



Your education / Education for your relatives

If you wish to pursue your studies in Morocco or if you have children that you want to enroll in a Moroccan school, this section provides you with insights into the Moroccan education system.

► Organization of the Moroccan education system

The Moroccan education system is free and compulsory for all children aged from 6 to 15 years old.

Education is proposed in Arabic and French but it is also open to other foreign languages (English, Spanish, German ...).

The Moroccan educational system is organized as follows:

- **Pre-school education:**
Begins in kindergarten at the age of 4. According to the National Charter of Education and Training, this education is accessible to all children under 6 years old. This level generally welcomes children aged from 4 to 6 years old before enrolling primary school.
- **Primary education:**
Lasts for six years and for children aged from 6 to 12 years old. Students must complete a Certificate of Primary Education in order to be admitted in the secondary cycle.
- **Middle education (“le collège”):**
It lasts 3 more years and leads to the obtaining of the certificate of middle school.
- **Secondary education:**
It lasts 3 years. At the end of the first year, students choose to prepare a baccalaureate in general, technical or traditional education. In all three cases, students are required to take the baccalaureate exam which is the gate to higher education.
- **Higher education:**
Includes private institutions, and public universities/ non-university institutions.



The Ministry of National Education has set up an educational map of all institutions. This map can be consulted on: www.cartesco.men.gov.ma/carte/

In order to enroll your child in Morocco, you may choose between public and private education. There are also several Foreign schools (French, Spanish, American ...) according to the education system of their original countries.



The circular No. 13-487 of October 9th, 2013 and 5-2014 of January 21st, 2014 of the Ministry of National Education and Vocational Training states the right of migrants to enroll their children in the Moroccan education system (public, private and access to non-formal education). For more information on the process and the documents to prepare the application, please refer to the text of the circular on the website of the Council of the Moroccan Community Abroad: www.ccme.org.ma

► An offer of diversified higher education

Higher education in Morocco includes public and private institutions.

Public higher education is free (excluding registration fees, accommodation expenses...). It is offered in universities and non-university institutions (faculties, engineering schools preceded by preparatory classes, schools and higher institutes...).

The offered private education is also diverse. Indeed, for the academic year 2013/2014, Morocco counts up to 230 institutions authorized by the responsible Minister. These institutions are in different cities even though they are highly concentrated in the Casablanca-Rabat axis.

Moroccan Higher Education trains executives of levels from bac + 3 to bac + 8. It offers a wide range of courses, options and specialties (engineering, science, technology, medical and paramedical studies, literature, economy, social and management, educational and vocational training, etc.). It also prepares for national degrees in all cycles.



To better help students choose the university curriculum that meets their expectations, the Ministry of Higher Education has implemented a set of so-called orientation centers "centers Irchad Attalib" in different Moroccan cities.

The contact details of the centers are available in the "Orientation" section on the website of the Ministry of Higher Education: www.enssup.gov.ma.

Access to the various institutions of higher education is based on the following methods: selection on the basis of the grades obtained at the baccalaureate, the interview, the tests or the entrance examinations. Studies duration and evaluation methods vary depending on the type of institution.

► Vocational training

In Morocco, there are various vocational training Institutions (VTI) both public and private.

These institutions can be centers, institutes or schools. They provide training in several disciplines, areas and sectors.



A detailed list of academic Moroccan institutions of high education is available on the website of the Ministry of Higher Education: www.enssup.gov.ma



French is the common language in public institutions of higher education.

If you are not a French-speaker, it is highly recommended that you take a one-year class to upgrade your French level.

This training is provided since 2011 at the International Language Center of Rabat which is a recent structure built by the Moroccan Agency for International Cooperation (AMCI) in partnership with the Faculty of Education Sciences (ESF).

Each institution is governed by its own status and has its own missions in the framework of the national policy of higher education and vocational training.

There are 3 modes of training, namely:

- The residential training that mainly takes place in a public or private VTI. Each year of training is completed with a 2-months internship in a company;
- The alternate Vocational Training where 50% of the training duration is spent in the company and at least one third is spent in the VTI ;
- The apprenticeship training where most of the training takes place in a company (80% of the time) and at least 10% takes place in the VTI.

Any VTI offers 4 levels of training:

- Specialization level accessible to candidates with a 6th grade level in primary education at least.
- Qualification level accessible to candidates with at least a 3rd grade level in “collège”. It is also accessible to graduates from the specialization level.
- Technician level accessible to students having at least the final year of the *Baccalaureate* cycle and graduates from the qualification level.
- Specialized technician level, accessible to the Baccalaureate candidates and graduates from the department level.

