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# Moroccan offer of educational places with scholarships for the benefit of foreign candidates for the academic year 2023/2024

As in previous years, the Kingdom of Morocco makes available to brotherly and friendly countries quotas of educational places with scholarships, in Moroccan public establishments of higher, technical and vocational education, under the academic year 2023/2024.

The information below specifies the conditions and procedures for implementing these quotas:

# I- General informations

# 1- Entering applications into the computer application

In order to optimize the transparency and traceability of the requests submitted by the partner countries within the framework of the said quotas, the AMCI has set up a computer application. Thus, the entry and scanning of application files will now have to be done directly by the country concerned on the said application, which will also make it possible to ensure the follow-up of the applications entered until the proclamation of the decision of the AMCI. This new system essentially aims to finalize the operation of selecting candidates early in order to allow the selected students to start their studies within the time limits.

To do this, the competent authorities of the partner countries are invited to communicate the contact details of the agents (surname and first names – function – email address – personal mobile phone) designated to enter applications into the computer application. Then, the AMCI will send them through their email addresses personal access codes to said application. If necessary, the AMCI is ready to provide further explanation of this new process via videoconference.

It should be noted that **the deadline for entering applications into the computer application is 31 July 2023.** Thus, the files to be entered must be divided into two batches:

- The 1st batch relating to the candidates of the main list is equivalent to the notified quota;
- The 2nd batch will relate to the candidates of the waiting list. This must not exceed 50% of the main list and distributed in proportion to the different categories of the notified quota.

<u>Nota Bene</u>: In order to ensure optimal follow-up and control of the application submission operation, it is necessary that the list of pre-selected candidates entered on the aforementioned computer application be approved and sent, beforehand, to the AMCI by the authorities of the partner countries, via the diplomatic channel.

#### 2- Teaching languages

French being the vehicular language in the majority of training establishments in Morocco, in particular in the scientific, technical and economic sectors, the candidates who will be admitted to the said sectors, who do not master the French language, will have to continue during the academic year 2023 /2024, refresher courses in the French language in appropriate centers for this purpose (Alliance française, Center Culturel Français, etc.) in the country of origin.

At the end of the linguistic upgrading programme, the students retained in the "university training" quota, admitted to the end of linguistic training tests, will be oriented, according to the scientific quality of their files and according to the order of merit, towards training courses.

The "Arabic Language and Literature" and "Islamic Studies" courses are taught in Arabic. Candidates for these courses must be proficient in this language. The option "Legal Sciences" is taught by choice (Arabic or French).

# II - Registration procedure for residents and diplomats

#### 1- Foreign applicants residing in Morocco

- Foreign candidates residing in Morocco and holders of Moroccan diplomas (baccalaureate, licence, Masters, etc.) are subject to the same registration conditions as Moroccan students. They must therefore report directly to the training establishments (without passing through the AMCI) and cannot, under any circumstances, claim scholarships provided by the AMCI.
- Foreign candidates residing in Morocco, holders of a foreign baccalaureate, are authorized to present their files to the AMCI via their accredited embassies in Morocco. They cannot, under any circumstances, claim scholarships provided by the AMCI.
- Candidates who have acquired Moroccan nationality are subject to the same registration conditions and procedures as Moroccan students. They cannot, under any circumstances, benefit from scholarships provided by the AMCI.

#### 2- Laureate students from Morocco

By way of encouragement, the winning students from Morocco could, if they are officially proposed by their respective countries, claim registration without scholarships for higher cycles.

They could possibly, within the limits of the possibilities offered to the AMCI, benefit from the cooperation grant, if they are proposed by the authorities of their countries in the initial list of the official quota.

# 3- Diplomats and staff of embassies accredited to Morocco and their families

- Diplomats posted in Morocco wishing to pursue training are invited to submit their application files to the Directorate of Cooperation and Cultural Action under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, African Cooperation and Moroccans Residing in Morocco. 'Foreign.
- The children of diplomats posted in Morocco, holders of foreign diplomas, wishing to continue their studies in public educational establishments in Morocco must present their files to the AMCI, which will submit them to the ministerial departments concerned for examination, in accordance with the admission requirements. Successful candidates cannot claim an AMCI scholarship under any circumstances.

