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Moroccan offer of educational places with scholarships for foreign candidates for the academic year 2021/2022

Despite the pandemic situation linked to Covid-19, the Kingdom of Morocco has decided to renew its offer of academic cooperation for the benefit of partner countries, for the 2021/2022 academic year and to host, from the month of September 2021, new students from these countries, to allow them to continue, in face-to-face mode, their university, technical or professional training.

This decision was taken in consultation with the various ministerial departments concerned, subject to the application and strict compliance with the health protocol, put in place as part of the fight against the spread of Covid-19, by the students benefiting from this cooperation offer.

Thus, the health protocol put in place by the Moroccan authorities distinguishes countries into two categories, depending on the risk of the spread of Covid-19 (List A - List B). Specific health conditions are applied to nationals of different countries according to the list in which they are classified (attached the document " in 10 pages " setting the conditions of access to Moroccan territory.

In addition, it should be noted that, like in the previous year, students from non-French-speaking countries are invited to follow the session of refresher courses in French in the appropriate centers for this purpose (Alliance française, Center Culturel Français...) in their countries of origin. This decision was made for the following reasons:

- Conclusive results recorded during the 2020/2021 academic year, through the organization of said language training session in the country of origin. This assumes that the beneficiary students were more motivated to succeed in the language program;
- Limited capacity of the International Language Center under AMCI;
- Reduction to 50% of the reception capacity of university halls (Cité Universitaire Internationale included).
- Better management of the number of students to be sent to Morocco. Only students deemed fit to continue their studies in French will be allowed to travel to Morocco.

In this context, the Kingdom of Morocco makes available to brother and friendly countries quotas of educational places with scholarships, in Moroccan public institutions of higher, technical and professional education, for the academic year 2021/ 2022.

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

I- General Information

1- Presentation of the application files

Applications for training in public educational institutions in Morocco are subject to the following formalities:

- * Submission of applications to the competent authorities of the country of origin;
- * Sending pre-selected application files to AMCI through diplomatic channels. Otherwise, they will not be taken into consideration;
- * The shortlisted applications in accordance with the required admission conditions must be the subject of a single nominative list (attached model) downloadable from the AMCI website through the link "www.amci.ma/lcf.pdf". This list must specify, in order of priority and as an indication, the choices of the branches expressed by each candidate.
- * The deadline for the receipt of applications from AMCI is **october 30th, 2021**, strict deadline.

2- Foreign applicants residing in Morocco

- Foreign candidates residing in Morocco and holders of Moroccan diplomas (High School Diploma, Bachelor's degree, Master's degree...) are subject to the same registration conditions as Moroccan students. They must, therefore, go directly to the training institutions (without passing through the AMCI) and can not, under any circumstances, claim the scholarships served by the AMCI.

- Foreign applicants residing in Morocco, holders of a foreign High School Diploma, are allowed to present their files to AMCI through diplomatic channels. They can not, under any circumstances, claim the scholarships served by the AMCI.

- Candidates who have acquired Moroccan nationality are subject to the same conditions and registration procedures as Moroccan students. They can not, in any case, benefit from scholarships served by the AMCI.

3- Graduate student of Morocco

By way of encouragement, the graduate students of Morocco could, if officially nominated by their respective countries, apply for graduate studies without scholarships.

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.**

4- Diplomats in office in Morocco and their families

- Diplomats in office in Morocco, wishing to continue training are invited to submit their application files to the Department of Cultural Cooperation and Action under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation.

- The children of foreign diplomats in Morocco who wish to continue their studies in public educational institutions in Morocco must present their files to the AMCI, which will submit them to the ministerial departments concerned for examination, in accordance with the conditions admission requirements. Successful applicants can not under any circumstances be eligible for an AMCI grant.

5- Non-civilian candidates

Non-civilian candidates wishing to pursue studies in Morocco are invited to submit their application files to the Department of Cultural Cooperation and Action under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation.

