

EQUIVALENCY CERTIFICATE INFORMATION

What is the “Equivalency Certificate”? (in Turkish Denklik Belgesi)

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

The equivalency Certificate should state that your high school diploma/certificate is equivalent to those obtained in Turkey.

How do I obtain my “Equivalency Certificate”?

There are two options which you can obtain your “Equivalency Certificate”.

1- From the Turkish Embassy/Consulate where you live, (THE RECOMMENDED OPTION)

Please find the list of Turkish Consulates / Embassies in your home countries below where you can apply for equivalency certificate;

List: [Yurt Dışı Temsilciliklerimiz \(meb.gov.tr\)](https://yurt.disi.temsilciliklerimiz.meb.gov.tr)

- 2- If you are not able to obtain your equivalency certificate by the Turkish Embassy in your country of residence, then you should obtain it when you have arrived in Turkey from the Ministry of Education of the Republic of Turkey.

To obtain your “**Equivalency Certificate**” from the Ministry of Education of the Republic of Turkey, you need to apply online from the link below and get an appointment for document submission.

Please check <https://edenklik.meb.gov.tr> for your application and other details about obtaining your “**Equivalency Certificate**”.

To complete online application;

- a) Fill the forms with requested informations,
- b) Upload Requested documents,
- c) Choose the nearest equivalency center unit for appointment place to submit the original copies of required documents,
- d) After completing your online application your appointment will be settled,
- e) You will receive an confirmation sms/e-mail regarding your appointment place,
- f) Go to your appointment place (**District Directorate of National Education**) (in Turkish **İlçe Milli Eğitim Müdürlüğü**) to submit your required documents.

What documents should I bring when I apply for my “Equivalency Certificate”?

Required documents:

- 1- **The Application Form: Please [CLICK HERE](#) to see the form.
You should fill out this form.**
- 2- **Passport copies (1. ID page, 2. if you have entered Turkey with a visa than copy of the visa page, if not entered with a visa, last entry to Turkey stamp page copy)**
- 3- **Original Diploma\School Leaving Certificate\Testimonial and Transcripts (must cover all high school years)**
 - **If you have a diploma from one of the Apostille Convention Signatory countries (see list [here](#)) your high school diploma and transcripts must be apostilled (mandatory).**
 - **If your country is not listed on the Apostille Convention Signatory countries, your high school diploma and transcripts must be approved/stamped by Ministry of Foreign affairs or the Ministry of Education in your country or your Consulate)**
- 4- **The notarized translation of the diploma and the transcripts: It is required only if the documents are not in one of the following languages:**
 - Arabic
 - English
 - German
 - French
- 5- **Copy of your Işık University Acceptance Letter.**
- 6- **Residence permit (if applicable)**

How to Get My Equivalency Result?

After collecting all the required documents, you have to submit your documents to the Equivalence Office ('Denklik Ofisi' in Turkish) at your appointment time which you have already taken online from <https://edenklik.meb.gov.tr/> .

If your equivalence application is approved, the Result Desk will provide you "Equivalency Certificate" ("Denklik Belgesi" in Turkish) alongside all the application documents you have submitted before. Please check your file to see if all your previously submitted documents and your equivalence document are given back to you completely and correctly.

After getting your certificate, please submit it to the Işık University, Department of Student Affairs and inform International Office through international.students@isikun.edu.tr

TEMPORARY EQUIVALENCY CERTIFICATE

Temporary equivalency 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 completed, you should re-apply to the ministry of Education again to collect the permanent equivalency certificate and submit it to Işık University, Department of the Student Affairs as soon as possible.

REJECTION

If your equivalence application is rejected, the Result Desk will give you an official document containing information about why your application was rejected along with all the application documents you have submitted before. In this case, make sure that you have been provided with the correct documents.

Rejection document means that the documents you submitted in your application may not be considered sufficient to provide equivalence or some of your files may be missing.

In this case, please bring all the document to the International Office so that we can have a look and guide you.

IMPORTANT NOTES

Please note that “Equivalency Certificate” (Denklik Belgesi) is one of the required document to finalize your registration before the university starts, you are given some time to obtain and submit it to the university and in the meanwhile, you can attend your courses. Please note that your university registration will not be completed until you submit equivalency certificate to the University.

- Please bear in mind that students, who receive equivalency certificate rejection, are not allowed to legally register to any university in Turkey.
- Rules and regulations regarding the equivalency certificate are subject to change by the Turkish Ministry of Education.
- Applying for the equivalency certificate is solely the students’ responsibility, but International Relations Office will guide you for the process.
- If there is not any Educational Attache in your home country or if you have not taken your certificate of the equivalence, yet you should apply as soon as you arrive to Turkey.
- This document is the most vital paper to prove your application for equivalence certificate. Keep in mind that equivalence certificate is normally supposed to be submitted during registration; however, the university gives you some more time to submit it after registration.