

UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION
Educational Opportunities for Foreign Applicants
To Higher Education in Morocco
for the Academic Year 2010-2011

Submission of Application Files:

Foreign applicants wishing to enrol in public establishments of higher education and vocational training in Morocco, for the academic year 2010/2011 must submit their applications to the competent authorities in their respective countries which are the only entities entitled to determine whether they should be transmitted to the Moroccan authorities, in accordance with the bilateral agreements in force, within the limits of the educational opportunity quotas set (with or without a scholarship) which are notified to the said authorities.

Besides the present offer, diplomats and foreign residents in Morocco, as well as their spouses and children, may seek a registration in one of the institutions with no scholarship offered.

*The files of the short-listed applicants must reach the Agence Marocaine de Coopération Internationale (Moroccan International Cooperation Agency), through diplomatic channels by **August 10th, 2010**, at the latest, considering the time limits set for examinations and the time necessary for the issuing of registration-authorizations, by the departments concerned, on one the hand, and, considering the fact that classes begin in the first week of September in some institutions, on the other.*

*The applications shortlisted in accordance with the general registration requirements stated bellow will have to be on **a single list bearing the names of applicants and specifying, by priority order, and for information only, a set of three fields of studies, as requested by each applicant.***

*Only files sent through **diplomatic channels** will be considered.*

Application files must include the following documents:

- A written application stating, by order of preference, the field of studies and the educational institutions requested, along with the applicants' contact details (mailing address, phone number, email) which should be clearly indicated;

- An application form, to be downloaded from the AMCI's web-site, and duly completed, together with two copies of the following documents attached:

- A certified true copy of the baccalaureate (high-school diploma);*
- A certified true copy of the baccalaureate transcript;*

- A birth certificate;
- A photocopy of the passport;
- A doctor's certificate delivered by public health services, attesting to the physical aptitude of the candidate and certifying that he or she does not suffer from any contagious or acute illnesses, and does not carry any pandemic (the applicant might be subjected to a second medical examination upon his or her arrival in Morocco);
- Two recent color passport photographs with the applicant's first name, last name and nationality indicated on the back;
- Applicants for graduate studies (MASTERS, and Diplôme des Etudes Supérieures (DES) must provide, in addition to the above-mentioned documents, certified true copies of their undergraduate degrees, the transcripts and the study programs or schemes they have completed, as well as a copy of their end-of study research paper or thesis.
- Applicants for the Doctorat must provide a draft of their thesis as well.

NB: Incomplete files will not be taken into consideration.

General Admission Requirements:

a- Undergraduate studies (Bachelor's degree) :

- The selection of high-school diploma holders is done according to the admission requirements for the requested training, the field of studies and the openings available, and according to the academic qualifications of the applicants, as presented in the files submitted.
- The applicants must be holders of the baccalaureate (high school diploma) during the year **2010** with the following marks of distinction "Very Good", "Good" or "Fairly Good".
- The age requirement ranges between 19 and 23 years, according to the academic establishment sought.

b- Graduate studies and Doctorat:

The applicants for admission to graduate studies (Masters) must be holders of a higher education degree (BAC + 3, +4, or + 5) in the requested field of studies with results showing the mark of distinction "Very Good" or "Good".

The applicants for admission to post-graduate studies (Doctorat) must be holders of a graduate degree in the requested field of studies recognized as being equivalent to Moroccan institution-granted diplomas and giving access to the academic establishments sought.

The applicants' files that meet the general admission requirements are submitted to the scientific committees of the academic establishments concerned for processing

N.B.: In some cases, registration in the establishments of higher education in Morocco is final provided that an equivalency certificate is submitted testifying that the diploma obtained is equivalent to the national diploma required, in accordance with Decree no. 2.01.333, dated June 21, 2001, bearing on the conditions and procedures governing the granting of equivalencies to higher education diplomas.

French is the language of instruction in most academic establishments in Morocco, notably in scientific and technical study programs and schemes..

Consequently, the applicants who are proposed for these programs should be short-listed from among the students who master the French language.

The applicants coming from non French-speaking countries wishing to enrol in the said fields of study and meeting the general admission requirements will have to take upgrading courses in French at the Faculté des Sciences de l'Education, in Rabat, for one year, during the academic year 2010-2011. The students who have successfully completed this course will be guided towards the appropriate field of studies according to: their academic qualifications, the set prerequisites and criteria, and the educational openings available for each field of studies.

French language courses usually start around October 10th of each year.

The applicants who wish to undertake Islamic Studies or Arabic Language and Literature Studies have to master the Arabic language.

The evaluation and selection of the applications:

The files submitted and forwarded in due time will be processed by AMCI, with the possible participation of representatives appointed for that purpose by the authorities of the country of origin. The selected applications will be submitted for processing to the Ministerial Department to which the academic establishment sought is affiliated. The list of selected applicants, and the field of studies assigned to them will be forwarded to the applicants through the diplomatic channels.

Enrolment procedure:

➤ Every selected applicant will receive, through diplomatic channels, a letter of information notifying him or her about training that is proposed for him/her, and about the final requirements for enrolment and stay in Morocco.

