

The Minister

Decision No. 1049/2018

**Regarding the extension of registration period for the academic year 2018/2019
and the admission of non-Lebanese students in morning-shift public schools**

The Minister of Education and Higher Education,
Based on the Decree No. 3, dated 18/12/2016 (announcing the formation of the Government),
Based on the Decree No. 2869, dated 16/12/1959 (regulating the Ministry of Education and Higher Education - MEHE),
Based on the Decree No. 4892, dated 27/08/2010 (amending certain provisions of the Decree No. 2089, dated 18/10/1971), specifying effective teaching days in public schools,
Further to the memorandums issued by the Director General of Education regarding the beginning of the academic year 2018-2019 and the regulation of students' enrollment at public schools,
Whereas the enrollment process during the first registration period was limited to Lebanese students, provided that non-Lebanese students would be allowed to enroll later according to specific terms and conditions,
Based on the suggestion of the Director General of Education,

Has decided the following:

Article 1:

- 1- The enrollment period shall be extended as of today until Wednesday 10/10/2018, and shall include Lebanese students who were not enrolled during the first period, and as a second priority, based on schools' capacity and subject to the principle of schools' priority geographical areas, non-Lebanese students as long as the following priorities are adhered to:
 - a) Non-Lebanese students (old and new) born to a Lebanese mother.
 - b) Non-Lebanese students who were enrolled in formal education at morning-shift public schools for more than three years and have duly certified school attestation.
 - c) Palestinian students living in Lebanon since before the Syrian crisis in regions where there are no UNRWA schools and who were not enrolled in UNRWA schools last year.
 - d) New and old non-Lebanese students originating from countries that are not affected by refugee crisis.
 - e) Siblings of non-Lebanese students who were admitted light of the above priorities as long as no sections are created as described below.

- 2- In no case shall the number of non-Lebanese students in the kindergarten classes exceed 25% of the total number of students in the class.

Article 2: Non-Lebanese students, notwithstanding the above-mentioned priorities, can only be admitted in already existing classes where the number of students may not be less than ten Lebanese students, with the consequent illegality of additional section creation by allowing the registration of more non-Lebanese students, regardless of the reasons. Where the minimum number of ten Lebanese students is not met in kindergarten classes and the first and second cycles of basic education, such a class shall be merged with the direct upper or lower grade within the same school, or shall be closed and moved to a nearby school in accordance with the provisions of the rules of procedure for kindergartens and basic education schools.

Article 3: In no case shall students be transferred from authorized shifts to teach non-Lebanese to morning shifts.

Article 4: School principals shall refer to the relevant heads of regional offices in case the number of applying children is above the number allowed in light of the priorities above and the school capacity. Regional offices shall in this case secure their admission to nearby schools with the possibility of referring non-Lebanese ones to afternoon-shift schools.

Article 5: This decision shall be notified and applicable immediately upon issuance.

Beirut on: 26/09/2018

Minister of Education and Higher Education

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