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To

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Member Secretary
National Education Policy (NEP)-2020,

This is in reference to the order No. 72/भाविवि/कुसका/2021/582/2020 dated 28th January, 2021 of New Education Policy (NEP)-2020. Prof. Haider Ali, Dr. Raza Abbas Haidri and Mr. Syed KazimAsgharRizvi have been given the responsibility of preparing the Guidance documents related to the International Student Cell.

The team has completed the given task and forwards it to you for further processing.

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International Student Cell (ISC)

The vital aspect of an international student cell (ISC) is to encourage students from all over the world to join us in their professional academic voyage and become scholars in their respective fields. The ISC would work to ensure support and integrate international students in various events of the institution and follow the updated UGC guidelines for Admission of International Students periodically.

The objectives of international Student Cell are given as follows:

- I. Assistance of International Students by Spreading awareness of Government aides and Provided Facilities
- II. Help in processing of Study Visa
- III. Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

I. Assistance of International Students by Spreading Awareness of Government Aides and Provided Facilities

In order to assist international students, five steps are required to study in India as per the Indian Government's initiative known as Study in India (SII) programme.

1. **Register:** The Indian education system has been a place of graduation for many Indian and global leaders. The Study in India (SII) program is a flagship project of the Ministry of Education (MoE) to encourage international students to explore educational opportunities at top Indian universities. The SII program has constructed a seamless system for students to register for the program and explore courses across prestigious Indian institutes. The student can search from more than 2600 courses offered by India's most reputable institutes based on Discipline, Program Level, Course and Specialization.
2. **Budget Planning:** India is known globally for its affordable and economical living standards, especially for international students. It is imperative that you gauge and allocate budget for living costs, education costs, insurance and miscellaneous expenditure. While education costs are further categorized as admission fees, tuition fees and educational supplies, travel expenses would usually include visa permits and airfare. Major living costs include accommodation, food, transport, and other personal expenses. We encourage you to take health insurance during your stay in India. We also advise you to calculate a budget for domestic travel, to explore the many sides of our country!

To ease your student budget, the Study in India program offers scholarships and its partner institutes offer tuition fee waivers.

- **Scholarship for Study in India:** Scholarships worth INR 250,000 per annum are awarded to exemplary students applying to the Study in India program. The scholarship covers tuition, accommodation, and food and admissions costs. It does not include expenses such as conveyance, airfare, stipend, exam fees, allowance, and other similar expenses.
- **Fee Waivers:** The program's partnered institutes have approximately 30,000 tuition fee waivers in the ranges of 25%, 50% and 100% to offer. Meritorious students are awarded tuition fee waivers, based on the student's performance and the eligibility criteria as set by the institutes. The number of fee waivers granted and the eligibility criteria to acquire a tuition fee waiver vary from institute to institute.

3. **Submit the Application:** Register with us to study in India's premier institutes. After completing the registration process, log into the Student Dashboard with the provided credentials to complete your application for the Study in India program. Your application would be divided into three sections - Basic Information, Background Information and Student Choice Filling, as reflected on your Student Dashboard. You will have to provide all the necessary details and documents across the three sections for a successful application.
4. **Check Results:** After you have selected your preferred courses, planned a budget and submitted a completed application to the Study in India program, ensure you check your Student Dashboard for regular updates, notifications and results. If you have been accepted into an institute, you should receive an offer letter from the institute. You can always check the 'Institute Action Status' on your Student Dashboard to be notified of the status of your admission procedures. You will also be contacted in case you have been awarded a tuition fee waiver by the institute or if you've secured a scholarship given by the Study in India program.
5. **Prepare for Departure:** Now that you have been admitted into your choice of course and institute, plan your travel to India. Research and build an elaborate plan for your travel from your home country to India as only major cities and metropolitan cities in India have direct flights. You would need to further plan a trip to the college. Apply for travel permits and student visa to study in India. You need to register at the local FRRO within three weeks of your arrival. Remember to carry all your original documents.
The official website is given as follows:

<https://www.studyinindia.gov.in/>

II. Help in Processing of Study Visa

1. VISA Regulations

Student visas are granted to people who wish to come to India and study at an officially recognized educational institution. This includes the study of Yoga, Vedic culture, and Indian system of dance and music. The main document required is student admission/registration papers from the institution.