II- Parts of the application file

The application file must include the following documents :

- Application form (downloadable from the AMCI website through the link "www.amci.ma/fcf.pdf"), duly completed;
- 02 photocopies of the diploma or certificate of successful completion of the High School Diploma. Candidates submitting certificates of success, must produce their diplomas to their institutions, at the latest, during the 2nd year of training;
- 02 authenticated photocopies of the marks transcript of the High School Diploma;
- 02 extracts of birth certificate;
- 02 photocopies of the passport (if available);
- A recent criminal record;
- A medical certificate issued by the public health services attesting to the physical fitness of the candidate and certifying that he / she is vaccinated and is not suffering from any contagious or acute disease, or carrying a pandemic including tuberculosis. The candidate maybe subject to a counter-visit up on his / her arrival in Morocco;
- 02 recent identity photos, in color, with the name, first name (s) and nationality of the applicant on the back ;
- Candidates for the Master's degree or Doctorate's degree must provide, in addition to the aforementioned documents, certified copies of their higher education diplomas, marks transcripts and curricula, as well as a dissertation / thesis copy of end of studies / doctoral thesis project.

N.B : Incomplete or late submissions will not be considered.

III- Conditions of admission

1- Holder of high school diploma

Candidates who are holders of high school diplomas are selected according to the admission requirements for the training requested, open courses and available teaching places.

Candidates must hold a High School Diploma in 2021 or, failing that, 2020, obtained with the distinction "very good", "Good" or "Fairly good", **knowing that for some institutions, the High School Diploma of the year 2021 will be required.**

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

An indicative directory, downloadable from the AMCI website through the link [« www.amci.ma/repf.pdf »](http://www.amci.ma/repf.pdf), includes the list of Moroccan public institutions of higher education, as well as various specific information concerning them, notably the conditions of access, the branches, the duration of the studies, the diplomas issued...

2-Master's degrees and PhD Candidates

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

Candidates for the PhD 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 sector and establishment requested. They are, for this purpose, invited to consult the website of the Department of Higher Education: www.enssup.gov.ma, as well as those of Moroccan universities.

The files of the candidates meeting the general conditions are submitted, for attribution, to the requested educational and scientific commissions of the training institutions. Which committees are the only ones entitled to decide on the definitive registration of candidates.

3- Equivalence of diplomas

In certain cases, definitive enrollment in higher education institutions in Morocco is conditioned by the presentation of a certificate of equivalence of the diploma obtained, in accordance with Decree # 2-01-333 of June 21st, 2001 on the conditions and procedure for the granting of equivalences of diplomas in higher education.

4- Teaching languages

French is the lingua franca in the majority of training institutions in Morocco, particularly in the scientific, technical and economic branches. As a result, candidates for the said branches, from non-French-speaking countries who do not master the French language in the country of origin.

The branches of Arabic language and literature and Islamic studies are taught in Arabic. Candidates for these branches must master this language.

IV- Examination and selection of files

1- Normal cycle

Proposed files will be reviewed by AMCI or will be subject to joint review with the authorities of the countries concerned. The selected applications will be submitted to the relevant ministerial departments for the issuance of registration authorizations.

2- Master's degree and Doctorate's degree cycles

Applications received by AMCI within the required time frames will be submitted to the relevant ministerial departments for review in consultation with the training institutions under their supervision, and for the issuance, if applicable, of the registration authorizations for the selected candidates.

The list of selected candidates and the branches that will be awarded to them will be communicated through diplomatic channels.

V- Registration process

- * Successful candidates will each receive, through diplomatic channels, an "Information Letter / Convocation" in their own name, containing information on the conditions of training and scholarship awarded to them, as well as those of their study stay in Morocco.
- * Candidates subject to the visa system, will have to obtain a long-stay visa (**student visa**) issued by Moroccan Diplomatic or Consular Posts in the country of residence.
- * Successful applicants who fail to report to AMCI within the specified deadlines will be deemed to have waived the offer of registration.
- * The presence in Morocco of the selected candidate is definitive acceptance of his/her part of the proposal made to him/her. The offer of registration being irrevocable, no request for a change of orientation or establishment will be tolerated.
- * As soon as he/she arrives in Rabat, the student must present himself/herself with his/her Information Letter / Convocation to the AMCI "Guichet Unique":
 - Possibly complete his/her application file;
 - With draw the following documents:
 - His/her registration authorization, which is nominative and can not be issued to others ;
 - His/her scholarship certificate (for AMCI fellows);
 - Payment receipt for registration fees (these fees are deducted from the 1st scholarship deadline);
 - Documents relating to the subscription to the Insurance Policy.

