

# **ADMISSION POLICY DOCUMENT FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS**

## **Categories of Foreign Students**

Foreign students fall into two categories: one category consists of those having a foreign nationality and applying from the country of their origin while the other category consists of those foreign students who are already in Pakistan for study purpose and have a study visa. For each category, there is a separate admission procedure:

### **a. Admission Policy for students with foreign nationality applying from the country of their origin:**

- All foreign candidates who wish to take admission in the University of Karachi are required to apply for admission through Pakistan Embassy or Pakistan High Commission in their home country.
- Once the Embassy/High Commission issues the No Objection Certificate (NOC), the candidate has to send all the previous educational documents to Higher Education Commission (HEC) and the Ministry of Education, Islamabad.
- After the verification of the documents from the HEC and Ministry of Education, a clearance letter is sent to the university. The candidate is given provisional admission when the university receives the clearance from both HEC and the Ministry of Education.
- The provisional admission letter does not, however, imply conformation of admission. The provisional letter is issued to facilitate students so that they can apply for student visa and are able to join the university when the academic session begins.
- In order to apply for the student visa, students have to send all the educational documents along with the visa application form, a copy of the passport, 4

photographs, and a copy of the provisional admission letter through Pakistan Embassy/High Commission in their home country to Assistant Director (Academics), Academics Division, Higher Education Commission, Sector H-9, Islamabad.

- Once the student visa is issued and the students reach Pakistan, they have to report their arrival at both the Local Police Station and the Office of the Foreign students' Advisor, University of Karachi where they will be required to submit the following documents:
  - One original & four copies of the No Objection Certificate (NOC) issued by the Embassy of the applicants' country of origin.
  - N.O.C or Admission letter from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
  - Five copies of Passport & valid Student Visa.
  - Equivalence Certificate issued by Inter Board Committee of Chairmen (IBCC), Islamabad or Karachi (for admission in Honours or equivalent programme)
  - Equivalence Certificate issued by the Equivalence Committee, University of Karachi (for admission in Master or M. Phil. /M.S & Ph.D. Programme).
  - Five copies of all the previous educational documents.
  - Fourteen photos (Size 1x 1 1/2)

**b. Admission Policy for foreign students who are already in Pakistan for study purpose and have a valid study visa:**

In order to apply for admission to the University of Karachi, such foreign students have to submit the following documents:

- One original & four copies of the N.O.C issued by the Embassy of the applicants' country of origin.
- N.O.C or Admission letter from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- Five copies of Passport & valid Student Visa.
- Equivalence Certificate issued by Inter Board Committee of Chairmen (IBCC), Islamabad or Karachi (for admission in Honours or equivalent programme)
- Equivalence Certificate issued by the Equivalence Committee, University of Karachi (for admission in Master or M. Phil. /M.S & Ph.D. Programme).

- Five copies of all the previous educational documents.
- Fourteen photos (Size 1x 1 1/2)

➤ **Additional Documents Required for Change or Transfer from the Current Department:**

- Four copies of the previous admission cancellation letter of Deputy Registrar Academic (DRA), University of Karachi.
- N.O.C from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (only for students who have already availed themselves of Pakistan Technical Assistance Programme (PTAP) scholarship).

**Important Note:** All foreign students who intend to apply for admission at the University of Karachi must check the minimum eligibility criteria given on the official website of the University of Karachi before submitting the application. Besides this, the candidates must take IELTS test and submit their test score. Candidates with less than 5.0 bands in IELTS will be required to take admission in a Remedial English Language Certificate Course which will be organized by the University of Karachi once the students join the university.

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