

GUIDE FOR FOREIGN CANDIDATES

A FEW BASIC RULES...

1. Non – nationals who can be admitted for bachelor degree studies of uniform master degree studies, are:
 - 1) Hold a Polish maturity certificate or a certificate or any other document obtained abroad legalized or authenticated with an apostille entitling to applying for admission to studies in higher education institutions of any kind in the country in the system of which there is an institution issuing the certificate, acknowledge in compliance with the rules regarding the nostrification of school certificates and maturity certificates obtained abroad or on the basis of an international agreement as equivalent to an appropriate polish maturity certificate
 - 2) Show the particular predispositions in the admitting higher education institution in the fields of study requiring such predispositions.
2. Non-nationals who may be admitted to master degree studies are those who hold a Polish bachelor degree studies diploma, a uniform master degree studies diploma or a diploma authenticated with an apostille or any other document of university graduation abroad in a country in which it was issued, acknowledged in compliance with the rules regarding the nostrification of higher education graduation diplomas obtained abroad or on the basis of international agreements, as equivalent with the appropriate Polish bachelor degree studies diploma and will meet the regulations pursuant to the rules for all non-nationals applying for studies.
3. Non – nationals – foreign high school graduates may apply for admission to studies in Poland writing directly to the university or through the nearest Polish Diplomatic Mission in the place of their residence to the Bureau for Academic Recognition and International Exchange of the Ministry of Science and Higher Education (ul. Ogrodowa 28/30, 00-896 Warszawa, website – www.buwiwm.edu.pl).
4. Non – nationals may be admitted to studies carried out in Polish if:
 - 1) Will complete a one year preparatory Polish language course to study in Polish in designated institutions appointed by the minister responsible for higher education or
 - 2) Hold a certificate of fluency in Polish issued by the State Commission for the Certification of Proficiency in Polish as a Foreign Language or
 - 3) Will attain confirmation from the admitting higher education institution that their preparation and fluency allows them to enroll on studies in the Polish language.The duration period of the one year preparatory Polish language course counts in to the education period for which the non – national has been admitted. In this period of time the non – national is entitled to the rights of a person following studies.
5. Non – nationals may be admitted to studies carried out in Polish if they hold a document confirming their fluency of the foreign language in which the studies are conducted.
6. The documents which confirm the fluency in the foreign language are also certificates, diplomas or other documents confirming graduating from a secondary school abroad, in which the classes were conducted in the same foreign language that the non – national will study in Poland.

WHICH RULES APPLY TO YOU?

1. Pursuant to the rules applicable to Polish nationals the persons who may enroll on and follow education are:
 - 1) Non – nationals who have been granted a permanent residence permit;
 - 2) Non – nationals who have the status of refugee granted in the Republic of Poland;
 - 3) Non – nationals who have been granted temporal protection in the territory of the Republic of Poland;
 - 4) Migrant workers who are nationals of a Member State of the European Union, Swiss Confederation or a member state of the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) – a party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, as well as members of their families if residing in the territory of the Republic of Poland;
 - 5) Non - nationals who have been granted a residence permit of a European Union longterm resident in the territory of the Republic of Poland;
 - 6) Non - nationals who have obtained in the territory of the Republic of Polish temporary residence permit, in connection with the circumstances referred in Article 127, Article 159, Section 1 or Article 186, Section 1, subsections 3 and 4 of the Act of 12 December 2013 on foreigners (*Dziennik Ustaw* item 1650);
 - 7) Non - nationals who have been granted complementary protection in the territory of the Republic of Poland;
 - 8) Nationals of a member State of the European Union or a member state of the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) – a party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area or Swiss Confederation, as well as members of their families granted a permit to settle of the Republic of Poland.
2. Non – nationals who are not listed in point 1 subject to sec. 5 may follow education on the basis of:
 - 1) International agreements pursuant to the rules defined therein;
 - 2) Agreements concluded between higher education institutions and foreign entities, pursuant to the rules defined therein;
 - 3) Decisions of the minister responsible for higher education or the respective minister referred to in Article 33 sec. 2 Law on Higher Education (*Dziennik Ustaw* z 2005 No. 164, item 365);
 - 4) Decision of the rector of a higher education institution.
3. Non – nationals referred to in point 2 may enroll on and follow education without application of the recruitment procedure rules:
 - 1) Polish scholarship holders (non-nationals of Polish origin) applying for the Polish Government scholarship should report to a Polish Diplomatic Mission proper to the place of residence, in order to obtain further information concerning terms of undertaking studies;
 - 2) On a fee – paying basis;
 - 3) Without a fee and scholarship benefits on the basis of agreements between governments or help programs offered to certain countries by the Polish government. The candidate must contact an appropriate institution at his country or a Polish diplomatic mission.
 - 4) As holders of scholarships awarded by descending party, without paying tuition fees;
 - 5) As holders of scholarships awarded by higher education institutions.

4. Nationals of a member State of the European Union or a member state of the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) – a party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area or Swiss Confederation, as well as members of their families who have funds necessary to cover the maintenance costs during the period of study may enroll on, and follow, degree programs, doctoral programs and other forms of education or training, as well as participate in research and development work either pursuant to the rules applicable to Polish nationals, with no entitlement however to a maintenance grant, special grant for disabled persons, accommodation grant, meals grant or aid payments, or pursuant to the rules laid down in points 2 and 3.
5. Holders of a valid Card of the Pole may enroll on and follow higher studies and other forms of education, as well as participate in research and development work either pursuant to the rules applicable to Polish nationals or pursuant to the rules defined in points 2 and 3.

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