

DIRECTIVE ON THE ADMISSION OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS TO ASSOCIATE AND UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMS AT HATAY MUSTAFA KEMAL UNIVERSITY

CHAPTER ONE

Purpose, Scope, Basis, and Definitions

Purpose

ARTICLE 1 – (1) The purpose of this directive is to determine the procedures and principles regarding the admission of international students to the associate and undergraduate degree programs of Hatay Mustafa Kemal University.

Scope

ARTICLE 2 – (1) This Directive covers the application, registration, and admission requirements for international students applying to Hatay Mustafa Kemal University within the foreign student quotas allocated to the departments/programs of the faculties, schools, and vocational schools as determined by the Council of Higher Education.

Basis

ARTICLE 3 – (1) This Directive has been prepared based on the principles regarding the admission of international students, which were adopted at the meeting of the Executive Board of Higher Education dated February 13, 2013.

Definitions

ARTICLE 4- (1) The following terms used in this Directive shall have the meanings indicated below:

- a) University: Hatay Mustafa Kemal University,**
- b) Rectorate: The Rectorate of Hatay Mustafa Kemal University,**
- c) Senate: The Senate of Hatay Mustafa Kemal University,**
- d) Abolished Senate Decision dated 08.05.2024 and numbered 09/05,**
- e) Foreign Student:** A prospective student who has graduated from a high school equivalent to those affiliated with the Ministry of National Education in Türkiye but does not hold Turkish Republic or TRNC (Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus) citizenship; or, in the case of dual citizens, whose one nationality is not the Republic of Türkiye and/or the TRNC,
- f) Directive:** The Directive on the Admission of International Students to Associate and Undergraduate Degree Programs at Hatay Mustafa Kemal University,
- g) TR-YÖS: Türkiye Foreign Student Admission Exam (additional paragraph: Senate Decision dated 20/12/2022 and numbered 24/05),**
- h) (Additional paragraph: Senate Decision dated 08.05.2024 and numbered 09/05) Academic Calendar:** The Academic Calendar of Undergraduate and Associate Degree Programs at Hatay Mustafa Kemal University,
- ı) (Additional paragraph: Senate Decision dated 08.05.2024 and numbered 09/05) Administrative Board:** The administrative board of the relevant faculty, school, conservatory, or vocational school.

CHAPTER TWO

Application, Required Documents, Evaluation, and Academic Procedures – Registration

Application and Required Documents

ARTICLE 5- (1) Applications of international student candidates who are in the final year of high school or have already graduated shall be accepted.

(2) Applicants must meet the following requirements:

- a) Be of foreign nationality,**

b) Those who are Turkish citizens by birth but have received permission from the Ministry of Interior to renounce their Turkish citizenship, and their minor children who are registered in the renunciation document and hold a Document for the Exercise of the Rights Granted pursuant to the Turkish Citizenship Law, must document this status. (Article 7 of the Turkish Citizenship Law No. 5901 states, “(1) A child born to a Turkish mother or through a Turkish father within the unity of marriage either in Türkiye or abroad will be a Turkish Citizen.”)

c) Those who have acquired Turkish citizenship while being of foreign nationality must have dual citizens in this situation

d) They must be Turkish citizens and must complete their entire secondary education in a foreign country other than the TRNC (including those who have completed their entire secondary education at Turkish schools located in a foreign country other than the TRNC);

e) Those who are TRNC citizens, reside in TRNC, have completed their secondary education in TRNC and have GCE AL exam results, and those who, between 2005 and 2010, enrolled in and attended colleges or high schools in other countries and have or will have GCE AL examination results must meet the conditions.

The applications of the following candidates will not be accepted;

1) Turkish citizens who have completed their entire secondary education in Türkiye or in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC),

2) Citizens of the TRNC (except those who have completed their entire secondary education in TRNC high schools and have GCE AL results, or those who enrolled in and studied at colleges and high schools in other countries between 2005–2010 and have or will have GCE AL results),

3) Dual citizens whose first nationality at birth is Turkish, as defined in clause b of Article 5/2-b of the Directive (except those who have completed all of their secondary education abroad, other than in the TRNC / at Turkish schools in foreign countries other than the TRNC),

4) Dual citizens, one of whose nationalities is the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC), except those who have completed their entire secondary education in TRNC high schools and have obtained GCE AL results, and those who enrolled in and received education in colleges and high schools in other countries between 2005 and 2010 and obtained or will obtain GCE AL examination results.

