

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR STUDYING ABROAD

A. Introduction

Being a country with long-standing traditions in education, Bulgaria prepares highly qualified professionals, graduate from higher education institutions. They can find professional realization in all over the world.

B: Entry Requirements

In accordance with the Higher Education Act, the admission of students and doctoral students, who are residents of EU Member States and the EEA, incl. Republic of Cyprus, is subject to the conditions and procedures in place, namely by taking competitive examination.

Higher education institutions in Republic of Bulgaria are autonomous and are entitled on their own to define and announce the following:

1. Conditions and procedures leading to competitive examinations;
2. Documents of the student candidates to be submitted;
3. Deadlines for the submission of application documents of the student candidates;
4. Application documents and deadlines for the enrollment of admitted students.

The foreign students are entitled to apply for studies by paying tuition fees.

C: Application Procedure

The student candidates can submit their application documents within the defined by the concerned HEI deadlines and to the defined by the HEI place.

D: Language of instruction

The HEIs across Bulgaria provide for language education courses for foreign students, who have applied for studies in Bulgaria. The Language education courses are organized in the competent departments at the HEIs concerned

E: Types of HEIs

The HEIs in the Republic of Bulgaria are universities, specialized higher education institutions and independent colleges.

F: Tuition Fees and Scholarships

The tuition fees for the different programmes offered by HEIs across Bulgaria are annually defined by CM Decree.

The candidate students are required to pay tuition fees in the following cases:

- When they are admitted for studies upon meeting the general applicable for the Bulgarian candidates requirements, being EU citizens;
- When they are of Bulgarian origin, certified according to the provisions of the CM Decree 103 as of 1993 for education activities in support of the Bulgarians abroad;

In the cases when the candidates for higher education studies are admitted to pursue education as foreign citizens, they are required to pay tuition fees in the amount defined for foreign students.

Students, doctoral students and specialist students, who are foreigners, but are entitled to studies at HEIs following the applicable for the Bulgarian students procedures, are entitled to receive scholarships. The criteria for allocation scholarships are defined by the governance body of the HEI concerned.

G: Accommodation and Cost of Living

The students and doctoral students who are admitted to study at HEI, following the prerequisites and procedures applicable for the Bulgarian citizens, are entitled to accommodation at dormitories as well as to medical services, in conformity with the national legislation provisions.

H: Useful websites

Detailed information concerning the Register/List of the accredited HEIs in Bulgaria can be found on the website of the Ministry of Education and Science, Section – Higher Education – <https://mon.bg/?go=page&Id=12&subpageId=685>. It is published in English.

In the same vein, the e-platform of the ranking system of the HEIs in Bulgaria offers also exhaustive information in English that could be useful for prospective candidate students. Please, follow the link: <http://rsvu.mon.bg/rsvu3/?locale=en>.