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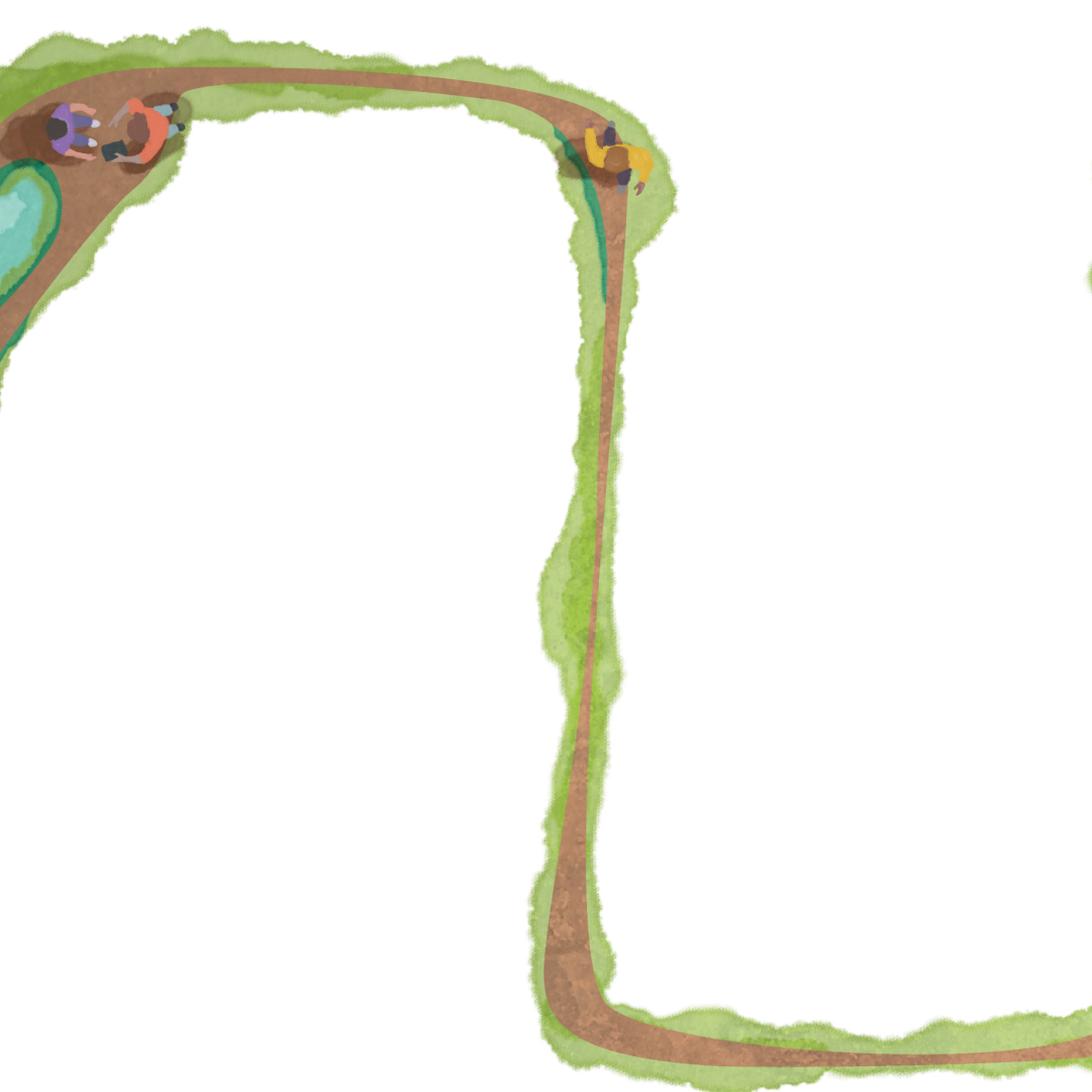
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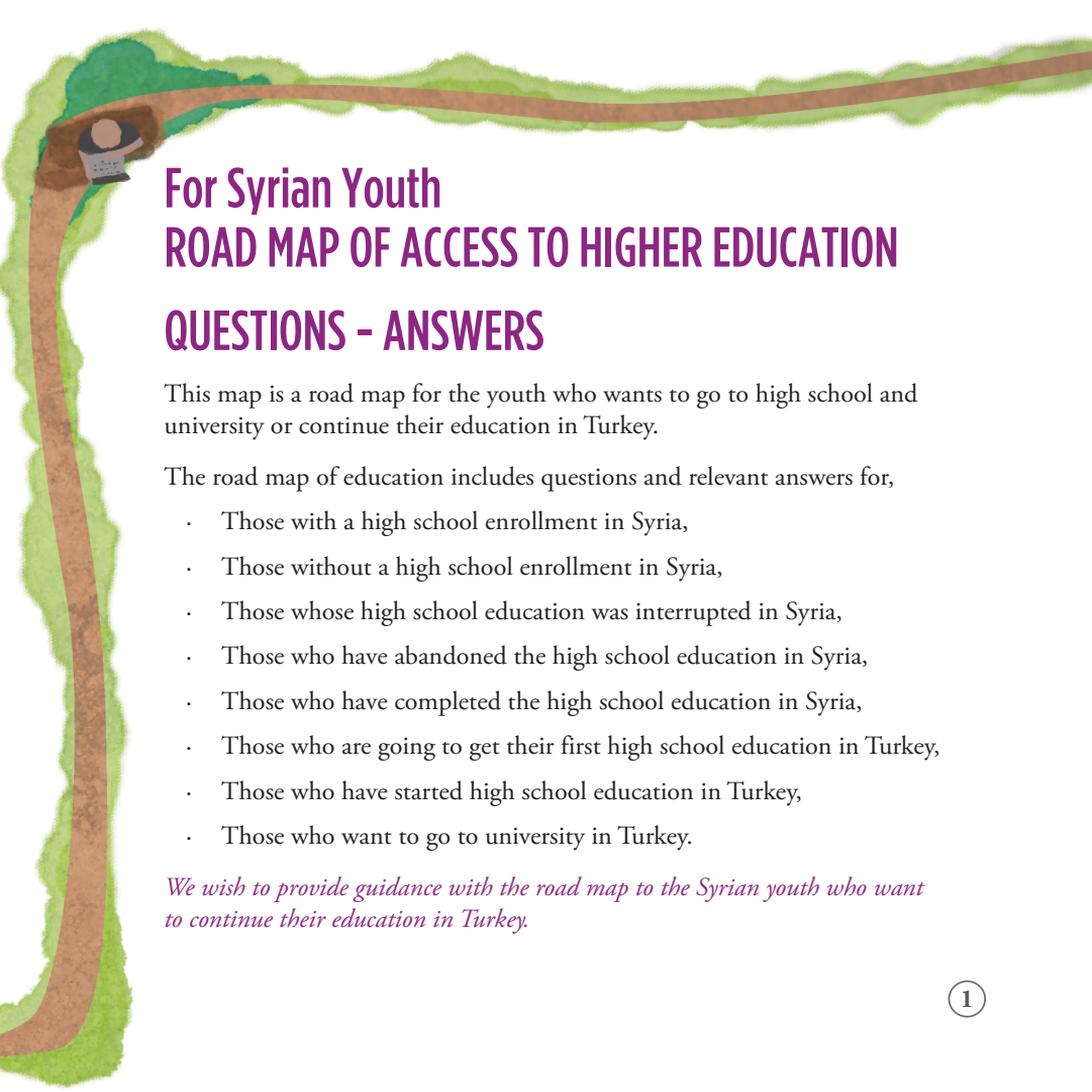
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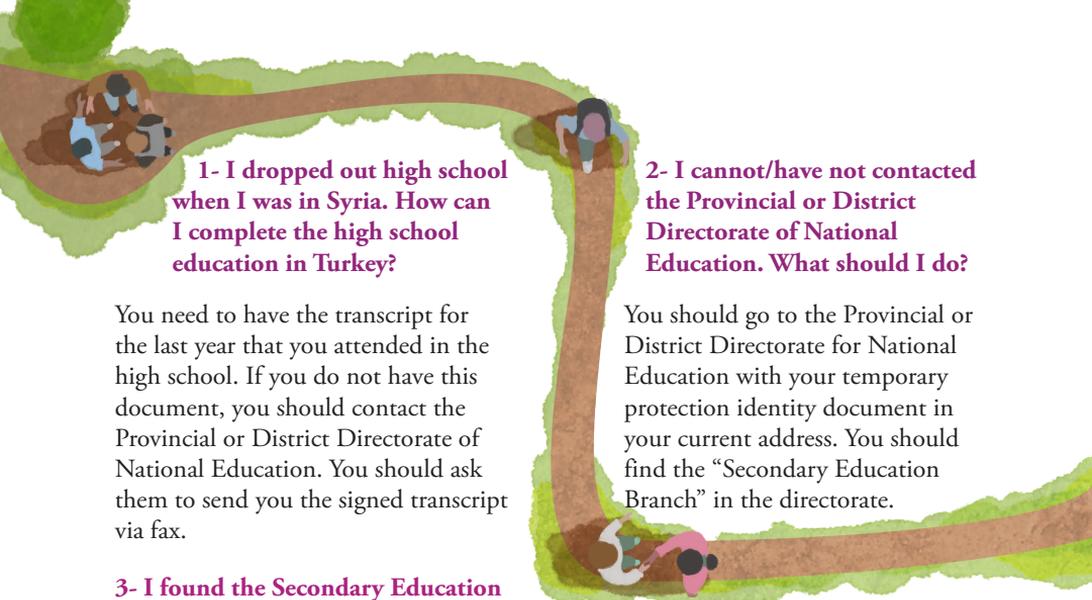
QUESTIONS - ANSWERS

This map is a road map for the youth who wants to go to high school and university or continue their education in Turkey.