5) (Repealed by the Senate Decision No. 14/03 dated 27/04/2021)

6) Applications from Turkish citizens who have completed their secondary education at schools affiliated with the embassies of the Republic of Türkiye or at foreign high schools located in Türkiye, as well as from dual citizens defined in clause 2 of article a, whose first nationality at birth is the Republic of Türkiye, shall not be accepted.

7) (Additional Paragraph of Senate Decision No. 09/05 dated 08.05.2024)) Students who enroll in two different universities in the same academic year shall not be registered.

(3) Announcements regarding the admission of international students are published each year on the University's official website. Applications shall be submitted online through the website of the Department of Student Affairs of the University (www.mku.edu.tr) within the dates announced.

(4) (Revised by the Senate Decision dated 8 May 2024 and numbered 09/05) Placement into the university's international student quota shall be based on the TR-YÖS exam results. If the scores are equal, any TUBITAK science awards will be taken into account; otherwise, priority will be given to candidates with a higher graduation year (recent graduates). The TR-YÖS exam is valid for two years.

(5) Applications are made with the originals of the following documents or copies of the documents certified by the notaries of the Republic of Türkiye or the Turkish Embassy or Consulate in the candidates' country;

a) (Repealed by the Senate Decision No. 09/05 dated 08.05.2024)

b) High school diploma: A certified copy of the high school diploma in English or Turkish, or a document proving that students in their final year of high school can graduate that year,

c) Official transcript (Transcript): Candidates are required to submit an official transcript approved by the high school principal, showing the courses and grades they have taken during their high school education (If the transcript is not in Turkish, a certified copy translated into Turkish must also be submitted along with the transcript).

d) The original or a certified copy of the exam result document, and, if any, the original or a certified copy of the document demonstrating that the student has received a gold, silver or bronze medal in the International Science Olympiads recognized and participated by TUBITAK,

e) A photocopy of the passport page showing identity information,

f) A bank receipt confirming the payment of the application fee,

g) Two passport-sized photographs (taken within the last six months),

h) (Repealed by the Senate Decision No. 09/05 dated 08.05.2024)

Article Title (Repealed by the Senate Decision No. 09/05 dated 08.05.2024)

ARTICLE 6- (1) (Repealed by the Senate Decision No. 09/05 dated 08.05.2024)

Article Title (Repealed Senate Decision No. 09/05 dated 08.05.2024)

ARTICLE 7- (1) (Repealed by the Senate Decision No. 09/05 dated 08.05.2024)

Article Title (Repealed by the Senate Decision No. 09/05 dated 08.05.2024)

ARTICLE 8- (1) (Repealed by the Senate Decision No. 09/05 dated 08.05.2024)

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ARTICLE 9- (1) (Repealed by the Senate Decision No. 09/05 dated 08.05.2024)

(2) (Revised by the Senate Decision No. 09/05 dated 08.05.2024) International students applying to programs that accept students through the Special Talent Exam must have a valid TR-YÖS or other international exam score. Applications submitted to university units that accept students through the Special Talent Exam are evaluated according to the criteria specified in the Special Talent Exam application, registration, and admission guidelines of the relevant faculty/school. Candidates who fail to take the Special Talent Exam lose their right to be accepted as students.

Article Title (Repealed by the Senate Decision No. 09/05 dated 08.05.2024)

ARTICLE 10- (Repealed by the Senate Decision No. 09/05 dated 08.05.2024)

Placement

ARTICLE 11- (1) (Revised by the Senate Decision No. 09/05 dated 08.05.2024) Candidates who have TR-YÖS exam scores can apply for placement..

