

VII. Peculiarities of admission to study at the Kherson State Maritime Academy for foreigners and stateless persons

1. Admission for foreign nationals and stateless persons to study at the Kherson State Maritime Academy for the purpose of obtaining higher education is carried out in accordance with the Laws of Ukraine “On Higher Education,” “On the Legal Status of Foreigners and Stateless Persons,” “On Foreign Ukrainians,” “On Refugees and Persons in Need of Additional or Temporary Protection,” “On Establishing Additional Legal and Social Guarantees for Citizens of the Republic of Poland Staying in the Territory of Ukraine”; the Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine dated September 12, 2018, No. 729 “Issues of Obtaining Higher Education by Certain Categories of Persons”; the Procedure for Organizing Admission to Vocational (Vocational-Technical), Professional Pre-Higher, and Higher Education Institutions of Ukraine and the Education (Internship) of Foreigners and Stateless Persons Using the Unified Interdepartmental Information System of Ukraine for Foreigners and Stateless Persons Who Wish to Study in Vocational (Vocational-Technical), Professional Pre-Higher, and Higher Education Institutions of Ukraine, approved by the Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine dated June 28, 2024, No. 758; the Order of the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine dated November 1, 2013, No. 1541 “Certain Issues of Organizing the Recruitment and Education (Internship) of Foreigners and Stateless Persons,” registered with the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine on November 25, 2013, under No. 2004/24536; and the Order of the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine dated December 2, 2019, No. 1498 “On Approval of the Procedure for Establishing Quotas for Higher Education for Foreigners and Stateless Persons Within the State Order in Accordance with International Treaties of Ukraine,” registered with the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine on February 10, 2020, under No. 153/34436. Citizens of the Russian Federation and the Republic of Belarus who do not have a permanent residence permit in Ukraine are admitted to study by individual permission of the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine.

2. Persons admitted to study for higher education on equal terms with citizens of Ukraine may follow the admission pathway for higher education applicants and exercise the right to obtain higher education free of charge in accordance with the procedure established for citizens of Ukraine. Foreigners and stateless persons (including stateless persons who have applied for recognition as refugees, persons who have applied for protection in Ukraine and have submitted a certificate confirming their application for protection in Ukraine, the form of which was approved by Order of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine dated September 7, 2011, No. 649, registered with the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine on October 5, 2011, under No. 1146/19884) (hereinafter referred to as “foreigners”) may be admitted to study for

higher education at the expense of individuals and/or legal entities, unless otherwise предусмотрено міжнародними договорами України, consent to be bound by which has been granted by the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, legislation, or agreements between higher education institutions on international academic mobility. Admission of foreigners to study for higher education at the expense of the state budget is carried out within the quota for foreigners, which is provided on the basis of referrals from the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine to applicants who are granted state scholarships under international treaties, national programs, other international obligations of Ukraine, recommended for enrollment by the competent authorities of foreign states with which international treaties have been concluded, and/or by their representative offices. Foreign Ukrainians whose status is certified by a Foreign Ukrainian Certificate (except for persons permanently residing in Ukraine) may be enrolled for study under the state-funded scheme at the Kherson State Maritime Academy within the established quotas for foreigners.

Citizens of the Russian Federation, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Republic of Belarus, and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea who do not have a permanent residence permit in Ukraine are admitted to study only with an individual permit issued by the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine. Citizens of the Russian Federation and the Republic of Belarus who have defended the independence, sovereignty, and territorial integrity of Ukraine and have obtained the status of combatant in accordance with the Procedure for Granting and Revoking the Status of Combatant and Person with a Disability as a Result of War to Foreigners and Stateless Persons Who Defended the Independence, Sovereignty, and Territorial Integrity of Ukraine, approved by the Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine dated June 18, 2025, No. 719, as well as the children of such citizens, may be admitted to study without an individual permit from the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine.

3. Admission of foreigners to study for higher education (except for persons admitted on equal terms with citizens of Ukraine) is carried out for accredited educational programs.

4. Admission of foreigners to study may be conducted in person and/or remotely. The enrollment of foreigners is carried out using the Ukrainian State Admission System for International Students who wish to study at vocational (vocational-technical), professional pre-higher, and higher education institutions of Ukraine (hereinafter referred to as the Admission System), except for persons admitted to study for higher education on equal terms with citizens of Ukraine.

The validity period of an electronic invitation to study issued through the Admission System must be not exceed six months from the date it is affixed with the qualified electronic seal of the higher education institution or the qualified electronic signature of an authorized representative of the institution.

Foreigners who have received an electronic invitation to study and have completed the procedure for certification of their educational documents in their country of origin in a manner officially recognized in that country (consular legalization, including legalization by the relevant Ukrainian foreign diplomatic mission, or apostille for countries that are parties to the Convention Abolishing the Requirement of Legalization for Foreign Public Documents), except for documents issued in Ukraine, may participate in remote admission.