He / she should then :

- Join the training establishment to complete the formalities for the final registration. He/she must comply with the rules of the establishment where he / she is registered.
Training in public institutions in Morocco is free. However, some institutions providing technical training may require the purchase of specific materials and / or the payment of related fees, which remain the responsibility of the student,
- Send / submit to the AMCI a certified copy of the registration certificate issued by the training institution.

VI- Cooperation Scholarship

The AMCI scholarship is awarded to students selected under the official quota, who hold, at least, a high school diploma or a recognized equivalent degree, and who must pursue a higher studies cycle or professional training, sanctioned by a state diploma, in a Moroccan public institution.

The scholarship offers being annual, unused scholarships, as well as those programmed for candidates who withdraw, can not be renewed or be cumulated, for the following years.

The training grant is a maintenance grant, its grant does not imply, in any case, the assumption of the expenses of registration, internship, transport or any other charges inherent to the continuation of the studies, and which remain the responsibility of the student.

The amount of the scholarship is 750.00 Dirhams (about 75 US \$) per month, whatever the cycle, the nature of the training and its duration. This amount may be subject to possible levies (university accommodation fees...).

The scholarship is, in principle, served for a period of 12 months per academic year (from September to August of the academic year in question). Nevertheless, its payment **is linked to the actual and regular presence** of the beneficiary in the establishment where he / she is registered.

The training grant is payable bi-monthly, in accordance with the timetable set by the AMCI.

The payment of the scholarship is made by the beneficiary himself / herself, up on presentation of his / her passport, at all the counters of the agencies of the Banque Populaire.

Students who have obtained a Master's degree or Doctorate degree may benefit from a flat-rate grant relating to the cost of printing dissertations or thesis, subject to the submission to AMCI of a copy of the book, of a certified copy of the diploma or certificate of final training.

The terms and conditions for the award and collection of the scholarship are recorded in the booklet "Regulations on training and internship grants awarded to foreign students and trainees", which will be given to beneficiaries upon their arrival in Morocco.

VII- Accommodation

Given the pandemic context linked to Covid-19, the housing capacity in university halls is reduced by 50%, which, unfortunately, does not make it possible to meet the housing demands of new foreign students. They will therefore not be able to claim accommodation in university halls (Cité Universitaire Internationale included), and must therefore find accommodation in the private sector.

In this case, students who use the private sector's rental offer must imperatively establish rental contracts with the owners, which are necessary for obtaining the registration card (residence permit in Morocco).

VIII- Catering

Many university campuses have a university restaurant serving meals for students at a single, subsidized rate.

Students interested in this service are invited to present themselves to the administration of these campuses to obtain the university restaurant card.

IX- Medical cover

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

- Reimbursement of medical expenses ;
- Medical care ;
- Final sanitary evacuation to the country of origin, in case of serious illness preventing the student from continuing his / her studies in Morocco;
- Repatriation of the body in the event of death in the Moroccan territory.

For additional information on the Insurance Policy or related form downloads, please visit the website: **www.finassure.org**.

They also benefit, as well as Moroccan students, from medical care services provided by hospitals and public health centers, covering the entire Moroccan territory.

The Cité Universitaire Internationale has a medical and social service that also offers free medical services to foreign students.

X- Conditions of stay in Morocco

After completion of the formalities of definitive registration with the training establishment and those of accommodation, students must present themselves, imperatively and as soon as possible, to the service of the foreigners coming under the General Direction of the National Security in their 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 put the student in an irregular situation towards the immigration services.

N.B : For more information on the AMCI, public training institutions, the procedure and methods of registration and stay in Morocco, as well as the settlement of cooperation grants, it is recommended to visit the 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 of Vocational Training and Promotion of Labor : **www.ofppt.ma**
- Insurance policy : **www.finassure.org**

P.J (In French and English versions):

- **Note on the quota offer;**
- **Application form ;**
- **Model list of candidates;**
- **Directory of public training establishments in Morocco;**
- **Document relating to the conditions of access to Moroccan territory (10 pages).**