



המיונהל לסטודנטים עולים
Israel Student Authority



משרד העלייה והקליטה
Ministry of Aliyah and
Immigrant Absorption

**Come & Study with us
The Israel Student
Authority**





Advance to Higher Education in Israel and benefit from:

A unique empowering experience

Independence in your new homeland

Academic excellence and quality

Roots and identity

A career and a future

Generous scholarships from the Israel

Student Authority



Rise up in the right direction

The Israel Student Authority «Minhal Hastudentim»

Who are we?

The Israel Student Authority operates through the Ministry of Aliyah and Immigrant Absorption, encouraging young Jews the world over to come & study in Israel. Immigrant students are the only students who receive scholarships that are not based on their economic situation.

The Israel Student Authority is a vital link between the immigrant student and higher education in Israel:

- We provide information and advice to students still abroad.
- Assist students study successfully and integrate into Israeli academia.
- Run programs for social integration to encourage a sense of belonging and identity.
- Provide information and guidance to assist the new immigrant student during their studies.
- Grants to the sum of standard state tuition for eligible students.

**The Israel Student Authority –
serving immigrant students in Israel**



Thousand are here - what about you?

What is the assistance available to the immigrant student?

- Pre-Aliyah services providing potential immigrant students with information & advice including evaluation of documents.
- Tuition grants to the sum of standard state tuition for academic studies
- Pre-academic programs to prepare the immigrant student for academic studies in Israel.
- A network of councilors & guides for students on a group and an individual basis.
- Counseling, information & advice on higher education in Israel.
- Extra tutoring & academic support.
- English courses to academic exemption level
- Social & cultural activities, trips, seminars & more
- Academic assistance, extra classes & tutoring
- Professional career counseling
- Social workers & psychologists for personal support
- Please note: receiving full assistance is conditional upon participation in «Shahak»: voluntary community work.



With you all the way: the Israel
Student Authority

Conditions for receiving assistance:

Status: immigrant\returning minor\citizen born abroad – as defined by the Ministry of Aliyah and Immigrant Absorption.

Period of stay in Israel: must begin studies within 36 months of receiving status, not including army or civil service

Age: on commencing studies:

For Mechina before 23rd birthday

For Undergraduate degree or certificate studies or practical engineering before 27th birthday

For graduate studies or for certificate studies for undergraduates before 30th birthday

Academic Conditions:

- High school completion certificate
- Meeting acceptance criteria of the institution
- Passing from one academic year to the next
- Studies in institutions & study tracks recognized by the Student Authority
- There is no assistance for repeating a degree, other than exceptional cases



The Amount & Type of Assistance:

Tuition grants to cover the standard number of years per degree!

For example:

Most regular B.A.\B.Sc. programs are 3 years

Law: LLB is 3.5 years

B.Ed. or engineering or nursing are 4 years

Architecture\Medicine – the maximum assistance of 5 years

Practical Engineering is usually 2 years

Most regular M.A.\M.Sc. programs are 2 years, tuition grants are for up to 3 years including a year of supplementary\pre-requisite courses if necessary.

- Assistance for Mechina (preparatory year) is given in addition to assistance for regular studies! Mechina is ONLY funded for students obligated by the university to do the Mechina.
- The Student Authority pays ONLY standard state tuition, students studying in programs that are more expensive (such as programs taught in English or in non-subsidized institutions) will find the tuition higher and must pay the difference themselves.

Options for studying in Israel with the Student Authority?

For undergraduate & graduate studies:

- Universities
- Academic Colleges & Institutions
- Schools of higher education, colleges of engineering or art
- Academic institutions not subsidized by the state*
- Academic Teaching Colleges

All of these institutions are recognized by the Council for Higher Education in Israel & their degrees are therefore recognized internationally.

*Tuition in these institutions is higher than standard fees & therefore not completely covered by our tuition grants.

For certificate studies:

- Technical Colleges for practical engineering – under the auspices of the National Institute of Technology.
- Schools of the Health Professions – under the auspices of the Ministry of Health.
- Schools of the Arts – Only certain study tracks
- Ultra-orthodox seminars for Teachers – under the auspices of the Ministry of Education.



