

## **ATTENTION TO APPLICANTS WHO GRADUATED FROM UNIVERSITIES IN TURKISH REPUBLIC OF NORTHERN CYPRUS!**

### **Protocol Letter Applications:**

1) Effective date of "International Agreement on the Mutual Recognition of Universities Established According to Law of Republic of Turkey and Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus", signed on January 16th 2009, was identified as August 24, 2011 according to decision numbered 2011/2293 on September 09th, 2011 of Council of Ministers and was published in Official Gazette numbered 28088 on October 18, 2011. In accordance with the relevant agreement, undergraduate and graduate diplomas of citizens of Republic of Turkey who were placed by ÖSYM (SSPC) in universities founded according to Law of Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) and completed their education are valid in Turkey without being subjected to the equivalence process. In accordance with the relevant agreement, for Turkish citizens who completed their education in the program they were placed by Student Selection and Placement Center (ÖSYM) in universities of TRNC, Equivalence Certificate cannot be issued. Those who wish to receive a letter indicating that their diploma is in accordance with this agreement, may prepare and submit the following documents:

- a) Online Recognition/Equivalence Pre-Application Form
- b) Republic of Turkey Identification
- c) ÖSYM (SSPC) Placement Certificate
- d) T.R.N.C. Original and Copy of Diploma
- e) Consent Statement

### **Equivalence Certificate Applications:**

In addition to standard equivalence application documents, applicants who graduate from T.R.N.C. institutions should make their application considering following items.

1) Citizens of Republic of Turkey who complete their education by registering to the programs of universities in Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus specified in ÖSYS Guide, by ÖSYS score and special talent examination must document their ÖSYS score taken in the year they register to the university.

2) Turkish citizens graduated from Master's programs of universities in Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus should document the LES/ALES score they achieved in the year they enrolled in the university. Equivalence is not given to graduate programs without approval of the Council of Higher Education. Equivalence is not given to graduate programs without approval of the Council of Higher Education.

**3)** Equivalence applications of graduates who pass through course transfer to higher education institutions in T.R.N.C. from another country are evaluated according to Regulation on Recognition and Accreditation of Higher Education Diplomas and horizontal and vertical transition regulations, procedures and principles applicable in Turkey.

**4)** T.R.N.C citizens who enrolled with the examination applied in Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus Universities' within the framework of the relevant country's citizenship relation (even if they are citizens of Republic of Turkey), should apply for equivalence by presenting official citizenship document.

**5)** Recognition and Equivalence application documents should include T.R.N.C entry-exit documents to be taken from the Directorate of Immigration.

**6)** Diplomas received from T.R.N.C higher education institutions must be approved by T.R.N.C Ministry of Education and Culture and Turkish Embassy.