

## **Regulations for Graduates of Vocational Schools And Open Education Associate Degree Programmes to Transfer to Degree Programmes**

### **Article 1: Aim**

These regulations aim to set the principles and methods for students who successfully graduated from vocational schools and open education associate degree programmes to vertically transfer to degree programmes.

### **Article 2: Scope**

These regulations cover the principles and methods for students who successfully graduated from vocational schools and open education associate degree programmes to vertically transfer to degree programmes.

### **Article 3: Basis**

These regulations were prepared based on the (e) subclause of the clause 7 of the Higher Education Act numbered 2547 and the (e) subclause added the the clause 45.

### **Article 4: Application rules for vertical transfer**

(Obsolete:R.G.:16/12/2007-26732)

### **Article 5: Quota**

Quotas are allocated for students who graduated from vocational schools and open education associate degree programmes to vertically transfer to degree programmes matching their fields. These quotas cannot be less than 10% of the number of students transferring to vocational schools with examination. Board of Higher Education will, considering the recommendations of universities, announce which degree programmes will be opened for the students who meet the requirements to transfer, graduates of which programmes can apply to which degree programmes to be opened, the quotas of these programmes and which score types will be applicable for specific programmes.

## **Article 6: Exam Guide and Application Procedure**

(Amended RG-20/05/2006-26173)

Every year, The Student Selection and Placement Center (ÖSYM) prepares a guide that acknowledges which degree programmes graduates of vocational schools and open education associate degree programmes and those students who have met the graduations requirements except apprenticeship can vertically transfer to and the requirements and the quotas for transfer. This guide includes the principles and rules that relate to such issues as how the candidates can apply, how they can choose their degree programmes, examination, evaluation and placement procedures, and the processes to be carried out by directorships of vocational schools subordinate offices of open education associate degree programmes. The guide takes effect following the approval of the Board of Higher Education. Directorships of vocational schools and subordinate offices of open education associate degree programmes will check the suitability of the application materials presented by students, forwarding them to ÖSYM. These directorships and subordinate offices are also supposed to complete the graduation procedures of the students studying their last semester - whether they are expected to graduate that semester or not- before the last week of July and record the GPA points of all candidates- whether they apply or not- on the digital lists provided by ÖSYM before August 1 and send back to ÖSYM.

## **Article 7: Exam and Evaluation**

Those candidates who meet the requirements of this booklet and whose applications have been accepted will sit for a test measuring their verbal and quantitative skills. For placement, the scores of the skill based tests and GPA points acquired at vocational schools and open education associate degree programmes which were weighed depending on the rules specified in the guide are taken into consideration. ÖSYM decide and announce in the Vertical Transfer Guide how each candidate's score is calculated of the Vertical Transfer Exam by adding the weighed associate degree achievement scores to the exam scores.

## **Article 8: Placement**

ÖSYM places the applicant who meets the application requirements by considering their choices, placement scores and the quotas and conditions of the degree programmes offered.

## **Article 9: Preparation programme for degree education**

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The students who are admitted to degree programmes attend a preparation programme for degree education. In order to complete the programme, students have to pass the courses of the first and second year which they didn't take for their associate degree education. During this programme, the students are subject to the education and exam regulations of the university they attend. The Preparation programme for degree education is offered in two semesters. However, it can be extended to three semesters in some exceptional cases considering the properties of the courses, teaching staff and students' achievement of the programme. The students who successfully complete the preparation programme can register for the third year. The students who fail up to 2 courses may register for the third year, yet they have to take those courses during their third year. The students who fail more than 2 courses will be dismissed. The students who fail the preparation programme for open education degree programmes are not dismissed. For degree programmes where medium of education is English, students have to pass the proficiency tests of the university they have been admitted. They can meet the language requirement by successfully completing a Foreign Language Preparatory School the university they have been admitted. During this foreign language education, the students are subject to the rules regulating the education and exams of those programmes. During the foreign language education programme and preparation programme for degree education, students enjoy all the rights given to students. The students who fail the foreign language education programme and thus are dismissed can be placed, by ÖSYM, to the programmes bearing the same name and where the medium of education is Turkish.

## **Article 10: Transfer to open education**

(Amended: RG-20/05/2006-26173)

Article 7 of these regulations is not applicable for the students who graduated from vocational schools and open education associate degree programmes and who wish to transfer to open education degree programmes of their fields. These candidates transfer to open education degree programmes of their fields without mediation. Graduates of different programmes have to complete the preparation programme for degree education. During preparation programmes for degree education, which is not restricted to any period of time, students are subject to the education and exam regulations of the university they attend and enjoy all the rights given to students except military service deferral. Vertical Transfer Examination Guide acknowledges graduates of which vocational school can transfer

to open education degree programmes without mediation and who will have to attend a preparation programme for degree education. Application and registration conditions for are specified and announced by the university which offers the programme.

#### **Article 11: Obsolete regulations**

“The regulations concerning graduates’ of vocational schools and open education associate degree programmes transferring to degree programmes” published in the official gazette numbered 23847 and dated 15/10/1999 will be obsolete as off the date these regulations take effect.

#### **TEMPORARY ARTICLE 1 — (added: RG-08/01/2006-26047)**

If the students who failed the Foreign Language Preparatory School and thus were dismissed in accordance with article 9 of these regulations apply to the Board of Higher Education within two months after these regulations have been published, they may be placed to higher education institutes indicated in the aforementioned article where the medium of education is Turkish.

#### **Article 12: Enforcement**

These regulations take effect as off the date they are published.

#### **Article 13: Execution**

The articles of these regulations are executed by the chairman of the Board of Higher Education.