The options are many - the choice is yours

Preparing to study in Israel

Mechina or the 3-step route to a degree

Step 1: Learn Hebrew: Regular Ulpan OR Pre-Taka ulpan - 5 month

MECHINA

University preparatory program
full academic year

or

Step 2: TAKA

Pre-academic program 5 months
Opens twice a year

Every student is advised to study in one of the special pre-academic preparatory programs for new immigrant students:

MECHINA: A university preparatory program

OR

TAKA: A pre-academic program

Who Needs What??

Mechina:

- Students who have high school certificates only, not equal to an Israeli matriculation, and want to study for an undergraduate degree at one of the universities in Israel.
- The Mechina includes a university summer ulpan.
- Note: The Mechina is ONLY funded by the Student Authority for students obligated to do it!

TAKA: any one of these conditions:

- Students who are exempted from Mechina
- Students with a matriculation equivalent to an Israeli one
- Students with 2 full semesters of university studies from abroad
- Students intending to study in institutions not requiring mechina (most academic colleges)
- Students intending to study for Graduate Degree
- Students intending to study practical engineering or certificate studies
- Now also open to all academics under 30!

Academic studies!

Step 3: Student Authority
Summer Ulpan 5-6 weeks

Studying in Israel in English:

The International Programs & more...

There are many options for studying in Israel in English, but before you choose to do so, bear in mind that although acceptance may be easier (no psychometric...) and you may find the studies easier (being in English) but...

- The cost is likely to be considerably higher (and not completely covered by our tuition grants)...
- There are less options available, especially at the undergraduate level...
- Eventually you will need to cope with the issue of Hebrew, and studying in Hebrew definitely helps you get fluent...
- In most Hebrew programs there is flexibility in handing in papers or doing exams in English, at least during your first year...



It's a very personal decision - check out the options & do what's best for you!



Admission requirements for undergraduate studies:

- High school completion certificate
- Completion of University Preparatory Program for new immigrants (only some institutions require this)
- Hebrew proficiency (level 3-4 out of 6)
- Basic English knowledge
- SAT1 or Psychometric exam (most institutions)
- Personal interview\references\experience (some departments)
- Additional examinations according to the department (such as mathematics for science or engineering)



Admission requirements for graduate studies:

- High grades in undergraduate degree
- International exams such as GMAT for business management, GRE for psychology, general GRE required by some institutions for students who studied abroad
- Personal interview
- Supplementary or pre-requisite courses as required



Not here yet? Pre-Aliyah Services for you:

- For information and advice on study options in Israel
- To check your eligibility for our assistance
- To have your documents evaluated in Israel
- To help you choose the best absorption program to suit you
- Registration to Taka & summer ulpan

Contact our Pre-Aliyah services:

English Speakers: aceng@moia.gov.il tel. 02 6214589

French Speakers: acfr@moia.gov.il tel. 02 6214582

Spanish speakers: aclat@moia.gov.il tel. 02 6214605

Russian speakers: acrus@moia.gov.il tel. 02 6214619

After Aliyah:

Please contact the Ministry of Aliyah and Immigrant Absorption office according to your address or place of studies, here are the offices: <http://www.moia.gov.il/Hebrew/About/ServicePoints>



Undecided? Contact us

Tips & recommendations:

- ✓ You are advised to contact us before deciding on your studies in Israel
- ✓ Be sure to bring with you to Israel original certificates & transcripts of all previous studies. If your documents are not in English you are advised to ask the institution itself for certificates & transcripts in English
- ✓ You are advised to reach a good competency in Hebrew before beginning your studies, that is why we recommend taking one of the preparation programs designed for immigrant students
- ✓ Tuition grants are NOT automatic; you must apply for them & meet all necessary deadlines once in Israel. You need to send in documents every semester and re-apply every academic year in order to ensure receipt of tuition payments
- ✓ You are advised to arrive in Israel BEFORE your program begins to give yourself time for all necessary arrangements
- ✓ Our grants cover tuition only, we do not cover registration fees, psychometric fees, campus social services, etc. - be prepared to pay these extras...



Israel: the place to study and explore!

Useful web sites:

The Israel Student Authority:

In Israel: www.studentsolim.gov.il

Abroad: www.highereducation.gov.il

Ministry of Aliyah and Immigrant Absorption:

www.moia.gov.il

Jewish Agency: www.jewishagency.org



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