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## **Directive of Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus State Scholarship Awarded to 3rd Country Citizen Students**

### **PART ONE**

#### **Scope**

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| Scope of the TRNC State Scholarship | 1. It refers to the scholarship given to third country citizen students; other than whose TRNC or Turkey citizens and/or third country students whom are permanent resident of TRNC, by TRNC State who comes to the TRNC for education purposes. It is the scholarship granted for promotional purposes and consists of tuition fees and/or dormitory fees and/or allowance and/or all of them. |
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### **PART TWO**

#### **Applications and Evaluation**

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| Conditions Required for First Time Applicants | <div>1. Application for undergraduate degree scholarship;<div style="margin-left: 20px;">i. Registration of Foreign Students, who are not citizens of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus and the Republic of Turkey, to Higher Education Institutions in accordance with the Regulation on Registration and Admission Conditions.</div><div style="margin-left: 20px;">ii. Those who will study undergraduate degree and will apply for scholarship must be under the age of 23 (twenty three) on the date of registration.</div></div> <div>2. Application for master's degree scholarship:<div style="margin-left: 20px;">i. Undergraduate graduation grade (CGPA) must be at least 3.00.</div><div style="margin-left: 20px;">ii. Those who will study master's degree and will apply for scholarship must be under the age of 27 (twenty seven) on the date of registration.</div></div> <div>3. Application for PhD degree scholarship:<div style="margin-left: 20px;">i. Graduation grades must be at least 3.00 for undergraduate degree and 3.50 for master's degree</div><div style="margin-left: 20px;">ii. Those who will study PhD degree and will apply for scholarship must be under the age of 32 (thirty three) on the date of registration.</div></div> <div>4. The criteria specified in the 11th article of these directive rules apply for those who are currently continuing their studies and will apply for scholarship for the first time.</div> |
| Application and Required Documents            | <div>3. 1. Students apply for TRNC State Scholarships to the Department of Higher Education and Foreign Relations using the Higher Education Scholarship and Information System at <a href="http://yobis.mebnet.net/">http://yobis.mebnet.net/</a> in the fall or spring semester of each academic year.</div>  |

	2.	In line with the decision of the Committee, application for fall and spring semester done twice a year; in September for fall semester and in February for spring semester of each academic year. Finalized dates are announced to students via <a href="http://yobis.mebnet.net/">http://yobis.mebnet.net/</a> address.
	3.	When applying for the scholarship, students upload a valid immigration document, a valid student certificate for the relevant academic semester and their last semester transcript.
Evaluation of Applications	4.	1. The applications received are evaluated by the committee formed by the Ministry of National Education. The relevant committee convenes at the beginning of each semester and adds students to the TRNC State Scholarship list who are academically successful, socially strong and able to promote the TRNC abroad, as much as budgetary opportunities allow and up to the maximum number of quota among the applications made.  2. Depending on the Committee eligibility, students can be benefited from tuition fees and/or dormitory fees and/or allowance/ and/or all of them provided that they do not exceed the annual budget.
Multiple Scholarship Option and Conditions Required to Benefit from Scholarship for the Second Time	5.	1. Undergraduate students whom GPA and CGPA grades are 3.50 and above, can benefit from more than one option of scholarship. However unanimous decision of the committee is required to benefit from all scholarships.  2. Students applied for TRNC State Scholarships benefit from scholarship only once throughout their undergraduate, masters or PhD education. However students whom would like to apply for master's degree scholarship with undergraduate graduation grade (CGPA) is 3.75 and students whom would like to apply for PhD scholarship with undergraduate graduation grade (CGPA) is 3.50 and master's degree graduation grade is 3.75 may be given a second chance within the framework of budgetary possibilities.  3. Students who will apply for the TRNC State Scholarships must not have completed 23 (twenty-three) years of age for undergraduate students, 27 (twenty-seven) years for master's students and 32 (thirty-two) years for those who will receive doctoral education, as of the date of enrolment in the program.

Awarding  
Scholarship and the  
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6.
  1. Content of the scholarship for students whom are entitled to receive TRNC State Scholarship is determined by the committee that at least one or all of the options for tuition fees, university dormitory fees and allowance are included. The commission unanimously grants all of the scholarship options or at least one of the scholarship options by majority vote.
  2. Students who did not meet success criterion in the previous semester and were excluded from the list must apply within the application process of the relevant semester, if they meet the criteria for their scholarship to continue.
  3. The number of scholarship students is limited to 200 students within the framework of budget possibilities. Each semester new students are added to the scholarship list at the most as much as the number of students who graduated and whose scholarships were cut. However, in cases where dormitory fees, tuition fees and allowance options are not provided as a whole, this number is increased within the budgetary possibilities.
  4. Scholarship quota is distributed by considering the size of the universities and the number of students and the nationality distribution of third country citizens in the TRNC.
  5. However if a 30% or more discounts is provided against the government with the protocols to be made, the quota distribution is evaluated in favour of the relevant universities.