2. Eligibility

Indian Missions/Posts grant a student visa for a period of five years or for the duration of the course of study, whichever is less, to the below:

- To foreigner students coming to India to pursue regular and full time academic studies in India.
- For foreigner students coming for Industrial training, summer projects and internships.
- Provisional student visa valid for six months for the students exploring admission or taking admission tests.
- Applicants should possess the proof of admission to a full time regular academic course in a reputed/recognized educational institution in India and evidence of financial support.
- The applicant should also possess a "No Objection Certificate" from the Ministry of Health in case of admission in a medical or Paramedical course.
- Spouse and dependent family members accompanying the applicant must apply for an Entry Visa (Not Tourist Visa. Its termination date will coincide with the period of the principal Visa holder.

3. Validity

Student visas are issued for up to five years, depending on the duration of the course. They can also be extended in India.

4. Fee for Student Visa

Visa fees for student visas are different for all the countries. It ranges from approximately \$13 to \$118.

5. Entry Points:

Passengers having valid Student visa can enter India from any desired port of immigration check post (Airport, Seaport).

6. Visa Application Form:

The visitors are required to fill an online visa Application by visiting website <http://indianvisaonline.gov.in/visa/> and visit their nearest embassy with a printout of the online filled application and required travel documents.

The required documents for visa are given below:

- Passport with 6 month validity
- Passport size photographs
- Photocopy of passport
- Proof of residential address
- Copy of online filled form
- University admission letter
- University details

III. Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

The most common questions regarding registrations, costs and fees, scholarships and fee waivers, courses, recognized degrees, English language skills, visa regulations, and admissions asked by international students are given as follows:

Study in India Program

1. What are the benefits of studying in India with Study in India?

SII is a collaborative project by the MOE, Government of India. The program helps the global student community to study in globally-recognized premier institutes across India.

- The SII program provides for 2000+ scholarships, valued at USD3500 each per annum for meritorious students.
- SII-partner institutes provide tuition fee waivers, ranging from 25%, 50% and 100%, to meritorious students.
- SII will provide end-to-end consultation and support to students applying to SII.
- SII has a 24/7 call support to clarify student queries throughout the process starting from registration till final admission in college.

2. How many courses and institutes are covered under Study in India?

India has the world's second largest higher education network, with around 40,000 colleges and an approximate 1000 universities, which include both public and private institutes. SII has partnered with India's top ranked 114 institutes, offering an approximate 2600 courses, which include mainstream courses and niche disciplines.

3. What courses do I have access to with Study in India?

SII-partner institutes offer a plethora of courses across various disciplines. The SII program has over 2600 courses ranging from Engineering, Law, Humanities, Arts, Allied Sciences, Business, while offering niche courses such as Yoga and Ayurveda.

Registrations

1. What should I fill in the postal code field, if my country doesn't have one?

If your country does not have a ZIP code or a postal code, you'd need to fill the following on the application:

Choose the country, ideally the ZIP code would automatically be locked for any entries, if the country does not have a postal code. However, in case the ZIP code field is still open for entry, then enter your country details and add 000000 on the ZIP code field. If the system still doesn't approve the ZIP code given, please reach out to us on our Toll Free Number - +91120-6565065

2. I'm having trouble with grade conversion, how may I proceed?

Follow the given link - <https://www.studyinindia.gov.in/GradesConversion>, for a list of grade conversion guidelines for your reference. This list should provide you with the equivalents of grades, GPAs and percentages. This list also appears on the choice-filling section for your perusal. If you need further help, you can get in touch with us on our Toll Free Number - +91120-6565065.

3. Is there a registration fee for the Ind-SAT exam?

You will not have to pay to write the Ind-SAT exam. However, you're eligible to appear for the Ind-SAT exam only if you've submitted your application to SII. You'll be notified about applications for the Ind-SAT exam via email and a notice will be displayed on the Student Dashboard.

Costs and Fees

1. What is the annual average living cost for an international student?

The average cost for an international student is an estimated USD 5500. While the average tuition fees in India can vary across institutes - both public and private, living costs would be around USD2500, according to the student's living standards and city of stay.

