** - (1) Candidates who have previously studied in a higher education institution and are placed in a program through MÜYÖS may request exemption from certain courses they have previously taken and passed, provided that the courses are deemed equivalent by the unit administrative board.

(2) Candidates who request exemption must apply to the relevant unit within the first two weeks of the academic year.

## **Miscellaneous Provisions**

**ARTICLE 11** - (1) This Directive is prepared based on the principles determined by the Higher Education Council regarding the admission of students from abroad, the Law No. 2547, and other relevant legislation.

- In cases where this Directive does not have specific provisions, the decisions of the Senate and the University Administrative Board will apply.

(2) The provisions of this Directive are implemented by the Rector of Marmara University.

## **Tuition Fees and Financial Guarantee Amount**

**ARTICLE 12** - (1) A tuition fee determined by the University Administrative Board, within the minimum and maximum limits set annually by the Council of Ministers, will be charged to students.

- (2) Students must declare that they have sufficient financial resources to continue their higher education in Turkey and cover their living expenses by signing the "Financial Guarantee Declaration Form." The "Financial Guarantee Amount" is the total amount the student will pay for the duration of the program they are enrolled in.

## **Language Preparation Education and Proficiency**

**ARTICLE 13** - (1) The duration of education in the preparatory class is one year, consisting of two semesters. Students who successfully complete the preparatory education gain the right to start the first year in the unit they are enrolled in. Students who fail to complete the preparatory class successfully within two years will be dismissed from the program.

- (2) Students who have a high school diploma issued by the Turkish Ministry of National Education or who have graduated from Turkish high schools abroad are considered to have sufficient Turkish language proficiency.
- (3) Candidates accepted into programs taught in Turkish must submit a Turkish Proficiency Certificate at least at B2 level obtained from Marmara University TÖMER or from Turkish Teaching Centers (TÖMER) affiliated with Turkish universities.
- (4) Candidates accepted into programs taught in Turkish but who do not have sufficient Turkish proficiency must enroll in the unit they were accepted to and receive Turkish preparatory education. The Turkish Preparatory Education is conducted by "Marmara University TÖMER." The tuition fees for the Turkish Preparatory Education are the contribution fee/tuition fee of the enrolled program. Students who fail to complete the preparatory class of the program they are registered in within two (2) years will be dismissed from the program.
- (5) Candidates accepted into programs partially or fully taught in a foreign language must submit a Turkish Proficiency Certificate at least at B1 level obtained from Marmara University TÖMER before graduating from the program they are placed in. If they cannot submit this certificate, their graduation procedures will not be carried out, and they will be dismissed from the program.

- (6) Candidates accepted into programs partially or fully taught in a foreign language must present a result document from international foreign language exams accepted by the Interuniversity Board during registration. (The equivalencies of these exams are specified in the MÜ Foreign Language and Turkish Preparatory Classes Education-Training and Examination Directive). Candidates who do not have any of these documents will take the Foreign Language Proficiency Exam conducted by the MÜ School of Foreign Languages (for Arabic, by the MÜ Faculty of Theology).
- (7) Students enrolled in programs partially or fully taught in a foreign language who cannot submit a Foreign Language Proficiency Certificate or who fail the Foreign Language Proficiency Exam conducted by the MÜ School of Foreign Languages (for Arabic, by the MÜ Faculty of Theology) will continue their foreign language education at the MÜ School of Foreign Languages (for Arabic, at the MÜ Faculty of Theology) according to the relevant regulations. Students who fail to complete the preparatory class successfully within two (2) years will be dismissed from the program.

### **General Provisions**

**ARTICLE 14** - (1) The applications of candidates who make false statements or are found to have misled the administration through any action or process will be rejected. If these candidates have already been registered, their registration will be canceled. Legal action will be initiated against candidates whose actions constitute a crime.

### **Directive Repealed**

**ARTICLE 15** - (1) The "Marmara University Directive on the Selection and Placement of International Students at the Associate and Undergraduate Levels," adopted by the Senate Decision No. 421-2 on March 1, 2022, has been repealed.

### **Enforcement**

**ARTICLE 16** - (1) This Directive enters into force as of the date it is approved by the Marmara University Senate.

### **Execution**

**ARTICLE 17** - (1) The provisions of this Directive are executed by the Rector of Marmara University

**TO THE STUDENT AFFAIRS DIRECTORATE  
(FINANCIAL GUARANTEE DECLARATION)**

I applied for the MÜYÖS/TR-YÖS exam that your university held in the year .....,  
and as a result of the evaluations:

Name of the Unit and Program Placed: ..... /  
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Registration Date: I registered on .../.../ ...

I hereby declare that I possess .....  
(.....) TL to continue my higher education and sustain my livelihood  
within the borders of the Republic of Turkey.

I accept the accuracy of the information I have provided above and the details of my  
identity listed below. I acknowledge that I will not claim any rights from your university for any  
material or moral damage I may suffer due to any mistake or deficiency that exists or may be  
discovered, and I accept that all responsibility rests with me.

Name	
Last Name	
Gender	
Place of Birth	
Date of Birth	
Nationality	
Passport No	
Residence Permit No (If there is)	
Foreign ID No (If there is)	

Date ... / ...../

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First and Last Name

Signature