(2) (Revised by the Senate Decision No. 09/05 dated 08.05.2024) Placement applications are made online through the University's website (www.mku.edu.tr) between the dates announced in the academic calendar.

Minimum base scores and requirements for Placement Application

ARTICLE 12- (1) (Senate Decision No. 14/12 dated 14.08.2015), (Revised by the Senate Decision No. 24/05 dated 20/12/2022) Candidates' placement procedures are carried out based on TR-YÖS or high school diploma scores.**

(2) (Revised by the Senate Decision No. 09/05 dated 08.05.2024) In the TR-YÖS exam, a minimum score of 150 is required for Associate Degree programs, a minimum score of 200 is required for Undergraduate programs, and a minimum score of 250 is required for Veterinary, Medical and Dentistry Faculties.*

Evaluation of Applications and Placement

ARTICLE 13- (1) (Revised by the Senate Decision No. 24/05 dated 20/12/2022)

a) The quotas to be allocated to foreign students are determined by the relevant departments for all programs each year, approved by the Senate, and reported to the Council of Higher Education.

b) (Revised by the Senate Decision No. 09/05 dated 08.05.2024) In the evaluation process, the results of the Türkiye Foreign Student Admission Exam (TR-YÖS) are multiplied by 1 and taken into account.

c) (Repealed by the Senate Decision No. 09/05 dated 08.05.2024)

ç) Placement procedures shall be carried out by a commission established by the Rectorate, taking into account candidates' scores and preference priorities. Applications from candidates who do not meet the

application requirements shall not be evaluated. Meeting the application requirements does not entitle a candidate to placement.

d) (Revised by the Senate Decision No. 09/05 dated 08.05.2024) If there are no applications for the quotas or if the quota is not filled, the relevant quotas may be transferred to the quotas of other programs, except for Medicine, Dentistry and Teaching Programs, by decision of the Senate.

e) The university is free to decide whether or not to fill its quotas.

(2) The number of candidates from the same country accepted to a faculty or college shall not exceed 20 percent of the total quota for programs affiliated with that faculty or college. This requirement is waived if the quota is not filled.

(3) (Revised by the Senate Decision No. 09/05 dated 08.05.2024) Applicants shall submit their preferences within the dates specified in the Academic Calendar.

(4) Candidates who are eligible to enroll in the university are sent an acceptance letter by the Rectorate through the Student Information System.

Registration and Required Documents

ARTICLE 14- (1) Registrations are made by the university student affairs department between the announced dates.

(2) The following documents are required for registration:

a) The original copy of the high school diploma and the "Equivalence Certificate" to be obtained from the Turkish Embassy or Consulate in their country or from the Ministry of National Education of the Republic of Türkiye or from the Directorates of the Ministry of National Education in the provinces, showing that the high school diploma is equivalent to the diplomas received from Turkish high schools.,

b) (Revised by the Senate Decision No. 09/05 dated 08.05.2024) Original TR-YÖS exam result document,

c) Original passport of the candidate and a certified photocopy of the passport information translated into Turkish,

d) Bank receipt showing that the tuition fee has been deposited to the relevant bank,

e) "Student Visa" that foreign student candidates will obtain from their country or the nearest Turkish foreign representative office,,

f) Original copy of the internationally recognized Foreign Language - Turkish proficiency certificate approved by the Turkish Embassy or Consulate in their country,

g) Residence certificate

h) Foreign national identity number,

ı) 2 photographs sized 4.5×6.0 cm (taken within the last 6 months and clearly showing the candidate's face for identification),

i) In order to ensure that students coming from abroad have the financial means to continue their higher education in our country, a document showing the financial guarantee, the amount of which is determined by our university,

J) (Additional Clause Senate Decision No. 09/05 dated 08.05.2024) Document proving that the individual has obtained General Health Insurance.

(3) (Amended by the Senate Decision No. 02/08 dated 23.01.2025) The general health insurance procedures for foreign students studying at our university are carried out in accordance with Article 60 of the Social Insurance and General Health Insurance Law No. 5510.