The road map of education includes questions and relevant answers for,

- Those with a high school enrollment in Syria,
- Those without a high school enrollment in Syria,
- Those whose high school education was interrupted in Syria,
- Those who have abandoned the high school education in Syria,
- Those who have completed the high school education in Syria,
- Those who are going to get their first high school education in Turkey,
- Those who have started high school education in Turkey,
- Those who want to go to university in Turkey.

We wish to provide guidance with the road map to the Syrian youth who want to continue their education in Turkey.

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1- I dropped out high school when I was in Syria. How can I complete the high school education in Turkey?

You need to have the transcript for the last year that you attended in the high school. If you do not have this document, you should contact the Provincial or District Directorate of National Education. You should ask them to send you the signed transcript via fax.

3- I found the Secondary Education Branch. What will I tell them?

You can tell them that you want to complete your high school education and you do not have your transcript. This is going to be your application request for the high school. The Secondary Education Branch is going to assess your application according to your age and level of education. The directorate will choose between “S/he can resume on the year that s/he left” or “S/he should start from the first

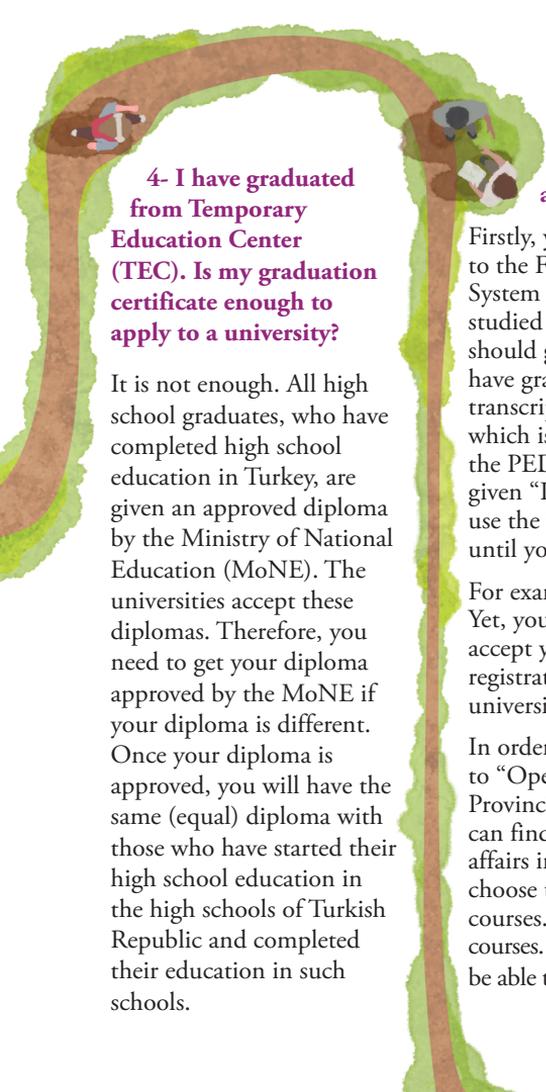
2- I cannot/have not contacted the Provincial or District Directorate of National Education. What should I do?

You should go to the Provincial or District Directorate for National Education with your temporary protection identity document in your current address. You should find the “Secondary Education Branch” in the directorate.

grade.” You will be contacted once it is determined.

If it is determined that “S/he can resume on the year that s/he left”, you are going to be directed to a state high school.

If it is determined that “S/he should start from the first grade”, you are going to be asked to collect the necessary documents to start high school education in Turkey.



4- I have graduated from Temporary Education Center (TEC). Is my graduation certificate enough to apply to a university?

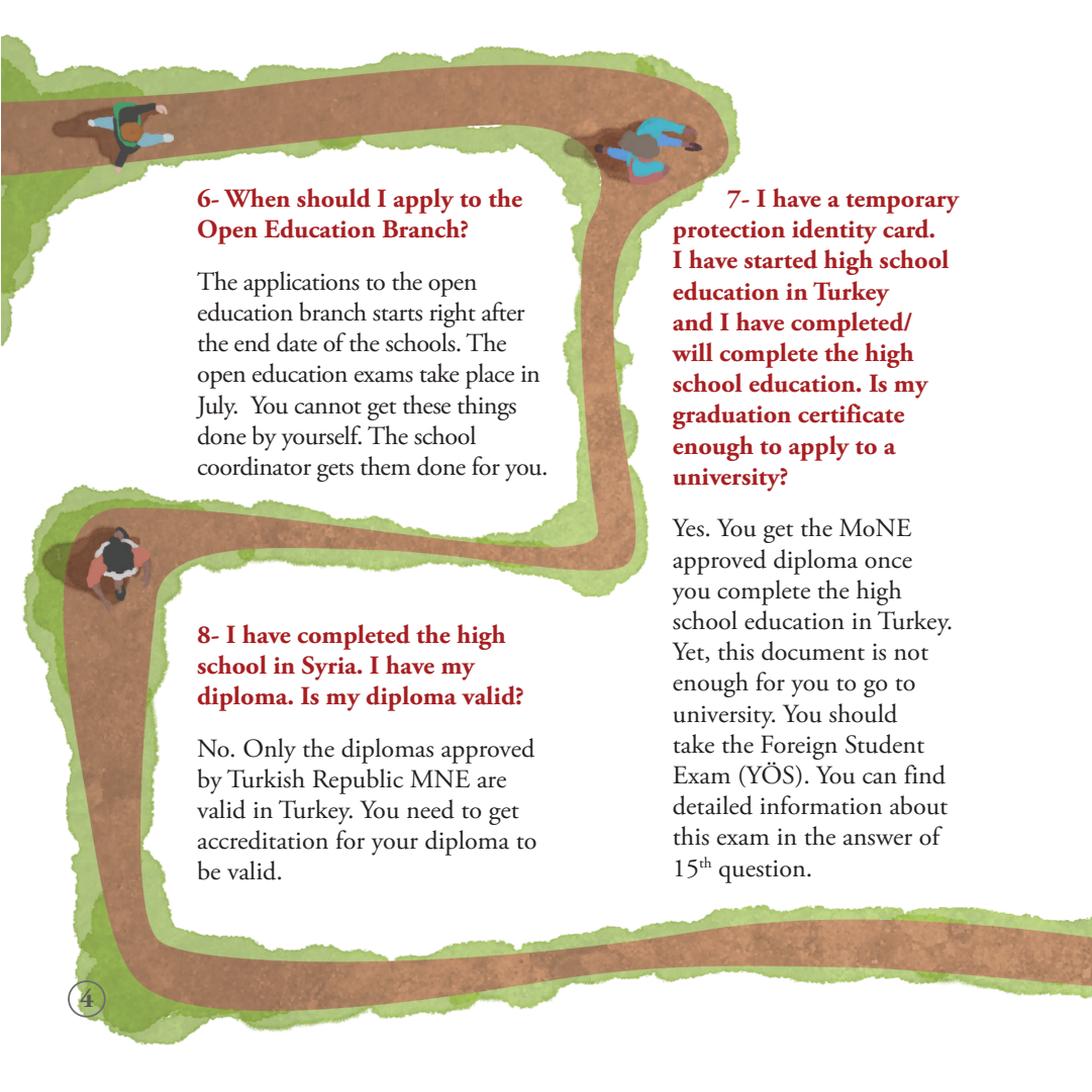
It is not enough. All high school graduates, who have completed high school education in Turkey, are given an approved diploma by the Ministry of National Education (MoNE). The universities accept these diplomas. Therefore, you need to get your diploma approved by the MoNE if your diploma is different. Once your diploma is approved, you will have the same (equal) diploma with those who have started their high school education in the high schools of Turkish Republic and completed their education in such schools.