### **PART THREE**

#### **Temporary or Permanent Termination of Scholarship as a Penalty**

Obligation of  
Grantees to Comply  
with the Regulations

7.
  1. Scholarship students have to comply with the legislation of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus and the country where they study. Scholarships are terminated for students who do not comply with the registration.
  2. Scholarship for students who are convicted of assault, bribery, theft, fraud and/or sexual crimes and/or attempting to commit these crimes in the Penal Code and selling drugs directly or trading in any way in accordance with the Drugs Law and the Regulations and Orders made under the aforementioned Law and manufacturing or exporting or growing prohibited plants; will be cancelled.

3. If the student is found guilty free by a higher court the scholarship status is re-evaluated by the Committee in case if student's education continues.
4. Students who have taken a disciplinary offense by the university cannot benefit from the TRNC State Scholarship.
5. Scholarship of students who declare false and misleading information will be cancelled.
6. The committee is authorized to make all kinds of decisions regarding the above articles, if needed.

#### **PART FOUR**

##### **Composition and Duties of Committee**

#### **Composition of Committee**

8.
  1. The TRNC State Scholarship Committees established by the TRNC Ministry of National Education.
  2. The scholarship committee is formed as follow:
    - a. Undersecretary of the Ministry of National Education (President)
    - b. Director of Higher Education and Foreign Affairs Department (Member)
    - c. Vice Director of Higher Education and Foreign Affairs Department (Member)
    - d. Scholarships and Support Branch Chief (Member)
    - e. Higher Education and Foreign Affairs Branch Chief (Member)
  3. In case of vacancies in the relevant authorities or when the main staff is assigned to different positions, the staff of the Higher Education and Foreign Affairs Department represents the relevant membership.

#### **Committee Meetings and Duties**

9.
  1. The committee meets at least twice a year. In case of need, invitations can be made from other institutions can be made from other institutions to contribute to the meeting.
  2. The Scholarship Committee evaluates the scholarship applications. Decides on the content, continuation and suspension of the scholarship.
  3. The Committee makes decisions on the regulating and updating of the TRNC State Scholarship rules.

## **PART FIVE**

### **TRNC State Scholarship Application Rules**

#### **Duration of Scholarship**

10.
  1. TRNC State Scholarship covers fall and fall and spring semesters. However; Students who can certify that they can graduate at the end of summer school are given a summer scholarship by evaluating their applications.
  2. Undergraduate students applying for a summer scholarship are required to be in TRNC with an academic achievement criterion of 2.50 or more, and master or PhD students with an academic achievement criterion of 3.00 or higher.
  3. The maximum duration of the TRNC State Scholarship is the normal duration of the program the student attends. However, the duration of the TRNC State Scholarship; It cannot be interpreted as 10 semesters (including preparatory) for undergraduate programs, 4 semesters for masters programs, and 8 semesters for PhD programs. The scholarship of the students whose normal duration of the program they are studying exceeds 4 years, is continued for the minimum duration of the program they are studying.

#### **Criteria for Continuity of Scholarship**

11.
  1. For the continuation of the TRNC State Scholarship; students must have academic achievement of both GPA and CGPA at least 2.50 for undergraduate programs and at least 3.00 for masters and PhD programs.
  2. It is required to take at least 3 courses for undergraduate programs and at least 2 courses for masters or PhD programs in a semester. Students studying in undergraduate programs have the right to receive 2 semester scholarships for each class. The scholarship is continued if the student moves to the upper class.
  3. Students who are entitled to a scholarship but do not enrol in the university and students who do not meet the criteria for the continuation of the scholarship lose their right to the scholarship. Students who do not meet the university attendance/absence criteria are considered unsuccessful.
  4. A warning will be issued for once during the education period for undergraduate students with at least one of the GPA and CGPA grades between 2.00 and 2.50, and master and PhD students with at least one of the GPA and CGPA grades between 2.50 and 3.00. If the criteria specified in this article are repeated during the education period, the scholarship of the student will be cancelled.
  5. If the student who receives a TRNC State Scholarship changes the university or department without notifying the Committee, the student's scholarship is terminated.

