

General rules for undertaking studies by foreigners

Foreigners may undertake studies on the basis of:

- 1) international agreements;
- 2) agreements concluded between higher education institutions;
- 3) decisions of the minister responsible for higher education;
- 4) decisions of the NAWA (Polish National Agency for Academic Exchange) director;
- 5) decisions of the NCN director;
- 6) decisions of the rector of a higher education institution.

University studies may be taken up without fee by:

- 1) foreigners who have been given a permanent residence permit;
- 2) foreigners who have been recognised as refugees;
- 3) foreigners who are under temporal protection within the territory of the Republic of Poland;
- 4) citizens of the member states of the EU or the EFTA (EFTA = European Free Trade Association), that is to say citizens of the member states of the EU, the EEA (EEA = European Economic Area) or Switzerland (officially the Swiss Confederation), as well as members of their families if they live on the territory of the Republic of Poland;
- 5) foreigners who have been granted a long-term residence permit within the territory of the Republic of Poland, part of the EU;
- 6) foreigners who have been granted a temporal residence permit within the territory of the Republic of Poland in relation to the circumstance mentioned in Article 159, Paragraph 1, or Article 186, Paragraph 1, Point 3 or 4 of the Law on Foreigners dated December 12, 2013 (Journal of Laws of the Republic of Poland, position 1650);
- 7) foreigners who are under supplementary protection within the territory of the Republic of Poland;
- 8) Bearers of Pole's Cards (also called Polish Charters or Polish Cards) – Karta Polaka;
- 9) holders of Consul's decision confirming Polish origin;
- 10) holders of Polish language proficiency certificate (level C1) mentioned in article 11a, paragraph 2 of the Law about Polish Language (Journal of Laws of the Republic of Poland, position 931);
- 11) foreigners who are spouses, lineal descendants, lineal ancestors of Polish citizen, if they live on the territory of the Republic of Poland.

Foreigners not above-mentioned may start studying and participate in research for a fee (fees for studying in Poland paid by foreigners are determined by the Rector).

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