5- What should I do to get my diploma approved by MoNE?

Firstly, you should check whether you are registered to the Foreign Student Information Operating System (YÖBİS). Because, every student, who has studied in TCE, should be registered to YÖBİS. You should get your transcript from YÖBİS once you have graduated from TCE. You should go with your transcript to Public Education Directorate (PED), which is situated in the same district with TCE. If the PED approves your diploma, you are going to be given “Interim Certificate of Graduation”. You can use the interim certificate of graduation as diploma until you get the original diploma.

For example, you have been accepted by a university. Yet, your diploma is not ready. The university will accept your interim certificate of graduation for registration. You should give the diploma to the university when it is ready.

In order to get the original diploma, you should go to “Open Education Branch” which is situated in the Provincial/District Public Education Directorate. You can find an official to help you about open education affairs in every directorate. This official will make you choose two selective courses. You can choose any two courses. You will go to the exams of these selective courses. If you become successful in the exams, you will be able to get your diploma approved by MoNE.



6- When should I apply to the Open Education Branch?

The applications to the open education branch starts right after the end date of the schools. The open education exams take place in July. You cannot get these things done by yourself. The school coordinator gets them done for you.

7- I have a temporary protection identity card. I have started high school education in Turkey and I have completed/ will complete the high school education. Is my graduation certificate enough to apply to a university?

Yes. You get the MoNE approved diploma once you complete the high school education in Turkey. Yet, this document is not enough for you to go to university. You should take the Foreign Student Exam (YÖS). You can find detailed information about this exam in the answer of 15th question.

8- I have completed the high school in Syria. I have my diploma. Is my diploma valid?

No. Only the diplomas approved by Turkish Republic MNE are valid in Turkey. You need to get accreditation for your diploma to be valid.

9- How can I get diploma accreditation?

Firstly, you need to send a post to the accreditation office in Gaziantep in order to get accreditation for your diploma:

Documents to be placed in the post envelope.

- The original diploma or approved graduation certificate,
- 50 TL tuition fee in cash
(You can call the number given above and get information about the current fee and addressee.)

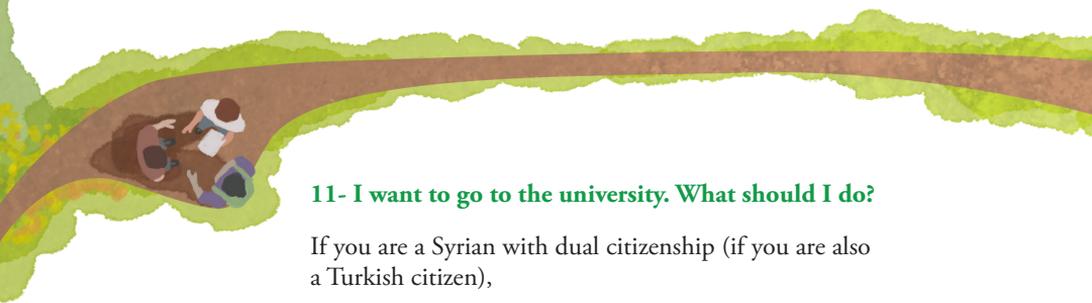
Your diploma will get approved in a week at the latest and sent to the address that you have written at “Sender’s Address.” During the day, if you are at some other place (work, school, institution) than your home, you can write that address as the sender’s address.

Address : İncilipınar Mh. 36003 No’lu
Alınalan İş Merkezi Kat:4 No:4
Şehitkamil/Gaziantep

Addressee: Yahya El Abdullah

10- I have completed the first stage for accreditation and received the approved version of the envelope that I have sent to the Gaziantep Accreditation Office. What should I do now?

You should never open the envelope. You should take the unopened envelope and copy of identity card and submit the envelope to the Accreditation Application office in Istanbul Provincial Directorate of National Education or Ankara Provincial Directorate of National Education. Then, you should get an appointment from the directorates for the time to receive your accreditation document. You should be at the Directorates on the appointment date and hour and follow up with the process.



11- I want to go to the university. What should I do?

If you are a Syrian with dual citizenship (if you are also a Turkish citizen),

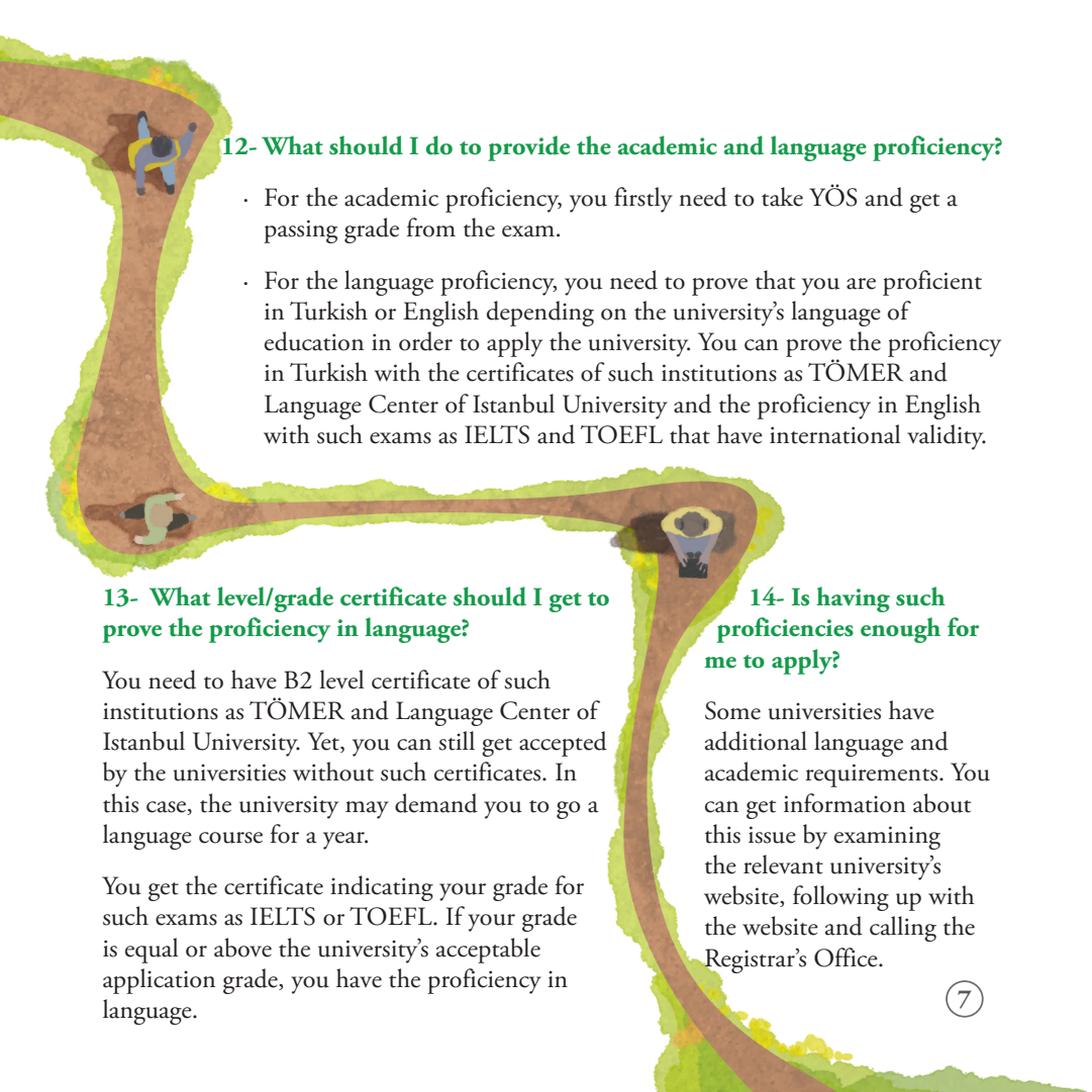
You can take both the exam taken by those graduated from a high school in Turkey and YÖS.

You should apply to the Higher Education Institutions Examination (YKS), which is conducted in two stages, for the first option.

You can find detailed information regarding the second option by continuing to read.

If you have a temporary protection identity card,

Firstly, you should know that all universities accept those with the temporary protection identity card as students from abroad. In order for the students from abroad to go to university, there are standards regarding the “language and academic proficiency for the students from abroad.” The universities accept or reject the students from abroad according to the assessment on such standards.



12- What should I do to provide the academic and language proficiency?

- For the academic proficiency, you firstly need to take YÖS and get a passing grade from the exam.
- For the language proficiency, you need to prove that you are proficient in Turkish or English depending on the university's language of education in order to apply the university. You can prove the proficiency in Turkish with the certificates of such institutions as TÖMER and Language Center of Istanbul University and the proficiency in English with such exams as IELTS and TOEFL that have international validity.