To organize remote enrollment of foreigners for higher education, Kherson State Maritime Academy conducts identity verification and entrance examinations (for admission to higher education programs) remotely, ensuring video recording (including screen recording from the applicant's device). The video recording of the entrance examination is stored for five years after the examination at Kherson State Maritime Academy, and a link to this recording is entered into the Unified State Electronic Database on Education (EDEBO).

In the case of remote admission, a foreign applicant sends legalized copies of documents on previously obtained education and their notarized translations into Ukrainian to Kherson State Maritime Academy by postal. Upon first crossing the state border of Ukraine and after arrival at Kherson State Maritime Academy, the foreign applicant must submit the original documents in person.

5. Kherson State Maritime Academy begins accepting applications from foreign applicants no earlier than July 01, 2026. Enrollment of foreign applicants for study at the expense of individuals and/or legal entities is carried out by the Kherson State Maritime Academy no later than October 30, 2026.

Admission of foreigners to the appropriate level of higher education is based on documents confirming previously obtained levels and degrees of education, as well as the academic rights to continue studies granted by these documents in the country of origin. It includes consideration of academic performance scores that provide the right to continue studies at the next level of higher education in accordance with the legislation of the country that issued the document on the obtained degree (level) of education.

6. The competitive selection of foreign applicants for higher education (except for those admitted on equal terms with citizens of Ukraine) is based on the results of an

entrance examination for foreigners, taking into account the specifics of the educational program (specialty) for which admission is carried out.

The score of the entrance examination for foreigners is the sole component of the competitive score for this category of applicants. Enrollment of foreigners for a relevant level of higher education is based on a document confirming previously obtained education and the results of entrance examinations.

The Kherson State Maritime Academy has established the following list of subjects for entrance examinations for foreigners: for studies in English-speaking groups, applicants must pass entrance exams in Mathematics and the English language; for studies in Ukrainian-speaking groups in Mathematics and the Ukrainian language.

7. Requirements of the Kherson State Maritime Academy on the compliance of entrants from among foreigners who came to Ukraine for study, with this Procedure and the admission rules, as well as deadlines for acceptance of applications and documents, conducting entrance examinations and enrollment are specified in the Admission Rules and published on the official website of the Kherson State Maritime Academy.

8. A foreign entrant to the application for his/her admission also needs to provide:

- a) document (original and certified copy) on the previous obtained educational (educational-qualification) level, on the basis of which entry is provided;
- b) supplement (original and certified copy) to the document on the previous obtained educational (educational-qualification) level, on the basis of which entry is provided (if there is any);
- c) transcript of records issued by a foreign / Ukrainian educational establishment (in the case of transferring or readmission of education, starting from the second year, an transcript of records is attached);
- d) original and copy of the document, which contains information about the content of educational program for the previous degree (level) of higher education, credits received, duration of study and academic success on educational disciplines for entering a master's degree or postgraduate education;
- e) copy of the passport of the foreigner or the identification document for stateless person;
- f) health insurance policy, unless otherwise provided by international agreements of Ukraine (processed on the territory of Ukraine after enrollment);
- g) 6 photos size 3.5 x 4.5 mm;
- h) copy of the certificate of a foreign Ukrainian (if there is any).

The documents, which are mentioned in sub-items (1-5) of this paragraph, must be translated into Ukrainian with a notarial confirmation of the translation. The

documents mentioned in sub-items (1-4) of this paragraph must be certified in the country of their issue, in the manner, that is officially used in that country for such certification, and legalized by the relevant foreign institution of Ukraine, unless otherwise provided by international contracts of Ukraine.

In order to prevent foreign citizens from entering the Kherson State Maritime Academy on the basis of documents that do not give their holders academic rights to enter higher education establishments in the country of issuance, foreign applicants are recommended to provide a certificate issued by the competent authority of the country of his/her origin. In such certificate is mentioned information about academic rights granted by the educational document, the status of the educational establishment that issued the educational document, and/or the educational program.

9. The application and documents are kept in the personal folder of foreign entrants/students.

10. For foreign entrants from certain countries for enrollment to the Kherson State Maritime Academy the following requirements are set:

a) State of Palestine - the average score of the document of complete general secondary education must be at least 80%;

b) Republic of Lebanon - the passing score must be at least 280 points, regardless of the score, which may be for a separate exam in a particular subject or discipline (50% of the maximum possible score). The total maximum score is 560 points. The number of points is indicated in the document "Certificate of passing exams for a diploma of secondary education" (Source: Letter of the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine No. 1/9-30 of January 17, 2019);

c) for applicants from the Arab Republic of Egypt (ARE) - educational documents must contain information that ARE citizens have successfully mastered the compulsory subjects required by each individual faculty, namely

Engineering: 390.5 out of 410 (95.24%);

Fisheries (and navigation): 382 з 410 (93,17%);

Computer science and artificial intelligence: 380.5 out of 410 (92.68%);

Navigation and space sciences: 377 з 410 (91,95%)

(Source: Letter of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine dated August 19, 2019, No. 650/14-830-2518);

d) for applicants from the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan the minimum passing score in the documents on complete general secondary education should be engineering, law, nursing - 70%, other specialties - 60%.

