

DECISION.2023.57.-

Since Article 6.1.3 of the protocol we signed with the Directorate of Migration Management states that "Higher education institutions will not register students other than the registration dates determined by YÖK." and since there is a need to determine the registration dates in question by our Presidency, as a result of the examination made; The registration periods of international students;

- 1 July - 30 November of the relevant year for associate and bachelor's levels,
- 1 July - 30 November in the autumn semester and 15 January - 31 March in the spring semester of the relevant year for graduate students

It was decided that higher education institutions will not enrol students outside the registration dates determined by YÖK.

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Since the failure to delete the registrations of international students studying in our country during their education may cause various problems (administrative, security and academic), in accordance with the authority given by Article 45/f of the Higher Education Law No. 2547, "The procedures and principles of admission to higher education institutions for foreign students and students who have completed their entire secondary education abroad are determined by the Council of Higher Education.", it was deemed appropriate to delete the registrations of international students who did not make course selections and did not pay fees for two consecutive years, and who had the conviction that they would not continue their education, with the decision of the competent boards of the university.

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In accordance with the protocol between our Presidency and the Directorate of Migration Management, after the international student admission and registration process, the students are sent to YÖKSİS and subsequently, residence permits are issued to students with active status by the Directorate of Migration Management. The student who registers during the education period gains active status and gains the right to residence permit. However, as written in the third paragraph of Article 44/c of the Higher Education Law No. 2547; "...those who complete the maximum period of study and fail a course are granted the right to take the exams of the course they have failed without limit without benefiting from the right to be a student." In accordance with the provision, international students who obtain unlimited exam rights will have the right to request a residence permit indefinitely as they will be in active status in YÖKSİS. Since there is no statement in the protocol on this issue, which is open to abuse, universities request an opinion from our Presidency on how to make YÖKSİS submissions for international students in this situation.

As a result of the examination; It was decided to make the submissions to YÖKSİS as "Passive" since the international students who receive higher education in our country should not benefit from their student rights in accordance with the provision of the Law, as stated in the third paragraph of Article 44/c of the Higher Education Law No. 2547, although they have completed their maximum period.

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Taking into account the problems experienced by international students who want to receive higher education in our country regarding residence and visa permits, and the fact that international students who are accepted and enrolled in associate, undergraduate and graduate programmes within our higher education institutions gain the status of higher education students;

a) Among the international students who are actively enrolled in the higher education system and enrolled in all programmes in which the language of instruction is Turkish, the class of those who will receive Turkish Preparatory Class education in centres such as TÖMER, DİLMER etc. will be reported as "Preparatory Class" in the registration process to the Higher Education Information System (YÖKSİS) and the preparation detail information will be transferred using the "Preparatory Detail" method in the rest service,

b) The transfer of the information of the students who will continue their education at TÖMERs to YÖKSİS does not prevent them from having a TÖMER registration at the same time, and the registration of these students should be organised as "Higher Education Turkish Preparatory Class Students",

c) TÖMER registrations of those who are not higher education students (not enrolled in a higher education programme) will not be transferred to YÖKSİS, and their registrations will be issued as "Turkish Language Trainee"

decided.

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As a result of the examination made due to the fact that international students who cannot register for courses although they have the right to be a student are seen as inactive in YÖKSİS and face problems such as not being able to obtain a residence permit before the Directorate of Migration Management and being deported; It was decided that YÖKSİS submissions can be recorded as active even if international students have the right to be a student but do not register for a semester course because they do not have a course to take.

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As a result of the review, it was decided that international students can only change the university they are enrolled in within the same academic year for one time only, since international students' transfer to another university by deregistering causes problems such as university planning, residence work and procedures, etc.

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The issue of international students having General Health Insurance (GSS) instead of / in addition to private health insurance was examined to ensure that they do not experience any unjust treatment during their stay in our country.

As a result of the examination;

a) International students who have entered or will enter our country must have the General Health Insurance (GSS) of the Social Security Institution during registration at the University,

b) Students who are included in the scope of GSS will pay the necessary premiums to the Presidency of the Social Security Institution,

c) To attach the SSI certificate to the school registration and residence application files and submit it to the officials responsible for registration and residence of the universities

decided.