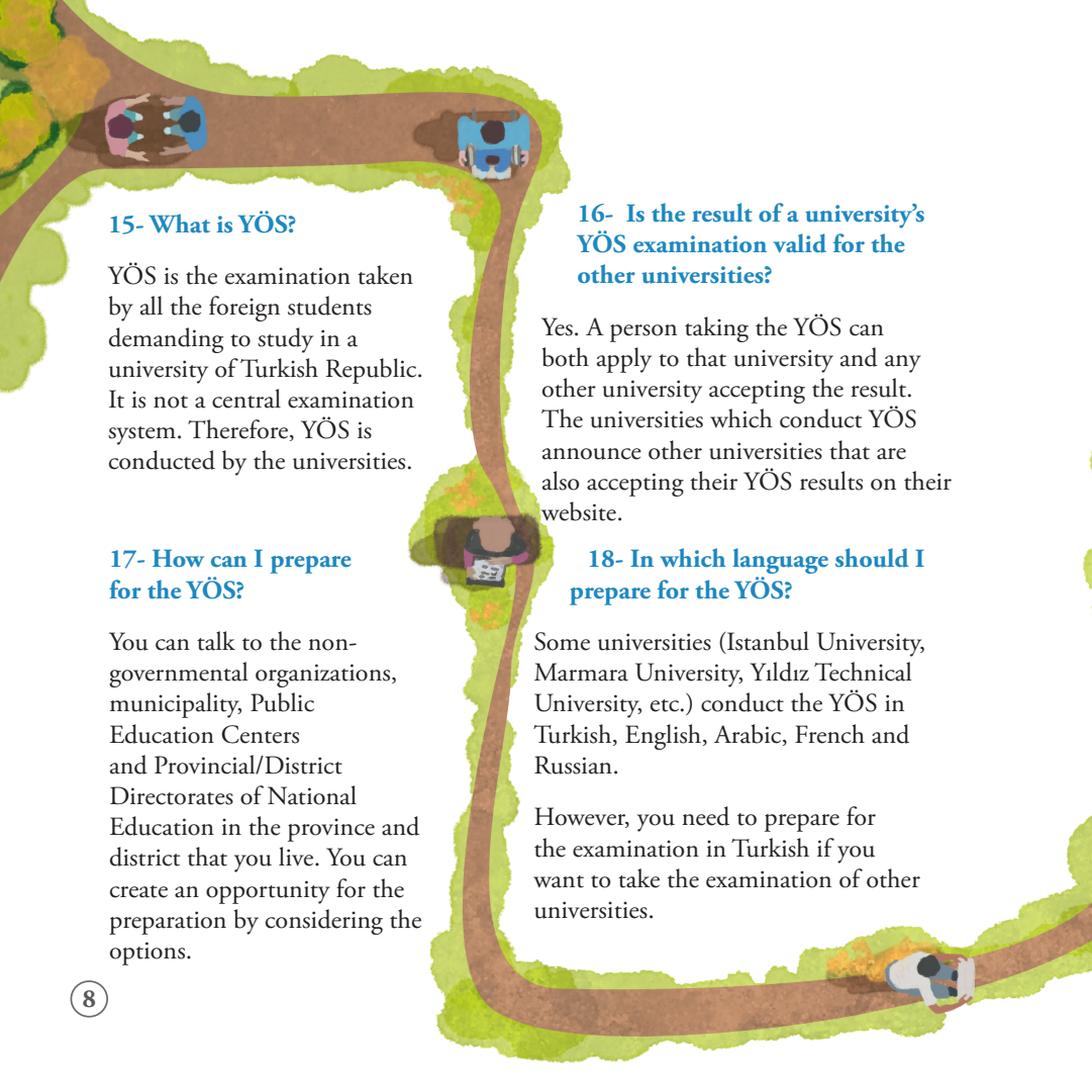
13- What level/grade certificate should I get to prove the proficiency in language?

You need to have B2 level certificate of such institutions as TÖMER and Language Center of Istanbul University. Yet, you can still get accepted by the universities without such certificates. In this case, the university may demand you to go a language course for a year.

You get the certificate indicating your grade for such exams as IELTS or TOEFL. If your grade is equal or above the university's acceptable application grade, you have the proficiency in language.

14- Is having such proficiencies enough for me to apply?

Some universities have additional language and academic requirements. You can get information about this issue by examining the relevant university's website, following up with the website and calling the Registrar's Office.



15- What is YÖS?

YÖS is the examination taken by all the foreign students demanding to study in a university of Turkish Republic. It is not a central examination system. Therefore, YÖS is conducted by the universities.

17- How can I prepare for the YÖS?

You can talk to the non-governmental organizations, municipality, Public Education Centers and Provincial/District Directorates of National Education in the province and district that you live. You can create an opportunity for the preparation by considering the options.

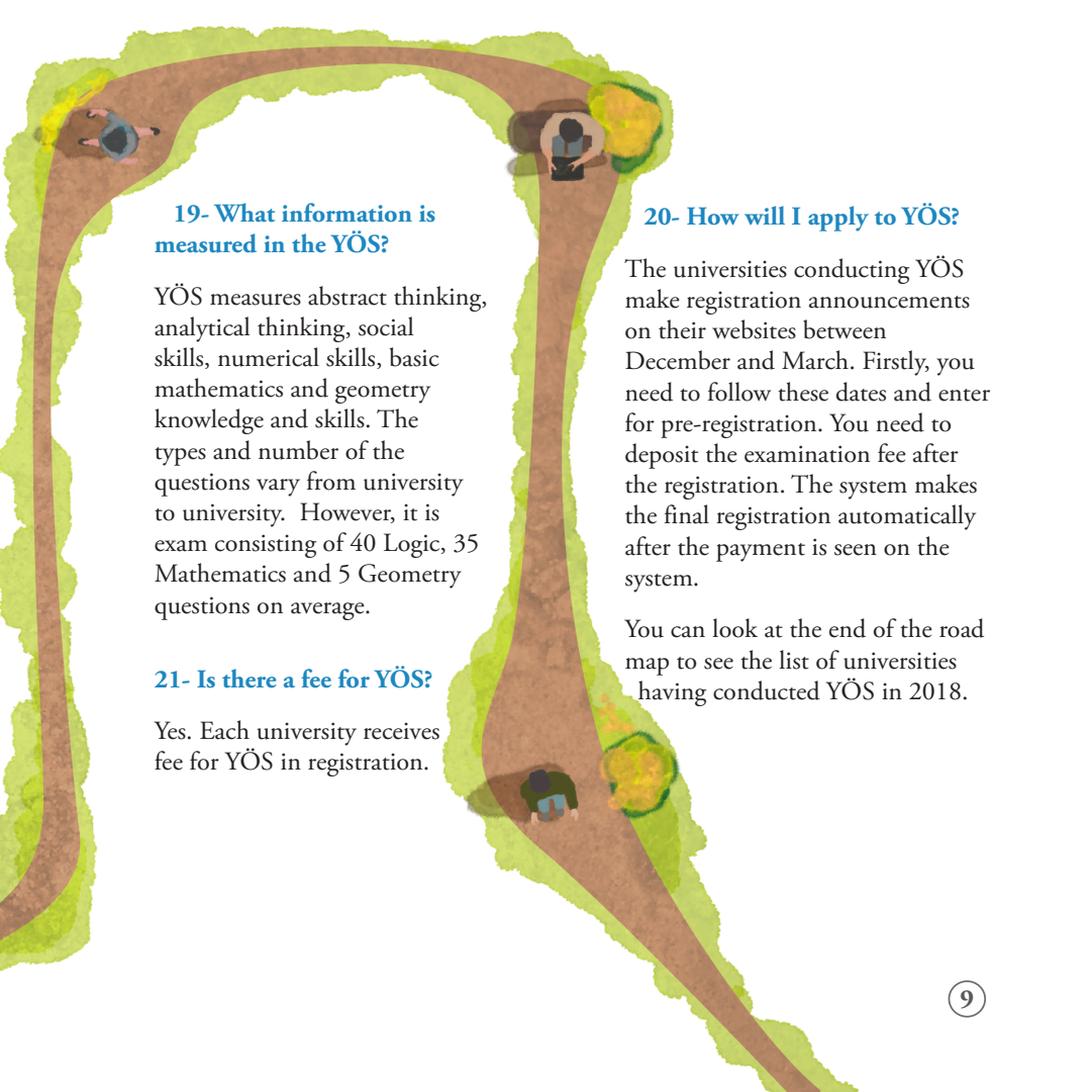
16- Is the result of a university's YÖS examination valid for the other universities?

Yes. A person taking the YÖS can both apply to that university and any other university accepting the result. The universities which conduct YÖS announce other universities that are also accepting their YÖS results on their website.

