

Denklik Belgesi (Equivalency Certificate)

The Equivalence Certificate is a document issued by the Turkish Ministry of Education or the Embassies from your country and it proves your education is equivalent to education in Turkey.

All international Students must apply for Equivalency Certificate to complete their official registration.

The provincial branch of Turkish Ministry of Education in İstanbul is located in Sultanahmet District, You must make an appointment from there online in order to apply for the equivalence certificate. Please [click](#) here to make an appointment.

Please keep in mind that Ministry of Education is going to ask for the following papers;

- The Application form, print-out of the equivalence appointment
- The original and the copy of residence permit or student visa (if the student is coming from a country where no visa is required, the entry stamp, the admission letter can be submitted)
- The original passport, the copy of the passport and the page of the date of entry
- Official documents by the authorities if there is a difference in the surname (such as marriage certificate) or in the name (official ID card records proving the change)
- All documents except the ones in English, Arabic, Russian and Bulgarian shall be translated into Turkish by a sworn office and shall be notarized.
- The graduation certificates and the transcripts (grades belonging to all years of high school Education) shall be sealed by the ministry of foreign Affairs or the Embassies of the applicants' country if these documents have no official seal on them.
- the documents brought from the countries which need to be apostilled on the original copy are listed as follows;
<https://www.hcch.net/en/instruments/conventions/status-table/?cid=41>

The Students should be very careful to follow up the result of their equivalence application. After the application is done, the Students are given a receipt on which the date they are going to collect the original equivalency certificate.

The Students basically can receive 3 types of equivalency certificates;

1. Permanent and complete equivalency certificate from Ministry of Education

Make sure that the certificate you collect from the Ministry matches perfectly with what student Affairs is asking. You should collect the original equivalence certificate, the high school certificate, the transcript from the ministry of Education and submit them to Students Affairs. The student Affairs is going to give you the originals back and take copies for itself.

2. Temporary equivalence certificate from Ministry of Education

Temporary certificates are given to Students if the residence permit copy is not available. Even though the registration at the University is complete, you should re-apply to the ministry of Education again to collect the permanent equivalency certificate and submit it to student Affairs until the second semester starts. If not, you will not be able to renew your registration for the second semester and choose your courses.

Temporary certificates are given to Students in case there are missing documents as transcripts or any other extra documents are required. Even though the registration at the University is complete, you should re-apply to the ministry of Education again to collect the permanent equivalency certificate and submit it to student Affairs until the second semester starts. If not, you will not be able to renew your registration for the second semester and choose your courses.

3. Denial of equivalency certificate

Even though the registration at the University is complete after signing a commitment which states that you will submit the equivalency certificate until a specific date, you should fulfill the requirements of Ministry of Education and re-apply to the ministry of Education again to collect the permanent equivalency certificate and submit it to student Affairs until the second semester starts. If not, you will not be able to renew your registration for the second semester and choose your courses. Hence your registration will be cancelled.