The training duration in a VIT depends on the level of education and the chosen specialty.

Please note that you can follow these training levels only if you're a permanent resident in Morocco (or if you have a residence permit).



The Office of Vocational Training and Work Promotion (OFPT) was established in 1974. It is now the first public operator in terms of vocational training with a total of 327 training institutions, 273 specializations, 8400 employees and 5900 trainers.

For more information on vocational training and location of the OFPT centers, please visit the website www.ofppt.ma



For more information, please visit the website of the Ministry in charge of Vocational Training at www.dfp.ac.ma or the National Portal of Professional Orientation at www.orientationfp.men.gov.ma

► Registering and obtaining the residence permit for students

- ✓ Registration in an educational institution in Morocco

For a public school

Your registration in a higher education institution is made through diplomatic channels in the context of cooperation between Morocco and your country.



You can enroll in a public school if you are among the candidates officially proposed to the Moroccan Agency for International Cooperation (AMCI) and whose records are held by the ministerial departments and the relevant institutions.

Any application which is not transmitted by AMCI will not be considered.



The details of the application you need to send to the AMCI are available on the website www.amci.ma

If your application is accepted, you will receive a letter specifying the final registration procedures in Morocco. You must sign this letter and return it to the AMCI. No changes in the terms of the registration application will be accepted.



For more details on the registration procedures for each cycle, please refer to the section "Foreign Students in Morocco" on the website of the Ministry of Higher Education www.enssup.gov.ma.

For a private institution

To enroll in a private school, you must have sufficient funds to cover tuition fees and living expenses in Morocco. Concerning the registration process in the institution of your choice, please contact the concerned private institution.

However, you must ensure that the private institution is eligible for a visa and that they can issue a student certificate of registration.



1. If you are Tunisian or Algerian resident in Morocco, your application is treated like any Moroccan's.
2. In some cases, the definitive enrollment in Moroccan higher education institutions is conditioned by the presentation of the equivalence certificate of a diploma or the required national diploma (the recognition of foreign diplomas is assessed on a case by case basis).

To get this recognition, you will have to prepare an application of a diploma equivalency.

Equivalence applications for all degrees, diplomas, degrees, certificates or school certificates that attest studies or higher education are addressed to the government authority which is responsible for higher education. This application should contain other supporting documents.

The equivalence application to prepare is available on the website of the Ministry of Higher Education: www.enssup.gov.ma

✓ Education fees and scholarship granting

Education fees depend on the attended institution. Indeed if public schools are free, fees vary from a private institution to another. This applies also for all levels, from kindergarten to higher education.

When studying in a public institution, you can also enjoy a scholarship from your country of origin or from Morocco.

- For a Moroccan scholarship, you can follow the procedure from your home country through the Moroccan authorities present in your country (AMCI).
- AMCI grants a scholarship of 750 dirhams per month and it is usually completed by another scholarship issued by your country of origin.
- For a scholarship from your country, please refer to the relevant authorities in your country.



Please contact the AMCI to have more information on the application to submit in order to benefit from the Moroccan scholarship.

✓ Obtaining a residence permit

If you want to pursue your education in Morocco, you must get a residence permit which in this case, is the registration certificate with the mention "student". This certificate is valid for one year and it is renewable for the same duration as long as the holder fulfills the conditions required for its issuance.



In order to get a registration card with the mention "student", you must present your entry visa once you are in Morocco. This is not necessary if you are a national of visa exempt countries.

The filing of the application to get this registration card comes after all the formalities of school registration and accommodation.

Then you must show up at the foreign service of the National Security at the local central police station or at the police headquarters in Rabat in order to obtain your residence permit in Morocco.

Besides, you must file this application before the end of the validity of your visa or within 90 days from the date of entry if you are national of a visa exempt country.



The details of the application to file are available in the section "Foreigners in Morocco" on the website www.service-public.ma

What you need to **REMEMBER**

Your acceptance in the desired institution conditions the obtaining of your residence permit as a student. In the case of a public institution, your acceptance must go through the Moroccan Agency for International Cooperation (AMCI).

Departments and services in charge of Student Affairs at the Moroccan Agency for International Cooperation (AMCI)

- Communication Unit - Tel: 05. 37. 57.35.80

- Executive Training Unit - Tel: 05.37.57.35.73

- Scholarship Programs Unit - Tel: 05.37.57.35.73

- International Languages Unit:



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- Medico-Social Center:

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