18- In which language should I prepare for the YÖS?

Some universities (Istanbul University, Marmara University, Yıldız Technical University, etc.) conduct the YÖS in Turkish, English, Arabic, French and Russian.

However, you need to prepare for the examination in Turkish if you want to take the examination of other universities.



19- What information is measured in the YÖS?

YÖS measures abstract thinking, analytical thinking, social skills, numerical skills, basic mathematics and geometry knowledge and skills. The types and number of the questions vary from university to university. However, it is exam consisting of 40 Logic, 35 Mathematics and 5 Geometry questions on average.

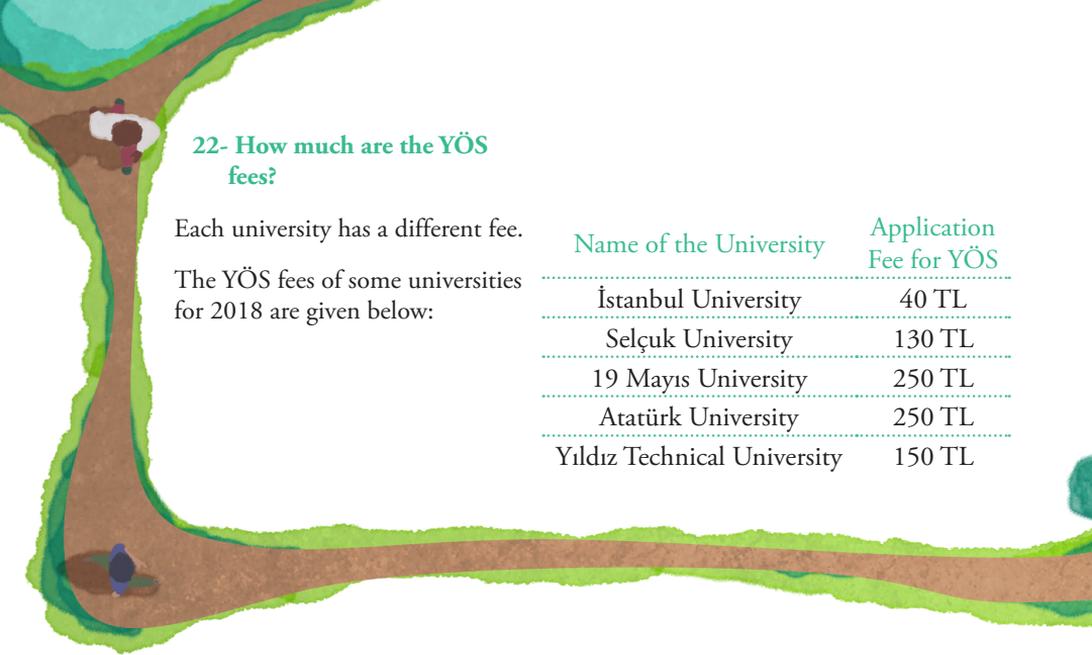
21- Is there a fee for YÖS?

Yes. Each university receives fee for YÖS in registration.

20- How will I apply to YÖS?

The universities conducting YÖS make registration announcements on their websites between December and March. Firstly, you need to follow these dates and enter for pre-registration. You need to deposit the examination fee after the registration. The system makes the final registration automatically after the payment is seen on the system.

You can look at the end of the road map to see the list of universities having conducted YÖS in 2018.



22- How much are the YÖS fees?

Each university has a different fee.

The YÖS fees of some universities for 2018 are given below:

Name of the University	Application Fee for YÖS
İstanbul University	40 TL
Selçuk University	130 TL
19 Mayıs University	250 TL
Atatürk University	250 TL
Yıldız Technical University	150 TL

23- What is the minimum grade required to be able to make a preference according to the YÖS result?

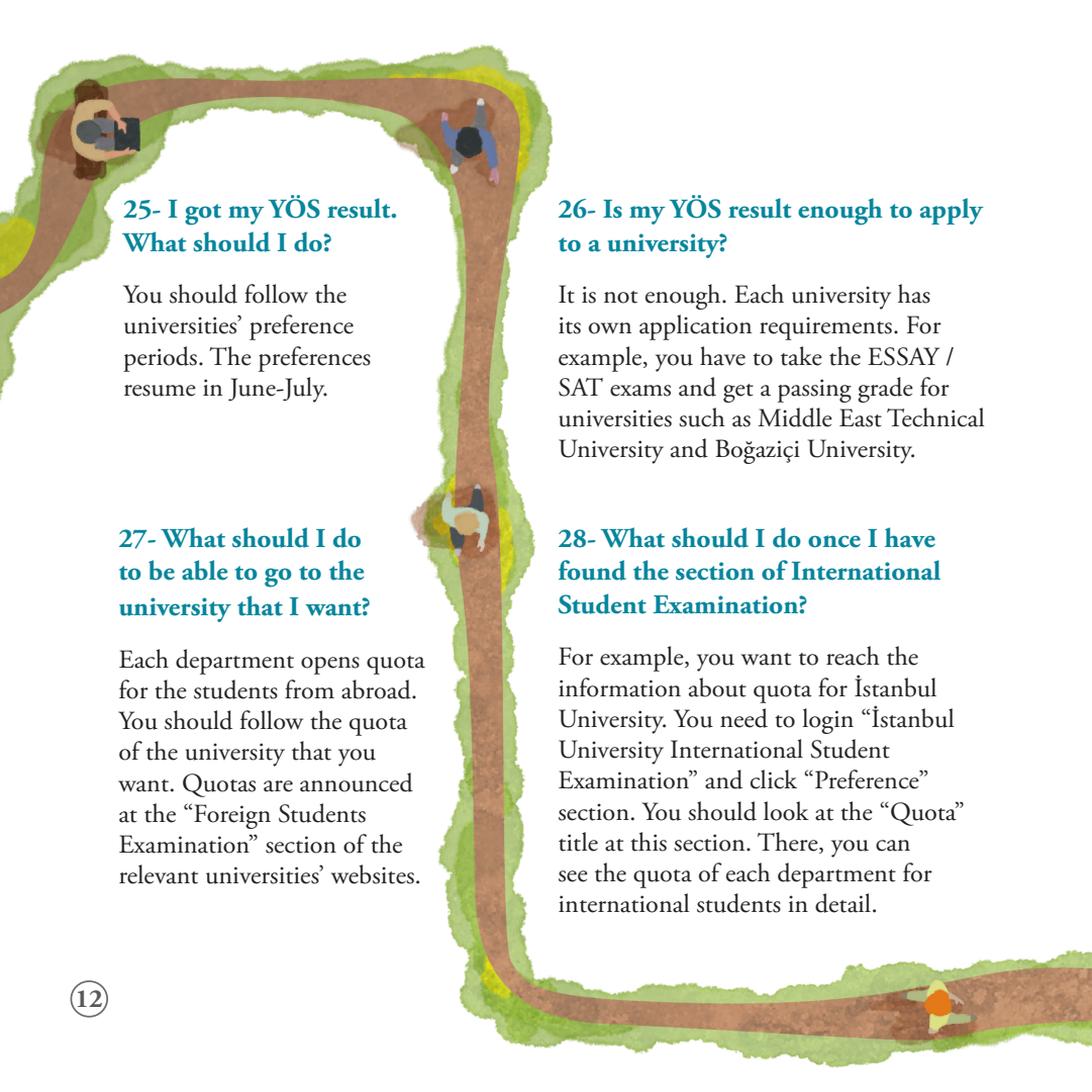
You need to get 40 to be able to make a preference.

24- How long is YÖS result valid?

Universities determine the validity period for YÖS result themselves. This period changes from 1 to 2 years. You should go to the website of the university and check the “Regulation” or “Guide” section. You can learn the validity period of the examination from these pages.

The validity period of some universities for the YÖS result is given below:

Name of the University	City	Validity Period of YÖS Result
İstanbul University	İstanbul	1 year
Yıldız Technical University	İstanbul	2 years
19 Mayıs University	Samsun	2 years
Atatürk University	Erzurum	1 year
Karadeniz Technical University	Trabzon	2 years
Marmara University	İstanbul	2 years
Selçuk University	Konya	2 years



25- I got my YÖS result. What should I do?

You should follow the universities' preference periods. The preferences resume in June-July.

27- What should I do to be able to go to the university that I want?