➤ This letter will eventually be returned to the AMCI, after it has been duly signed by the applicant.

➤ The fact that the selected applicant is in Morocco is considered as an acceptance on his part of the offer made to him. The enrolment and scholarship offer is irrevocable and no request for a change of the study scheme or academic establishment will be tolerated.

➤ Upon his/her arrival in Rabat, the foreign student has to go to the AMCI's Executive Training Department to:

- Fill out the registration form ;
- Obtain the authorization to register;
- To collect the scholarship for the first quarter (September and October for grantees).

The student should thereafter:

- Get to the educational establishment to carry out the definitive registration formalities;
- Send/submit to the AMCI a certified true copy of the registration certificate, as delivered by the academic establishment.

N.B.: Higher education and vocational training is free in public academic establishments.

Cooperation scholarship:

The AMCI's scholarship is granted to the students selected, in the framework of the official Moroccan offer and who are regularly enrolled in Moroccan public establishments of higher education and vocational training.

The amount of the training scholarship is of 750 Dirham per month (approximately \$ 88) and is granted for a 12 month period per academic year.

The scholarship is paid on a bi-monthly basis and in advance at the Agency's headquarters for students residing in Rabat and its area and within the designated universities for students residing in the other cities of the Kingdom.

The payment of the scholarship is tributary on the effective and regular attendance of the beneficiary within the school he or she is enrolled in.

The granting of the scholarship does not imply the payment of registration fees, if any, boarding, transportation or any other charges related to the undertaking of studies.

The scholarship granted for undergraduate studies usually covers the duration of the study/training program, which is normally 1 to 7 years, coupled with an additional year called "année de bourse de reserve" (Contingency or Reserve Scholarship Year). Benefitting from the scholarship while repeating a year is allowed only once during the entire academic cycle. The tripling of an academic year or the second redoubling of any academic year will result in the suspension of the scholarship, until the student grantee has passed to the upper class.

The scholarship for the Masters Degree or graduate studies is granted for two years.

The doctoral scholarship is granted for a period of three years. It can be extended for an extra 24 months, as a maximum, depending on the progress made in the doctoral research.

The conditions governing the award, collection, and use of scholarship are recorded in a booklet, titled: "Règlement relatif aux bourses de formation et de stage attribuées aux étudiants et stagiaires étrangers" (Regulations bearing on Study and Training Scholarships granted to Foreign Students and Trainees), which will be given to the beneficiaries upon their arrival in Morocco.

Reception of Students:

The Agency may ensure, upon request, the reception and the transfer of the new students from the Mohammed V Airport in Casablanca or the Rabat-Salé Airport. However, they should arrive in groups. Otherwise, they are free to use other ways of transportation (train, bus or taxi).

Housing:

Foreign students who are regularly enrolled in public establishments of higher education may, on the basis of availability, benefit from on-campus accommodation in return for the payment rent expenses.

The maximum regulatory on-campus residence within the Residence Halls affiliated to the Department of Higher Education is 3 years.

The students staying at the International Residence Halls affiliated to the Agency in Rabat benefit from residence during the entire ordinary study period in the cycle of study undertaken.

Students may, if they so wish, make use of privately-owned accommodation which is put for rent.

At the end of the academic year, the students who cannot travel to their countries during the summer vacation, can stay in Residence Halls on Campuses in Rabat, within the framework of the Summer Housing Program which is organized every year by the AMCI.

Catering services:

Many university campuses have university restaurants that serve meals to students at subsidized rates.

Interested students must apply to the administrations of these Residence Halls to get an access card to restaurants.

Medical coverage:

Like Moroccan students, foreign students are entitled to health care provided by hospitals and by public health centers all over the Moroccan territory.

The socio-medical services located within the International Residence Halls placed under the oversight of the Agency provides the same services to foreign students, particularly those undergoing training in Rabat.

Furthermore, AMCI contributes towards medical expenses defrayed by students, by reimbursing as much as 50% of the medical bills of grantees. The contribution is capped at 1000 Dirhams (approximately \$128) per year.

Moreover, interested students may take out an insurance policy with private insurance companies (medical insurance, life insurance ...).

Residency requirements:

After the completion of the registration and housing formalities, the students must imperatively go to the foreign services of the Sûreté Nationale in the city of their residence to get a residence permit in Morocco. The residence permit is renewable every year.

General information:

- Upon receipt of the pre-registration in Morocco, the applicants are required to accomplish the formalities to obtain the entry visa to Morocco at the Moroccan Embassy accredited in their country.

- The applicant selected to enroll in Morocco who does not come to the AMCI in the time set is considered to have given up the offer that was made to him/her.

- The scholarships of the applicants who have withdrawn can neither be granted to other applicants nor be postponed to the next academic year.

- The student has to conform to the rules of the academic establishment where he/she is enrolled.

- Any unjustified or unauthorized absences lead to the suspension of the scholarship and, in some cases, even to the expulsion from the academic establishment he/she is enrolled in.

- The student who has completed his/her studies, must return to his/her country and be at its service.

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