



MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND SCIENCE OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA

ORDER ON THE APPROVAL OF THE NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIPS AND BENEFITS AND FOREIGN COUNTRIES, NATIONALS OF WHICH CAN CLAIM THE FINANCIAL SUPPORT

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Vilnius

Implementing Paragraph 10 of the Description of support granting to foreigners admitted to the second-cycle full-time study programmes at Lithuanian higher schools, approved by the Resolution No. 476 of the Government of the Republic of Lithuania of 27 April 2011 Regarding the approval of the description of support granting to foreigners admitted to the second-cycle full-time study programmes at Lithuanian higher schools, and considering Paragraph 16 of the action plan of Higher education internationalisation promotion 2013-2016 approved by the Order No. V-878 of the Minister of Education and Science of the Republic of Lithuania of 20 September 2013 on the approval of the action plan of higher education internationalisation promotion 2013-2016:

I hereby establish the following:

1. to assign the following support in 2014 to foreigners who entered into the second-cycle full-time study programmes in Lithuanian higher education institutions from the national budget assignments of the Republic of Lithuania allocated for the Ministry of Education and Science:

- 1.1. scholarship and benefit to cover the study price for 15 students;
- 1.2. scholarship only for 12 students.

2. The following students are eligible to the scholarship and benefit to cover study price specified in Paragraph 1.1 of this Order:

2.1. nationals of Belarus Republic, Republic of Georgia, Republic of Moldova and Republic of Ukraine;

2.2. foreigners of Lithuanian origin, other than citizens of the European Union Member States, European Economic Area member states, and post-soviet area countries not belonging to the European Union.

3. Nationals of the Republic of Armenia, Republic of Azerbaijan, Republic of Kazakhstan, Republic of Uzbekistan and People's Republic of China are eligible exclusively to the scholarship specified in Paragraph 1.2 of this Order.

4. Scholarship is equal to 10 basic social benefits per month. Benefit amount is equal to the standard price of studies, when the study price established by a higher education school exceeds the standard study price, or equal to the study price payable for the studies, when the study price established by the higher education school does not exceed the standard study price. When the study price established by a higher education school exceeds the standard study price, a foreigner having received a benefit has the duty to cover the difference between the study price established by the higher school and the standard study price. Scholarships are paid throughout the study period (including periods of holidays), by transferring money on a monthly basis to a foreigner's personal bank account held in Lithuania. Benefits are transferred into the bank account of a Lithuanian

higher school, in which the foreigner in question studies, twice per year (by 1 November for autumn semester and by 1 April for spring semester).

5. Applications must be submitted to the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Lithuania (address: A. Volano g. 2-7, LT-01516 Vilnius, Lithuania) in person, by mail or by diplomatic representation of the Republic of Lithuania in a foreign country. The commission formed by the Minister of Education and Science (hereinafter referred to as the Commission) will examine the applications received prior to 15 July 2014.

6. Application must contain the following documents:

6.1. a copy of the identity document;

6.2. the following copies certified by the procedure established by the laws:

6.2.1. of a document certifying completed education of higher university or adequate education (diploma and enclosure therefore) and its translation into Lithuanian or English, or Russian. If a foreigner completed the first-cycle studies, but no certificate (diploma and enclosure thereto) was issued to him/her, he/she can submit a certificate of a higher school based in a foreign country, which must specify the study programme completed, courses or modules passed, their credits and assessments, assessment of the final examination or theme of the final project and its assessment, and its translation into Lithuanian or English, or Russian;

6.2.2. a document certifying the level of the study language command:

6.2.2.1. if the study language will be English - a copy of TOEFL IBT certificate (minimum assessment is 87 points), a copy of TOEFL Paper certificate (minimum assessment is 513 points), or a copy of ELTS certificate (minimum assessment is 5 points);

6.2.2.2. if the study language will be Russian - a copy of the document issued by a competent institution (higher school, embassy, etc.), certifying the minimum B2 level of Russian language command according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages;

6.2.2.3. if the study language will be Lithuanian - a copy of the document issued by a competent institution (higher school, embassy, etc.), certifying the minimum B2 level of Lithuanian language command according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages;

6.3. documents certifying achievements in the research (artistic) activities:

6.3.1. published research articles and their translations into Lithuanian or English or Russian;

6.3.2. certificates on speeches delivered at scientific conferences and their translations into Lithuanian or English or Russian;

6.3.3. artistic activity folder, if a foreigner will study in the field of art, in Lithuanian or English or Russian;

6.4. motivational letter in Lithuanian or English or Russian;

6.5. recommendation (recommendations) in Lithuanian or English or Russian;

6.6. a copy of the confirmation issued by a Lithuanian higher school that the foreigner was admitted or studies in the second-cycle full-time study programme, with indication of the foreigner's name, surname, study programme, which the foreigner studies, and state code, foreigner's study period;

6.7. contact details - address in the country of origin, electronic mail address, phone, Skype username.

7. Persons claiming the support can be invited for an interview to be held at a location announced in advance or online by the use of electronic communication means.

8. Decision on support granting to specific persons will be made based on the academic achievements, level of study language command, research (artistic) activity achievement of a foreigner. When making the decision, the person's motivation to study in Lithuania and submitted recommendations are also taken into consideration. Priority is given to persons who are entering the study programmes in the fields of physical, biomedical and technological studies.

9. Applicants' applications will be examined and suggested to the Minister of Education and Science for approval by the commission formed. Persons who applied for support will be informed about the decision of the Minister of Education and Science on granting or refusal of support for the second-cycle studies at Lithuanian higher schools via electronic letter.

10. Having considered the commission's suggestions, a reserve list of support beneficiaries will be drawn, foreigners included into which would be offered scholarship, provided a foreigner from the approved list of support beneficiaries refused the support granted. In such event, the beginning and terms and conditions of scholarship payment will be established by making amendment to the approved list of support beneficiaries. Scholarship would be paid until completion of the foreigner's studies. Foreigners included into the reserve list of support beneficiaries will be notified about such decision by electronic mail.

Minister of Education and Science

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