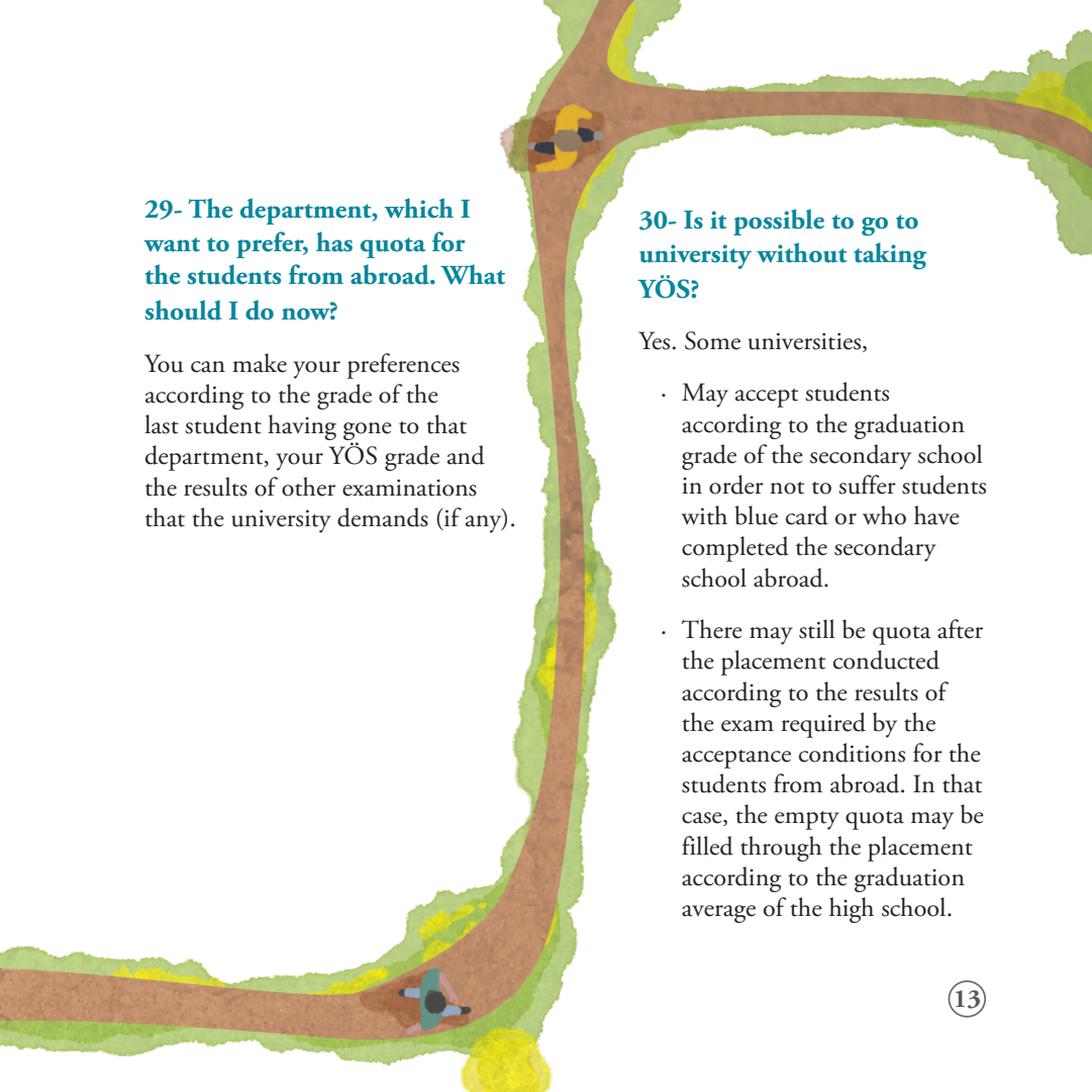
Each department opens quota for the students from abroad. You should follow the quota of the university that you want. Quotas are announced at the "Foreign Students Examination" section of the relevant universities' websites.

26- Is my YÖS result enough to apply to a university?

It is not enough. Each university has its own application requirements. For example, you have to take the ESSAY / SAT exams and get a passing grade for universities such as Middle East Technical University and Boğaziçi University.

28- What should I do once I have found the section of International Student Examination?

For example, you want to reach the information about quota for İstanbul University. You need to login "İstanbul University International Student Examination" and click "Preference" section. You should look at the "Quota" title at this section. There, you can see the quota of each department for international students in detail.



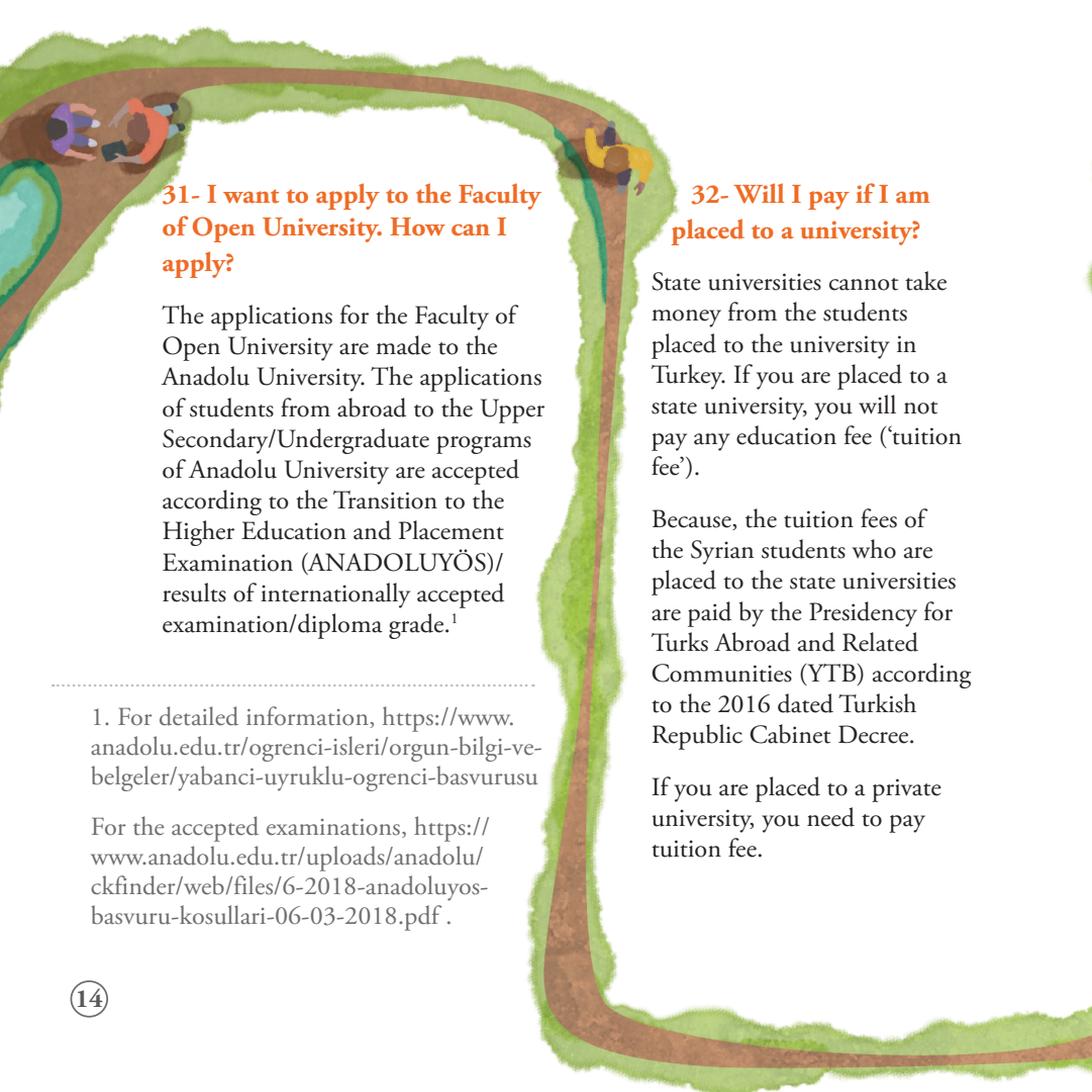
29- The department, which I want to prefer, has quota for the students from abroad. What should I do now?

You can make your preferences according to the grade of the last student having gone to that department, your YÖS grade and the results of other examinations that the university demands (if any).

30- Is it possible to go to university without taking YÖS?

Yes. Some universities,

- May accept students according to the graduation grade of the secondary school in order not to suffer students with blue card or who have completed the secondary school abroad.
- There may still be quota after the placement conducted according to the results of the exam required by the acceptance conditions for the students from abroad. In that case, the empty quota may be filled through the placement according to the graduation average of the high school.



31- I want to apply to the Faculty of Open University. How can I apply?

