

## **Eligibility to Apply as an International Student**

The criteria outlined below are determined by the [Higher Education Council of Türkiye \(YÖK\)](#).

### **Students who can apply as international students:**

Students who are in their senior year at high school or who graduated from high school and who satisfy at least one of the below criteria may apply as international students:

- Students with foreign nationality,
- Students who were Turkish citizens by birth but ceased to be a citizen by the courtesy of the Ministry of Interior (applicant has to certify that he/she holds the official document regarding the use of rights granted by Turkish Citizenship Law),
- Students who were registered as minors on the document stating that the parent has ceased to be a Turkish citizen as explained above (applicant has to certify that he/she holds the official document regarding the use of rights granted by Turkish Citizenship Law),
- Foreign nationals who have taken Turkish citizenship / dual citizens within this context,
- Turkish citizens who began high school before 1 Feb 2013 abroad and who completed the last 3 years of high school education abroad (except in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus – TRNC),
- Turkish citizens who began high school after 1 Feb 2013 abroad and who completed the entire high school education abroad (except in TRNC),
- Turkish citizens who completed the entire high school education abroad (except in TRNC) in one of the Turkish schools recognized by the Ministry of Education,
- TRNC citizens who reside in TRNC and who completed their high school education in TRNC and who have taken the GCE AL exam, TRNC citizens who enrolled in high schools abroad (except in Türkiye and in TRNC) between 2005-2010 and who have taken/will take the GCE AL exam.

**Students who cannot apply as international students:**

- Turkish citizens who have completed their entire high school education in Türkiye or in TRNC,
- TRNC citizens (except in cases explained above), Dual nationality applicants whose first nationality is Turkish by birth (except cases explained above),
- Applicants who hold dual nationality one of which is TRNC (except in incases explained above),
- Turkish citizens or dual-nationality students whose first nationality is Turkish by birth who studied in foreign schools in Türkiye or in schools within the context of embassies in Türkiye.

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