# III- Components of the application file

Application files must be scanned on the computer application and include the following documents:

#### 1- For post-baccalaureate studies

# a- In the pre-registration phase

- > Report cards (quarterly or half-yearly) for the final year class;
- Excerpt from birth;
- Nationality certificate;
- Passport (if available);
- > Recent criminal record;
- Medical certificate issued by the public health services attesting to the physical fitness of the candidate and certifying that he is vaccinated and is not suffering from any contagious or acute disease, or carrier of a pandemic, in particular tuberculosis. The candidate may be required to undergo a counter-visit upon arrival in Morocco.

b- In the final selection phase

- ➤ Diploma or certificate of successful completion of the baccalaureate. Candidates submitting certificates of achievement must submit their diplomas to their establishments, at the latest, during the 2nd year of training;
- Baccalaureate transcript.

# 2- For post-graduate studies (Master – Doctorate)

- University degree(s) obtained;
- > Transcripts of the said diplomas:
- Programs of studies for obtaining said diplomas;
- > For doctoral students, dissertation/thesis prepared for obtaining the Master's degree and the doctoral thesis project;
- Excerpt from birth;
- Nationality certificate;
- Passport (if available);
- > Recent criminal record:
- Medical certificate issued by the public health services attesting to the physical fitness of the candidate and certifying that he is vaccinated and is not suffering from any contagious or acute disease, or carrier of a pandemic, in particular tuberculosis. The candidate may be required to undergo a counter-visit upon arrival in Morocco.

NB: Incomplete files or files received after the deadline will not be taken into consideration.

# III- Conditions of admission

# 1-Holder of high school diploma

The selection of baccalaureate candidates is made according to the admission conditions required for the training requested, the courses open and the teaching places available.

Candidates must hold the baccalaureate for <u>the year 2023</u>, or failing that <u>, 2022</u>, obtained with the mention "Very good", "Good" or "Fairly good", **knowing that for certain establishments**, the baccalaureate for the year 2023 will be required .

The age limit for candidates varies, depending on the institution, between 19 and 23 years.

An indicative directory downloadable from the AMCI website through the address "www.amci.ma/publications", includes the list of Moroccan public higher education establishments, as well as various specific information concerning them, in particular the conditions of access, courses, duration of studies, diplomas awarded...

#### 2-Candidates for Masters and Doctoral cycles

Candidates for the Master's cycle must hold a bachelor's degree, or a recognized equivalent diploma in the requested sector, with at least the mention "Good".

Candidates for the Doctorate cycle must hold a Master's degree, or a recognized equivalent higher education diploma, giving access to the training requested.

Candidates for these two cycles must specify the course and establishment requested. To this end, they are invited to consult the website of the Department of Higher Education: <a href="https://www.enssup.gov.ma">www.enssup.gov.ma</a>, as well as those of Moroccan universities.

The files of the candidates meeting the general conditions are submitted, for allocation, to the educational and scientific commissions of the training establishments requested. Which commissions are the only ones empowered to rule on the final registration of candidates.

#### 3- Equivalence of diplomas

In some cases, final registration in higher education establishments in Morocco is conditional on the presentation of a certificate of equivalence of the diploma obtained, in accordance with Decree No. 2-01-333 of June 21, 2001, relating to conditions and procedure for granting equivalences of higher education diplomas.

# IV- File review and selection

#### 1- normal cycle

Applications submitted within the time limits will be examined by the AMCI or will be the subject of a joint examination with the authorities of the countries concerned. The selected applications will be presented to the ministerial departments concerned for the issuance of registration authorizations.

#### 2- Masters and Doctorate Cycles

Applications received by the AMCI within the required deadlines will be submitted to the ministerial departments concerned, for examination in consultation with the training establishments placed under their supervision, and for the issuance, if necessary, of registration authorizations for the candidates. retained.

The list of successful candidates and the courses that will be granted to them will be communicated through the diplomatic channel.

#### V- Registration details

- \* Successful candidates will each receive, through diplomatic channels, an "Information Letter/Convocation" in their personal name, containing information on the training and scholarship conditions allocated to them, as well as those of their study stay. in Morocco.
- \* Candidates subject to the visa system must obtain a long-stay visa ( **student visa** ) issued by the Moroccan Diplomatic or Consular Posts in the country of residence.
- \* Successful candidates, who do not present themselves to the AMCI within the given deadlines, will be considered as having given up the offer of registration.
- \* The presence in Morocco of the selected candidate is worth definitive acceptance on his part of the proposal which is made to him. The offer of registration being irrevocable, no request for a change of orientation or establishment will be tolerated.
- \* As soon as he arrives in Rabat, the student must present his Information Letter / Convocation to the AMCI "One-Stop Shop", in order to complete the rest of the formalities for registration, scholarship and subscription to the insurance policy:

#### He must then:

- \* Join the training establishment to finalize the final registration formalities. In this regard, he must:
- Comply with the internal regulations of the establishment with which he is registered.
  - Training in public institutions in Morocco is free. However, some establishments providing technical training may require the purchase of specific equipment and/or the payment of related costs, which remain the responsibility of the student;
  - Send/deposit to the AMCI a certified true copy of the registration certificate issued by the training establishment.