The applications for the Faculty of Open University are made to the Anadolu University. The applications of students from abroad to the Upper Secondary/Undergraduate programs of Anadolu University are accepted according to the Transition to the Higher Education and Placement Examination (ANADOLUYÖS)/ results of internationally accepted examination/diploma grade.¹

1. For detailed information, <https://www.anadolu.edu.tr/ogrenci-isleri/orgun-bilgi-ve-belgeler/yabanci-uyruklu-ogrenci-basvurusu>

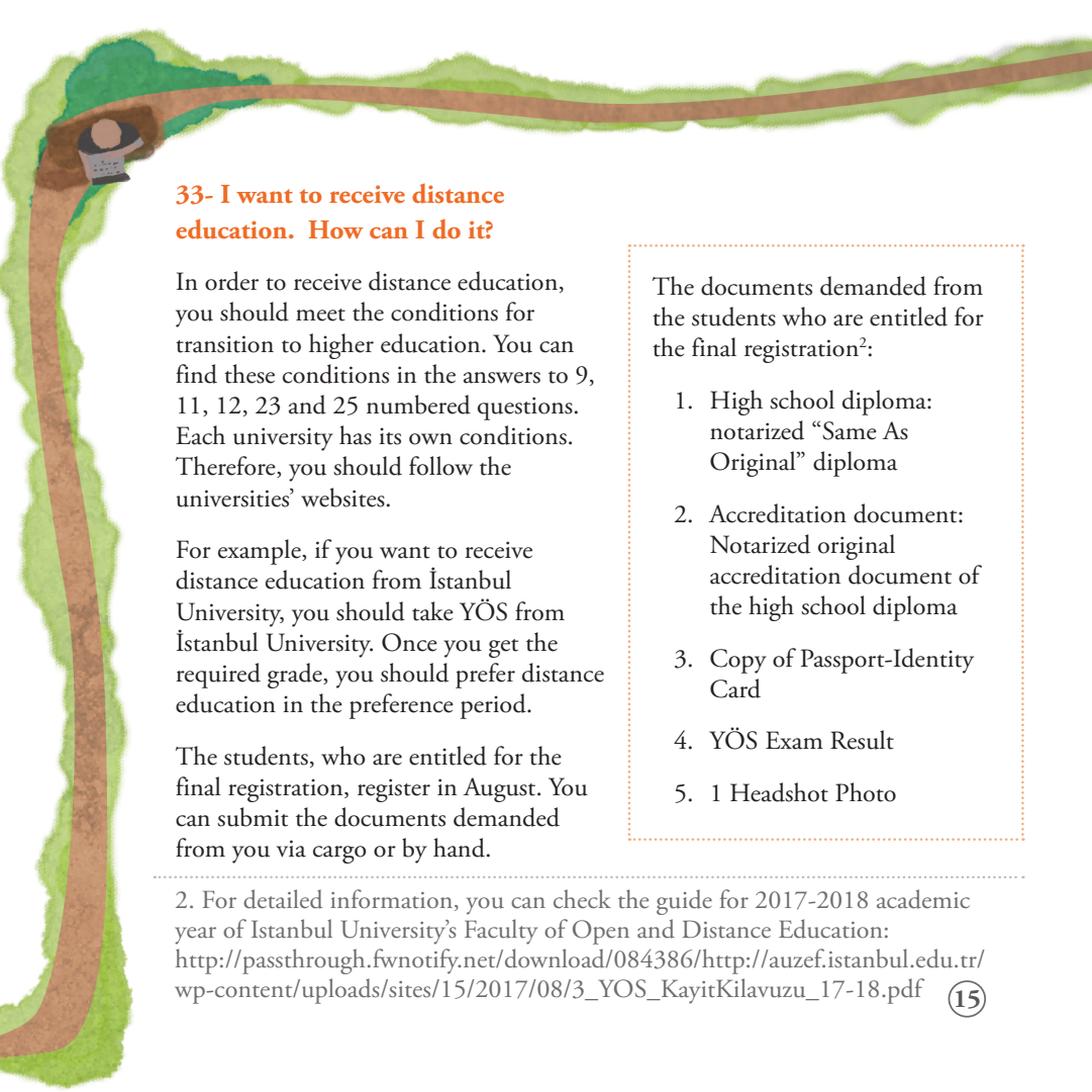
For the accepted examinations, <https://www.anadolu.edu.tr/uploads/anadolu/ckfinder/web/files/6-2018-anadoluyos-basvuru-kosullari-06-03-2018.pdf> .

32- Will I pay if I am placed to a university?

State universities cannot take money from the students placed to the university in Turkey. If you are placed to a state university, you will not pay any education fee ('tuition fee').

Because, the tuition fees of the Syrian students who are placed to the state universities are paid by the Presidency for Turks Abroad and Related Communities (YTB) according to the 2016 dated Turkish Republic Cabinet Decree.

If you are placed to a private university, you need to pay tuition fee.



33- I want to receive distance education. How can I do it?

In order to receive distance education, you should meet the conditions for transition to higher education. You can find these conditions in the answers to 9, 11, 12, 23 and 25 numbered questions. Each university has its own conditions. Therefore, you should follow the universities' websites.

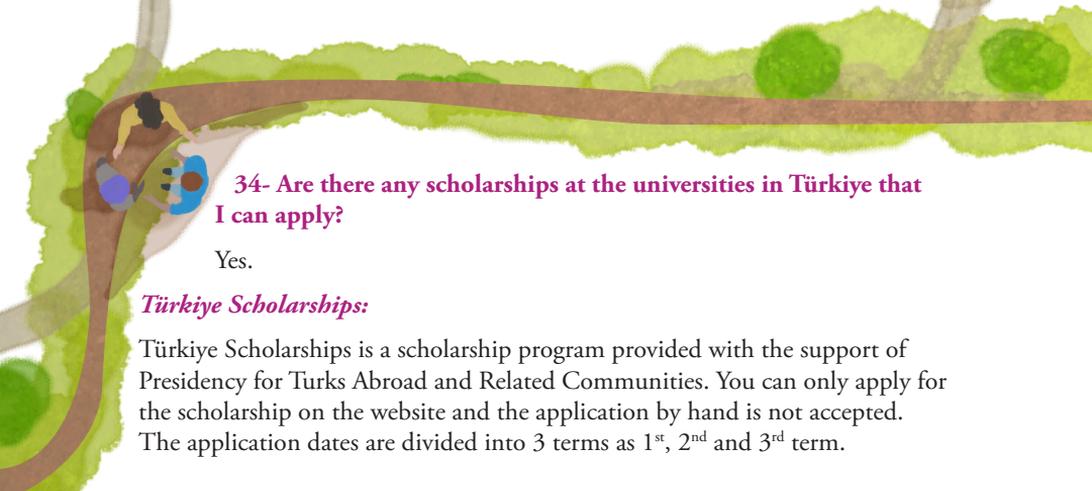
For example, if you want to receive distance education from İstanbul University, you should take YÖS from İstanbul University. Once you get the required grade, you should prefer distance education in the preference period.

The students, who are entitled for the final registration, register in August. You can submit the documents demanded from you via goro or by hand.

The documents demanded from the students who are entitled for the final registration²:

1. High school diploma: notarized "Same As Original" diploma
2. Accreditation document: Notarized original accreditation document of the high school diploma
3. Copy of Passport-Identity Card
4. YÖS Exam Result
5. 1 Headshot Photo

2. For detailed information, you can check the guide for 2017-2018 academic year of İstanbul University's Faculty of Open and Distance Education: http://passthrough.fvnotify.net/download/084386/http://auzef.istanbul.edu.tr/wp-content/uploads/sites/15/2017/08/3_YOS_KayitKilavuzu_17-18.pdf



34- Are there any scholarships at the universities in Türkiye that I can apply?

Yes.

Türkiye Scholarships:

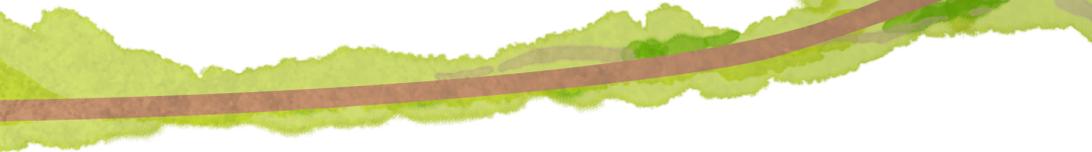
Türkiye Scholarships is a scholarship program provided with the support of Presidency for Turks Abroad and Related Communities. You can only apply for the scholarship on the website and the application by hand is not accepted. The application dates are divided into 3 terms as 1st, 2nd and 3rd term.

According to the application terms of Türkiye Scholarships for 2018, you need to;

- Be under 21 (born in or after January 1, 1997),
- Have 70% academic success,
- Have a valid identity card,
- Have diploma or interim certificate of graduation,
- Have academic transcript,
- Have foreign language certificates (if necessary for the program to be applied),
- Have international exam results (if necessary for the program to be applied),
- Have national examination grade (if available),
- Have one reference letter.

