

**TURKISH REPUBLIC OF NORTHERN CYPRUS**  
**MINISTRY OF NATIONAL EDUCATION**  
**HIGHER EDUCATION AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS DEPARTMENT**

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**Subject:** Transit Visa Procedures of the International Students with Citizenship from 57 countries subject to permission

**To the Distribution Places**

**Relevance :** Ministry of Interior's correspondence dated 6 September 2023 (Ref. No. MMHD.0.00-012/03-23/E.6046).

Please be informed that the "Ok to Board" procedure has been terminated for students planning to study at the universities of the TRNC, who also happen to be citizens of 57 countries as specified in Appendix-1. We have also been informed that the airports are required to obtain a Transit Visa even if they do not leave the transit halls. With the relevant correspondence, we have also been informed of the requirement for the said students to obtain a Transit Visa, **even if they do not leave the transit lounges of Turkish airports.**

In this context, as a result of the discussions held between the Ministry of Interior and the Directorate General of Migration Management of the Republic of Turkey, it is required that the YÖKAS records of students currently studying in universities in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) and who **have completed their legal permit processes** be accurate in order for their registrations to be taken into account for the said persons be exempted from the transit visa application.

The information and documents pertaining to students coming to our country for **new registration** and the current students **who have not renewed their student residence permits or have incurred penalties** will be checked through YÖKAS. Since these students will be subject to the transit visa procedure, it is of utmost importance that the information and documents on YÖKAS are complete and accurate.

It has been communicated to us in the attached letter that if the information and documents pertaining to the aforesaid students on YÖKAS are found to be accurate and complete, the Directorate General of Migration Management of the Republic of Turkey will facilitate the "Transit Visa" procedures for students.

Authorized visa intermediary companies designated by the Republic of Turkey and consulates where procedures can be carried out in the aforementioned countries are listed in Att-2 for international students from the 57 countries who intend to come to the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC), subject to the discretion of the Directorate General of Migration Management of the Republic of Turkey.

In light of this information, in order to avoid any inconvenience for our students, it is of utmost importance that the students' **information and documents on YÖKAS are complete.** The student information and documents that have been previously submitted and/or will be submitted should be urgently checked through **the interface previously provided and any missing information and documents should be promptly completed.**

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As you have been informed before, **students should register in accordance with the criteria specified in the "By-law for the Admission and Registration Conditions for Foreign Students Who Are Not Citizens of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus or the Republic of Turkey."** In this regard, universities **that do not demonstrate the necessary diligence will bear the responsibility for resulting inconvenience experienced by students.**

Documents to be Uploaded to the System for "**Newly Registered Students**":

1. Letter of Admission
2. Passport's Photo Page

Documents to be Uploaded to the System for "**Current Students (2nd, 3rd & 4th year students)**":

1. Student Certificate
2. Transcript

Thank you for all your efforts. I respectfully request that the necessary preparations be made to ensure that our students come to the island without any problems.

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Behçet ÇELEBİ

Director

**Attachments:**

- 1 – List of Countries subject to Permission
- 2 – Visa Application Centers

**Distribution:**

Eastern Mediterranean University

Girne American University (GAU)

Near East University (NEU)

Nicosia

European University of Lefke (EUL)

Cyprus International University (ICU), Haspolat - Nicosia

Middle East Technical University (METU) Northern Cyprus Campus, Kalkanlı - Güzelyurt

Istanbul Technical University Northern Cyprus Campus, GaziMağusa

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Cyprus American University (CAU)  
Ankara Social Sciences University Northern Cyprus Academic Unit  
Cyprus Health and Social Sciences University, Güzelyurt  
International Final University (IFU)  
Cyprus Ada Kent University (Ada Kent), GaziMağusa  
Bahçeşehir Cyprus University (BAU)  
Arkin University of Creative Arts and Design (ARUCAD)  
Rauf Denктаş University, Nicosia  
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