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Admission

Regulations for education of foreign citizens in the Republic of Belarus

1. The regulations define the procedure for the education of foreign citizens and persons without citizenship temporarily living in Belarus, unless a different set of regulations is provided through international agreements with the Republic of Belarus.

2. Foreign citizens can be admitted to study in the Republic of Belarus in accordance with international agreements, including interdepartmental agreements, by educational institutions and scientific organizations in coordination with those republican organs of public administration whose jurisdiction they are under.

3. Foreign citizens are admitted to educational institutions and scientific organizations on condition of an agreement between these institutions and foreign citizens or their mediators. Such an agreement allocates the responsibilities of both sides and provides for the eventuality of foreign citizens' deportation from the Republic of Belarus.

4. Admission and education of foreign citizens are carried out by educational institutions and scientific organizations and controlled by the organs of public administration whose jurisdiction they are under.

5. Foreign citizens residing in the Republic of Belarus on legal grounds who have the necessary level of previous education, are able to get main education on the following levels:

- General basic and secondary education
- Vocational education
- Specialized secondary education
- Higher education (including Bachelor's and Master's degrees)
- Post-university education (post-graduate school, post-graduate military education, junior teacher/junior researcher traineeship, PhD studies) and supplementary education

Application

6. Foreign citizens are admitted to secondary education institutions on the same conditions as the citizens of the Republic of Belarus.

7. Educational institutions providing vocational and specialized secondary education can admit those foreign citizens who have the level of education corresponding to that of general basic or general secondary education in the Republic of Belarus

8. Educational institutions providing higher education can accept those foreign citizens who have the level of education corresponding to that of secondary or specialized secondary education in the Republic of Belarus or the type of education needed for the Master's degree.

9. Foreign citizens can be admitted to get education in the fields of humanities and art if they have the corresponding education and creative ability in the chosen field. In addition to that educational institutions can set additional conditions of acceptance connected to the peculiarities of education in the chosen field.

10. Foreign citizens with a Masters degree in Arts or Sciences can be admitted to higher educational institutions and scientific organizations for post graduate studies. Those foreign citizens who don't have the knowledge of the language of their education can have the period of their post-graduate studies prolonged to 4 years.

11. Higher education institutions and scientific organizations providing post-graduate medical and veterinary education can accept foreign citizens with the corresponding higher education.

12. Foreign citizens who meet the necessary conditions for scientific work in the field of their chosen dissertation in the place of their permanent stay can be admitted for post-graduate instruction by correspondence. At least once a year such a student should present a report of all the work completed during the year to the educational institution or scientific organization and should also pass half-term and other exams during the period set by individual educational plans. The duration of education is defined by educational institutions or scientific organizations.

13. Foreign citizens with the corresponding level of education can be admitted by the educational institutions and scientific organizations for a traineeship.

14. Foreign students with the corresponding level of education can also be admitted to a course of qualification improvement.

15. Foreign citizens are admitted to study languages irrespective of their level of education. They should study languages for at least 20 academic hours a week.

16. Educational institutions and scientific organizations can issue invitations for foreign citizens to study on the following basis:

- An attested copy of an education document, showing the subjects taken and examination grades or a certificate confirming education in progress for senior students.
- An attested copy of a birth-certificate, passport or another document, proving the foreign citizen's identity.
- An invitation letter for students is a document of strict accountability and the educational institution or the scientific organization bears the responsibility of issuing and completing such a document.

17. According to the legislation of the Republic of Belarus, students' visas are issued by the Embassies and Consulates of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Belarus. Educational institutions and scientific organizations provide help in getting entry clearance for potential students.

18. Potential students submit application documents to educational institutions or scientific organizations in Belarusian, Russian, English, French, Spanish or German before the start of the school year. The list of documents includes:

- An application form for studies, stating the chosen field
- A certificate or a document, showing the subjects taken and examination grades
- A medical certificate, issued by the official health authorities of the country of studies
- A certificate, stating that the potential student is HIV-negative, issued by the official health authorities of the country of studies
- An attested copy of a birth-certificate
- A list of published works (if any)
- Six photos (4 x 6 cms)

In case of a foreign citizen being transferred to another educational institution or scientific organization his/her documents are sent to the place of further education according to the procedure set for the citizens of the Republic of Belarus

19. Foreign citizens are admitted to study in the Republic of Belarus if the medical certificate of the state of health is available confirming the possibility of education in the climatic conditions of the republic and the corresponding educational institutions and scientific organizations, issued by the official health authorities of the country of studies

20. Foreign citizens studying in the Republic of Belarus are provided with medical services subject to the compulsory medical insurance, unless otherwise agreed upon through international agreements with the Republic of Belarus

21. Documents for candidates, applying according to International agreements with the Republic of Belarus, are to be sent to the Ministry of Education of the Republic of Belarus. Documents for candidates, applying according to agreements with the educational institutions and scientific organizations, are to be sent to the corresponding institutions and organizations

22. The availability of a valid passport or a substitute document with a corresponding visa and a medical insurance agreement, certified according to the legislation of the Republic of Belarus, is the necessary condition of enrolment.

23. Foreign citizens are taught according to the study plans and curricula of the educational institutions and scientific organization of the Republic of Belarus. On completing successfully the course of studies foreign citizens are presented with diplomas (certificates) of a set standard.

24. Foreign students without the necessary command of the language of education are enrolled in the preparatory courses of educational institutions where they study the language of education and other subjects, depending on the profession they intend to get. If the preparatory course exams are passed successfully, foreign citizens get certificates of a completed preparatory course and are admitted to the chosen field of studies. Those foreign students who have not achieved the level of knowledge needed for studying in the educational institutions during the preparatory course, will be expelled and must leave the territory of the Republic of Belarus. In isolated cases the director of the educational institution can decide to allow foreign citizens to repeat a preparatory course. Foreign citizens without the certificate of a completed preparatory course can only be admitted as full-time students if a committee, specially created by an order of the educational institution director, confirms the knowledge of the language of education and the corresponding level of preparatory education.

25. Foreign citizens studying in the educational institutions or scientific organizations, have the right to:

- acquire education according to the educational standards of the Republic of Belarus
- be transferred to other educational specializations and forms of education upon the approval of the Ministry of Education of the Republic of Belarus
- study according to individual study plans within the limits of educational standards
- participate in the bodies of self government
- set up friendly associations of people from the same areas (national communities)

26. Foreign citizens studying in the Republic of Belarus must:

- adhere to the constitution of the Republic of Belarus, the legislation of the Republic of Belarus and internal rules and regulations of the educational institutions and scientific organizations they study at
- follow the instructions of the governing body of educational institutions and scientific organizations
- master the knowledge and skills needed for the chosen field of study
- attend compulsory classes, complete all types of educational tasks during the period of time set by the educational plans and curricula and pass exams and tests in time
- get an appropriate permission from the educational institution or scientific organization and prepare all the necessary documents on leaving the territory of the Republic of Belarus
- settle in full financial accounts with the educational institutions or scientific organizations as set in the agreements

27. Those foreign citizens, who do not fulfill the duties stated in paragraph 26 of the Regulations are to be expelled from the educational institutions and scientific organizations and should leave the Republic of Belarus within a month.

28. Foreign citizens, who commit crimes on the territory of the Republic of Belarus or violate administrative and other laws, while studying there, will be held responsible according to the laws of the Republic of Belarus.

29. Educational institutions and scientific organizations must supply the Minister of the Interior with information regarding the admitted foreign citizens, as well as the foreign