In order to learn the scholarship application and terms for the term to be applied:

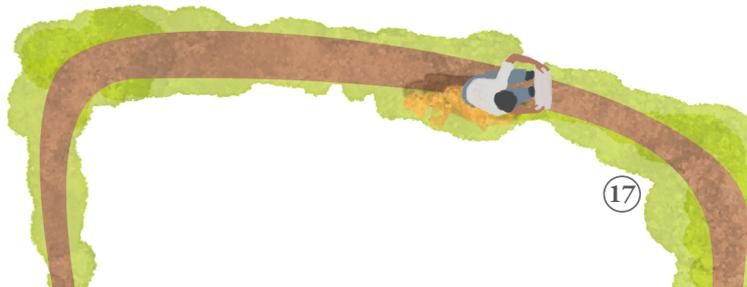
- you can visit www.turkiyeburslari.gov.tr,
- call 0 850 455 0982,
- send an e-mail to info@turkiyeburslari.gov.tr.



In addition to the Türkiye Scholarships, there are other scholarships. These scholarships vary every year. Scholarships may cover the university's tuition fee, health coverage, dormitory fee, all living costs, Turkish language training course fee. Each scholarship presents different opportunities.

Syrian students have benefitted from,

- **HOPES** (Higher Education Opportunities for Syrian) Project,
- **DAFI** (Albert Einstein German Academic Refugee Initiative Fund) Scholarship Program,
- **SPARK** Scholarship Program,
- **ASIL** Foundation Scholarship Program in the last years.



35- Can I prefer scholarship preferences within the university's quota if I apply to a private university?

Each private university offers "Scholarship Quota" for its students. You can reach the detailed information on the universities' websites.

36- Where can I find the regulations regarding the transition to higher education specifically for Syrians living in Turkey?

You can find them on YÖK³'s website. The relevant regulations and links are given below:

Undergraduate Transfer from the Higher Education Institutions Situated Abroad to the Higher Education Institutions in Turkey:

<http://www.yok.gov.tr/web/guest/yurtdisindan-ulkemizdeki-yuksekogretim-kurumlarina-yatay-gecis>

Directorate of Recognition and Accreditation Services:

<http://www.yok.gov.tr/web/denklikbirimi>

Principles Regarding Undergraduate Transfer Issues from Egypt to Syria in accordance with Annex Article-2:

http://www.yok.gov.tr/web/guest/ek_madde_2

3. YÖK plans, organizes, manages, inspects higher education and governs education and scientific research activities in higher education institutions.



37- Where should I apply in case of any inconvenience?

Name of Institution/ Relevant Department	Phone	Website
Higher Education Board (YÖK)	0312 298 7000	http://www.yok.gov.tr
Ministry of National Education	0312 413 2680 0312 413 2681 0312 413 1838	http://www.meb.gov.tr/
Ministry of National Education General Directorate of Lifelong Learning	0312 413 2114 0312 413 2116	https://hbogm.meb.gov.tr/
Presidency for Turks Abroad and Related Communities (YTB)	0312 218 4000	https://www.ytb.gov.tr/
Yuva Association / Department of Education	0216 325 0044	www.yuva.org.tr

UNIVERSITIES HAVING CONDUCTED YÖS IN 2018

Name of the University	University's Department of Foreign Relations	Type of the University	City
Ankara University http://ayos.ankara.edu.tr/?p=2134	AYÖS	State	Ankara
Atatürk University http://oia.atauni.edu.tr/atayos/	ATAYÖS	State	Erzurum
Akdeniz University https://bys.akdeniz.edu.tr/akus/	AKÜYÖS	State	Antalya
Adnan Menderes University http://www.akademik.adu.edu.tr/internationalstudents/default.asp?idix=32323534	ADÜYÖS	State	Aydın
Anadolu University https://www.anadolu.edu.tr/ogrenci-isleri/orgun-bilgi-ve-belgeler/yabanci-uyruklu-ogrenci-	ANADOLUYÖS	State	Eskişehir
Alanya Alaaddin Keykubat University https://www.alanya.edu.tr/duyuru/2018-uluslararasi-ogrenci-sinavi-alkuyos-2018	ALKÜYÖS	State	Antalya
Balıkesir University https://yos.balikesir.edu.tr/	BAUNYÖS	State	Balıkesir
Bahçeşehir University https://bau.edu.tr/icerik/2952-ogrenci-isleri-yabanci-uyruklu-ogrenci	BAUYÖS	Private	İstanbul

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Başkent University http://uik.baskent.edu.tr/kw/menu_icerik.php?page=1&birim=161&menu_id=56	-	Private	Ankara
Biruni University http://du-yos.duzce.edu.tr/secim.aspx	BİRÜNİYÖS	State	Düzce
Celal Bayar University http://yos.cbu.edu.tr/basvuru/basvuru-islemleri.14578.tr.html	MCBÜYÖS	State	Manisa
Cumhuriyet University http://yos.cumhuriyet.edu.tr/	CÜYÖS	State	Sivas
Çukurova University http://iso.cu.edu.tr/tur/registration.html	ÇUÖS	State	Adana
Dokuz Eylül University http://www.deu.edu.tr/duyurular/2018-dokuz-eylul-universitesi-yurt-disindan-ogrenci-kabul-sinavi-deyos-basvurulari/	DEYÖS	State	İzmir
Dumlupınar University http://yuob.dpu.edu.tr/index/sayfa/6371/dpuyos-2018-akademik-takvim	DPÜYÖS	State	Kütahya
Düzce University http://du-yos.duzce.edu.tr/secim.aspx	DÜYÖS	State	Düzce
Erciyes University http://www.eruyos.com	ERUYÖS	State	Kayseri
Ege University http://oidb.ege.edu.tr/files/guncel/egeyos2018klavuz.pdf	EGEYÖS	State	İzmir

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Erzurum Technical University http://yos.erasmus.edu.tr/#/	ETÜYÖS	State	Erzurum
Fırat University http://yos.firat.edu.tr/tr/node/273	FÜYÖS	State	Elazığ
Galatasaray University https://gsu.edu.tr/tr/ogrenci/ogrenci-kabul/yurtdisindan-veya-yabanci-uyruklu-ogrenci-kabulu	GSÜYÖS	State	İstanbul
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İstanbul Aydın University https://www.aydin.edu.tr/en-us/international/int/Pages/index.aspx	İAUYÖS	Private	İstanbul
İstanbul Kültür University https://www.iku.edu.tr/9/680/ikuyos-2018.html	İKÜYÖS	Private	İstanbul

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İnönü University	İNÖNÜYÖS	State	Malatya
http://yos.inonu.edu.tr/?p=167&lang=tr			
Kastamonu University	KÜYÖS	State	Kastamonu
https://www.kastamonu.edu.tr/index.php/tr/uluslararasi-ogrenciler-international-students			
Karadeniz Technical University	KTÜYÖS	State	Trabzon
http://yos.ktu.edu.tr/			
Karabük University	KBÜYÖS	State	Karabük
http://yos.karabuk.edu.tr/index/duyurular			
Marmara University	MÜYÖS	State	İstanbul
https://www.marmara.edu.tr/notice/muyos-2018-basvurulari-hakkinda/			
Mersin University	MEÜYÖS	State	Mersin
http://uluslararasi.mersin.edu.tr/idari/ogrenci-isleri-daire-baskanligi/uluslararasi/meuyos-2016/meuyos-2018/-basvuru/basvuru-islemleri			
Muğla Sıtkı Koçman University	-	State	Muğla
http://intstudent.mu.edu.tr/tr/duyuru/2018-uluslararasi-ogrenci-sinavi-35394			
Namık Kemal University	NKÜYÖS	State	Tekirdağ
http://uok.nku.edu.tr/			

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Ondokuz Mayıs University	OMUYÖS	State	Samsun
http://ise.omu.edu.tr/tr/haber/omu-yos-2018-online-basvurulari-2-otak-2018-tarihinde-basliyor/21			
Pamukkale University	PAÜYÖS	State	Denizli
http://www.pau.edu.tr/yurtdisi/tr/sayfa/akademik-takvim-16			
Recep Tayyip Erdoğan University	RTEÜYÖS	State	Rize
http://yos.erdogan.edu.tr/			
Selçuk University	SÜYÖS	State	Konya
https://suyos.selcuk.edu.tr/			
Süleyman Demirel University	SDÜYÖS	State	Isparta
http://yos.sdu.edu.tr/tr/basvuru/yos-basvuru-tarihleri-8737s.html			
Uludağ University	ULUYÖS	State	Bursa
http://yos.uludag.edu.tr/duyuru-93-uluyos-2018			
Yıldız Technical University	YTÜYÖS	State	İstanbul
http://www.ydok.yildiz.edu.tr/			
Yüzüncü Yıl University	YYÜYÖS	State	Van
http://yos.yyu.edu.tr/			



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