

General rules for undertaking studies by foreigners

Foreigners may undertake studies on the basis of the following:

- 1) international agreements, pursuant to the rules specified therein;
- 2) agreements concluded with foreign entities by higher education institutions, pursuant to the rules specified therein;
- 3) decision of the minister;
- 4) the decision of the director Polish National Agency for Academic Exchange with regard to its scholarship holders;
- 5) the administrative decision of the rector of a higher education institution.

University studies may be taken up without fee by:

- 1) a foreigner- a citizen of the Member State of the European Union, the Swiss Confederation or of the Member State of the European Free Trade Agreement (EFTA) - the parties to the European Economic Area Agreement as well as members of their family living in the Republic of Poland;
- 2) a foreigner who has been granted a residence permit or the EU long-term residence permit;
- 3) a foreigner who has been granted a stay permit in connection with the circumstances referred to in Art. 159 sec. 1 or Art. 186sec. 1 point 3 or 4 of the Act of 12 December 2013 on Foreigners;
- 4) a foreigner who has the status of refugee granted in the Republic of Poland or is under temporary protection or subsidiary protection in the Republic of Poland;
- 5) a foreigner - a holder of a certificate confirming the knowledge of Polish as a foreign language, referred to in Art. 11a sec. 2 of the Act of 7 October 1999 on the Polish language, at least at C1 language proficiency level;
- 6) a holder of the Polish Charter or a person who has been issued a decision on the determination of the Polish origin;
- 7) a foreigner who is a spouse, ascendant or descendant of a citizen of the Republic of Poland, living in the Republic of Poland;
- 8) a foreigner who has been granted a stay permit in connection with the circumstances referred to in Art. 151 sec. 1 or Art. 151b sec. 1 of the Act of 12 December 2013 on Foreigners, or staying in the Republic of Poland in connection with the use of shortterm mobility of a scientist under the conditions set out in Art. 156b sec. 1 of this Act or holding a national visa in order to conduct scientific research or development work.

Foreigners not above-mentioned may start studying and participate in research for a fee (fees for studying in Poland paid by foreigners are determined by the Rector).

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