Language of Instruction and Turkish Proficiency Levels

ARTICLE 15- (1) The language of education at our university is Turkish.. **(The Senate No. 07/10 dated 01.04.2015)** **(2)** The Turkish language proficiency levels of candidates who do not have a

TÖMER Turkish Proficiency Certificate are determined based on the results of the "Turkish Proficiency Exam" administered by the Directorate of our University's Turkish Teaching Practice and Research Center.

Based on the results of the Turkish language test;

Candidates who score between 85 and 100 are placed at level C1 (Their Turkish is sufficient; they may begin their studies and will not be required to take the exam again).

(Revised by the Senate Decision No. 18/04 dated 17.09.2025) Candidates who score between 70 and 84 are at B2 level and their Turkish is insufficient. (They may begin their studies only after improving their Turkish to C1 level within one (1) year and documenting this with a certificate.),

(Revised by the Senate Decision No. 18/04 dated 17.09.2025) Candidates who score between 60 and 69 are at B1 level and their Turkish is insufficient. (They may begin their studies only after improving their Turkish to C1 level within one (1) year and documenting this with a certificate.),

(Revised by the Senate Decision No. 18/04 dated 17.09.2025) Candidates who score between 45 and 59 are at A2 level and their Turkish is insufficient. (They may begin their studies only after improving their Turkish to C1 level within one (1) year and documenting this with a certificate.),

(Revised by the Senate Decision No. 18/04 dated 17.09.2025) Candidates who score between 0 and 44 are at A1 level and their Turkish is insufficient. (They may begin their studies only after improving their Turkish to C1 level within one (1) year and documenting this with a certificate.).

(3) (Revised by the Senate Decision No. 18/04 dated 17.09.2025) Students who do not hold a TÖMER certificate and fail the "Turkish Proficiency Test" administered by our University's Turkish Language Teaching Application and Research Center will be placed on a one-year leave of absence by the relevant departments/programs they are enrolled in. Students are required to improve their Turkish proficiency to **C1** within one year. Students who fail to achieve this are granted an extension of one year. Students who fail to achieve this level of proficiency to **C1** at the end of the extension will lose their right to study at Hatay Mustafa Kemal University's educational institutions.*

Foreign Language Preparatory Education

ARTICLE 16- (1) Students who are placed in departments with a compulsory foreign language preparatory class and who achieve Turkish proficiency will take the foreign language proficiency exam administered by our University's "Foreign Languages Research and Application Center." Students who fail the exam will study in a preparatory class for one year. If successful, they will be enrolled in the first year.

Fee

ARTICLE 17- (1) (Revised by Senate Decision No. 14/03 dated April 27, 2021) The minimum and maximum tuition fees for Students Admitted From Abroad will be determined by the University's Administrative Board after being determined by the Presidential Decree.

CHAPTER THREE

Miscellaneous and Final Provisions

Education and Training Regulations

ARTICLE 18- (1) Foreign students are subject to the provisions of the "Hatay Mustafa Kemal University Associate and Undergraduate Education-Training and Examination Regulation" regarding matters related to education and training.

(2) (Additional Paragraph: Senate Decision No. 09/05 dated 08.05.2024) The registration of a student who fails to continue their studies by not selecting courses and not paying tuition fees for two consecutive academic years shall be terminated by the decision of the administrative board.

REPEALED DIRECTIVE

ARTICLE 19 – (1) The "Mustafa Kemal University Directive on the Application, Registration, and Admission of Foreign Students," which was approved by the Senate decision dated 14 March 2012 and numbered 05-1, has been repealed.

ENFORCEMENT

ARTICLE 20 – (1) This Directive shall enter into force following its approval by the Senate and the ratification of the General Council of Higher Education.

EXECUTION

ARTICLE 21 – (1) The provisions of this Directive shall be executed by the Rector of Hatay Mustafa Kemal University.

*The relevant article provision was amended by the Senate of our University (Senate Decision dated 1 April 2015 and numbered 07/10).

**The relevant article provision was amended by the Senate of our University (Senate Decision dated 14 August 2015 and numbered 14/12).

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