(basis: letter of the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine No. 1/9-30 dated January 17, 2019);

e) Republic of Ghana - entrants who submit a certificate, which was issued by the West African Examination Council (WAEC) - the minimum number of disciplines - 6 (six), three of which must have a grade not lower than C6: Mathematics (main course); English; Integrated sciences/Social sciences (the best grade from the above mentioned disciplines is chosen). The total number of points is not more than 36 ("one" or A1 is the highest score). The other three subjects are selected with the best results. Levels from A1 to C6 inclusive are considered passable. Regardless of the number of points, the E8 level is not a passing level (grounds: letter of the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine No. 1/9-30 dated January 17, 2019; letter of the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine No. 1/9-581 dated October 16, 2020);

f) Federal Republic of Nigeria - entrants have the right to use electronic or paper extracts issued by the West African Examination Council (WAEC) or the National Examination Board (NECO), because term of production of the original document is one year. Requirements of Nigeria to the results of passed exams during enrollment in higher education establishments: minimum passing score - "C"; minimum number of disciplines - 5 (five); compulsory subjects - English language and Mathematics. Education documents must be legalized (stamps of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and the relevant foreign institution of Ukraine are obligatory) (Source: Letter of the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine No. 1/9-30 of January 17, 2019);

g) Republic of Zambia – certificate of secondary education (Zambian School Certificate) gives the right to the entrants to continue their education in higher education programs. The minimum number of disciplines that is taken into consideration when entering higher education establishments is 5 (five) with a grade of not less than 6 (six) (Source: Letter of the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine No. 1/9-30 of January 17, 2019);

h) Republic of Namibia - at least 6 (six) disciplines are taken into consideration when calculating the passing score for holders of educational documents issued by Namibian educational establishments (Source: Letter of the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine No. 1/9-30 of January 17, 2019);

i) Republic of Kenya - the minimum grade specified in the document on secondary education issued by educational establishments of the Republic of Kenya, which gives the right to enter higher education establishments of the Republic of Kenya - "C" (Source: Letter of the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine No. 1/9-30 of January 17, 2019);

j) Republic of Sudan - in the educational documents issued by educational establishments of the Republic of Sudan, an obligatory list of disciplines must be specified: Arabic, English, Islam and Mathematics. The minimum grade for each

discipline is 50 (Source: Letter of the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine No. 1/9-30 of January 17, 2019);

k) Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) - there are two ways to legalize student certificates obtained in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia: 1. The education document is legalized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and then by the KSA Embassy in Kyiv. 2. The document is legalized directly by the KSA Embassy in Kyiv, as the Embassy has a list of all Directors General for Education in all KSA regions. Considering the fact that the KSA Embassy in Kyiv has the authority to legalize educational documents, there is no need to legalize the document by the KSA Ministry of Foreign Affairs. In this case, further certification of documents is conducted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine in Kyiv (Source: Letter of the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine No. 1/9-30 of January 17, 2019).

11. Payment for educational services, which provided by the Academy to foreigners is made under agreements (contracts) at the expense of individuals or legal entities, unless otherwise provided by international contracts of Ukraine or agreements between higher education establishments on international academic mobility.

In the case of enrollment of underage students, agreements (contracts) are signed by their parents or legal representatives.

12. Educational documents of foreigners, who are enrolled for study, issued by educational establishments of other countries, undergo recognition procedures in Ukraine in accordance with current legislation.

This requirement does not apply to documents of foreigners studying in academic mobility and internship programs, which are not provided by the relevant qualifications/degrees.

Based on the results of the recognition procedure, the educational establishment takes a decision about the continuation of education of a foreigner at the level, which corresponds with the results of recognition procedure, or get his/her expelled.

In case of non-authenticity of the provided document on obtaining educational level, educational establishment expels such a foreigner.

13. Periods of education for foreign students are determined by a separate order of the Kherson State Maritime Academy in accordance with the duration of educational (scientific) programs and also include the period required for admission to the next level of education and (or) official certification of documents received after graduation.

14. Expelling, interruptions in studying, readmission and transfer of foreigners are carried out in the same way as for citizens of Ukraine, based on the relevant orders of the academy.

15. Foreigners who are arriving in Ukraine to participate in academic mobility programs or to obtain higher education under educational programs agreed between Ukrainian and foreign higher education establishments are admitted to study due to the relevant contractual obligations of the relevant higher education establishments.