#### VI- Cooperation grant:

The AMCI scholarship is awarded to students selected within the framework of the official quota, who hold at least a bachelor's degree or an equivalent recognized diploma, and who must pursue a cycle of higher education or training. professional, sanctioned by a State diploma, in a Moroccan public institution.

As scholarship offers are annual, unused scholarships, as well as those scheduled for candidates who withdraw, cannot be renewed or accumulated for subsequent years.

The training grant is a maintenance grant. Its granting does not imply, in any case, the payment of registration fees, boarding school, transport or any other charges inherent in the pursuit of studies, and which remain the responsibility of the student.

The amount of the scholarship is 750.00 dirhams (approximately 75 US \$) per month, regardless of the cycle, the nature of the training and its duration. This amount may be subject to any deductions (university accommodation costs, etc.).

The grant is, in principle, served for a period of 12 months per academic year (from September to August of the academic year in question). However, its payment **is linked to the effective and regular presence** of the beneficiary within the establishment with which he is registered.

The training grant is payable bimonthly, in accordance with the established schedule.

Payment of the scholarship is made by the beneficiary himself, on presentation of his passport, at all the counters of the Banque Populaire branches.

Scholarship-winning students from the Master's or Doctorate cycles can benefit from a lump-sum aid relating to the printing costs of dissertations or theses, subject to the deposit at the AMCI of a copy of the work, a certified true copy of the diploma or certificate of completion.

The terms and conditions for granting and receiving the scholarship are recorded in the booklet "Regulations relating to training and internship scholarships awarded to foreign students and trainees", which will be given to the beneficiaries upon their arrival in Morocco.

#### VII- Accommodation:

University accommodation is not granted automatically. However, foreign students regularly registered with public higher education establishments may, within the limits of available places, benefit from accommodation in boarding schools or in university residences, subject to the payment of rental fees.

Students wishing to benefit from it must file their applications with the AMCI.

The regulatory duration of accommodation in university halls of residence is 3 years maximum.

Accommodation at the International University Campus (CUI) is subject to the same conditions and regulations as the other university campuses in the Kingdom. However, non-compliance with the internal regulations of the CUI automatically and definitively leads to its exclusion.

Students who use the private sector offer in terms of rental, must imperatively establish rental contracts with the owners, which are necessary to obtain the registration card (residence permit).

# VIII- Catering:

Many student halls of residence have a university restaurant serving, within the limits of available places, meals for students at a single, subsidized rate.

Students interested in this service are invited to go to the administration of these cities to obtain the university restaurant card.

#### IX- Medical coverage

Foreign students are subscribed, during their study stay in Morocco, to an Insurance Policy which offers them the following benefits:

- Reimbursements of medical expenses:
- Medical care ;
- Final medical evacuation to the country of origin, in the event of serious illness preventing the student from continuing his studies in Morocco;
- Repatriation of the body in the event of death on Moroccan territory.

For additional information on the Insurance Policy or downloads of related forms, please consult the website: <a href="https://www.finassure.org">www.finassure.org</a>

In the same way as Moroccan students, foreign students also benefit from the medical care services offered by hospitals and public health centers, covering the entire Moroccan territory.

The Cité Universitaire Internationale under the AMCI has a medico-social service which also offers free medical services to foreign students.

X- Conditions of stay in Morocco

After the completion of the final registration formalities with the training establishment and those of accommodation, the student must report, imperatively and as soon as possible, to the foreigners department of the General Directorate of National Security in his city of residence, to obtain the registration card (stay) in Morocco. This card is renewable each year. The non-renewal of the residence permit will place the student in an irregular situation vis-à-vis the immigration services.

<u>NB</u>: For more information on the AMCI, on the public training establishments, on the procedure and the modalities of registration and stay in Morocco, as well as on the payment of the cooperation scholarships, it is recommended to consult the sites following websites:

- Moroccan Agency for International Cooperation: www.amci.ma
- Ministry of National Education, Vocational Training, Higher Education and Scientific Research:

#### www.enssup.gov.ma - www.men.gov.ma

- Office for Vocational Training and Work Promotion: www.ofppt.ma
- Insurance policy: www.finassure.org