Consideration of Unsuccessful and Termination of Scholarship	12.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Undergraduate students with a GPA and a CGPA below 2.00 and master or PhD students with at least one of their GPA and CGPA below 2.50 are deemed unsuccessful and their scholarships are terminated.</li> <li>2. Students who do not attend the compulsory courses (N/A: Not attended or N/G: Ignored) are deemed unsuccessful for the relevant semester and their scholarships are terminated.</li> <li>3. Students who cancel their registration or make changes to the program they are registered without the knowledge of the Scholarship Committee are considered unsuccessful. Students who will change program or university are obliged to inform the Higher Education and Foreign Relations Department in advance. The requested change is decided by the Department with the knowledge of the commission members and submitted to the committee for approval at the first meeting.</li> <li>4. Scholarship for students who cannot successfully complete the preparatory class will be suspended. Preparatory class scholarship is limited to two semesters.</li> </ol>
Departure abroad and Liabilities of Grantees	13.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Students who stay outside the borders of the TRNC for more than 90 days without permission from the Directorate of Higher Education and Foreign Relations lose their scholarship right. Students who leave the TRNC without any permission lose their scholarship rights.</li> <li>2. Dormitory fees are paid regardless of whether or not they attend summer pocket, provided that students who have State Scholarships in 2020 and before and who are given dormitory scholarships stay in the TRNC during the summer term.</li> <li>3. Scholarship students and the universities they study at are obliged to submit the requested information and documents to the Higher Education and Foreign Affairs Department. Scholarships for students who do not fulfil their obligations will be terminated.</li> </ol>

## **PART SIX**

### **Payment of Scholarship**

Tuition Fee	14.	The Ministry of National Education covers the amount of tuition fees that the student has to pay, by looking at the scholarship rate specified on the acceptance letter given by the university to the student who is entitled to receive a TRNC State Scholarship.
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Dormitory fee	15.	The dormitory fee per person in a 4 person room is paid for the TRNC State Scholarship students who will benefit from the dormitory fee. Students who choose to stay in a different room pay the difference in the dormitory fee themselves. Dormitory fee is not paid for students who are sentenced to be expelled from the dormitory for any crime.
Allowance	16.	Students who have TRNC State Scholarship and have the right to receive allowance are paid 200 Dollars per month in Turkish Lira, provided that they are within the borders of the TRNC.
Informing Universities about the List of Grantees and Liabilities of Universities	17.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The lists of students who are entitled to receive tuition and dormitory fees each semester are notified to the universities in October at the latest for the fall semester and in March at the latest in the spring semester.</li> <li>2. Universities are obliged to notify the total amount to be paid to the Department of Higher Education and Foreign Relations, in foreign currency, within 15 days at the latest from the date of sending the lists. Payments to be made for late documents are calculated according to the exchange rate on the date the document is requested.</li> <li>3. The status of changing the department or university of the student who receives the TRNC State Scholarship is notified to the Ministry in advance by the student and the university they want to withdraw. In case the student wants to change a department or university, the Ministry and the University cooperate.</li> </ol>

## PART SEVEN

### RE-EVALUATION OF TERMINATED SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS OF GRANTEES

Right of Opposition	18.	The student whose scholarship has been terminated for any reason has the right to object within 15 days from the date of the decision notified via YOBIS (Higher Education Scholarship and Information System) and via e-mail. The appeal petition must be submitted to the Higher Education and Foreign Affairs Department in person or via e-mail, within 15 days at the latest, from the date of notification of the decision to the student.
Notification of Opposition Decision Outcome	19.	The Higher Education and Foreign Affairs Department is obliged to notify the petitioner of the decision of the petition in a reasonable time via the YOBIS system and via e-mail.

**PART EIGHT**  
**Provisional and Final Regulations**

Provisional Article	20.	The scholarship right of students who started their education on any date before these rules come into effect continues within the framework of the old rules until they graduate from the program they are studying.
Declaration of Student	21.	Students who receive TRNC State Scholarships confirm electronically before completing the scholarship application on the YOBIS system that they have read and understood the rules stated above and accepts that their scholarship will be stopped if they violate the rules.
Entry into Force	22.	This directive enters into force as of the Fall Semester of the 2022-2023 Academic Year, with the recommendation of the Higher Education and Foreign Relations Department and the approval of the Ministry of National Education.
Executive Power	23.	This directive is carried out by the Ministry responsible for educational affairs.