2. What costs are covered under the SII Scholarship?

The SII Scholarship would ideally cover the following costs - admission fees, tuition fees, accommodation and food (canteen) expenses. However, if the annual fees is more than USD3500, then the scholarship would cover a part of the mentioned costs. Please note, the scholarship will not provide for a stipend or any out-of-pocket expenses.

3. How much is the average tuition fee in India?

Tuition fees vary across private and public institutes. However, the average cost of tuition fees in India would be an approximate USD3000, taking into account various factors.

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Scholarships and Fee Waivers

1. What are the eligibility criteria to apply to the SII Scholarship?

To be eligible for the SII Scholarship, students should have registered with SII, completed an application on our website - www.studyinindia.gov.in and been inducted into a SII-partner institute. The scholarships are awarded on the basis of the following.

- Students should have had a meritorious academic history in his / her secondary school, higher secondary school, and / or latest academic qualification.
- Students from the given list of countries on the website may appear for the Ind-SAT exam that is conducted by the SII team, and a merit list would be generated for the second-wave of shortlisting.
- The final shortlist will be contacted by the SII team.

2. Do I get a tuition waiver if I haven't received any scholarship?

Your dashboard should reflect either the scholarship or the fee waiver that you have been awarded. However, if neither has been displayed, then you haven't received any waiver or scholarship.

3. What is the difference between 'Tuition Fee Waiver' and 'SII Scholarship'?

Tuition Fee Waivers range from 100%, 50% and 25% means that the institute will give this much discount in tuition fee only. SII Scholarship - INR 250,000 given to institutes covering all the charges, if the charges are more than 250,000 then the difference will be paid by students.

Courses

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3. Can I change my course midway?

While it is subjective, essentially if the institute allows a change of course, then it is acceptable. However, if you are an undergraduate student who is pursuing a course for 3 years, then you could only change into another undergraduate course which is 3 years long. For further clarifications, feel free to contact us on our Toll Free Number - +91120-6565065 or on our WhatsApp Number -+918130013265.

4. How are certifications provided for niche courses?

Institutes will provide necessary certifications to students.

5. Can I apply for medical courses with SII?

SII-partner institutes only offer allied medical science courses, such as Pharmacy, Physiotherapy, Nursing, Medical Laboratory Technology, within the medical education universe. India is home to some of the best medical colleges which offer quality and affordable medical education. However, SII has not partnered with such institutes yet. For more information on pure medical courses, follow the link

<https://ntaneet.nic.in/ntaneet/welcome.aspx>.

Recognized Degrees

1. Are Indian institutes recognized globally?

While all Indian institutes in the premier category under the University Grants Commission (UGC) regulations are assessed and accredited by NAAC (National Assessment and Accreditation Council), the NIRF or the National Institute Ranking Framework ranks Indian universities and colleges.

2. Where can I view the ranking list of SII-partner institutes?

Follow the link to have a look at the NIRF rankings of Indian universities-

<https://www.nirfindia.org/2019/OverallRanking.html>.

3. How are institutes ranked in India?

The NIRF (National Institute Ranking Framework) ranks Indian universities and colleges, based on the following five pillars - Teaching, Learning and Resources; Research and Professional Practices; Graduation Outcomes; Outreach and Inclusivity; and, Perception.

4. Are degrees from SII-partner institutes recognized in the global market?

Yes, all courses with the SII-partner institutes are recognized globally, not only for further education opportunities but also for employment opportunities.

5. I'm having trouble with grade conversion, how may I proceed?

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English Language Skills

1. What is the medium of instruction at Indian universities?

English is the medium of instruction in all Indian institutes / universities.

2. What English proficiency tests are popular in India?

It varies from institute to institute, but valid scores of IELTS or TOEFL are considered. Some institutes conduct an independent English exam to gauge the language skills of international students, instead of accepting English proficiency test scores.

3. Am I still eligible to study in India if English is not my first language?

If you score fairly well in either the institute's English aptitude test or have a valid score in English proficiency tests such as IELTS or TOEFL, then we could work on improving your English skills with the institute you are inducted into.

4. How could I improve my English language skills?

Bridge courses would be available for students, who need assistance and support for improving their English language skills. The eligibility criteria for a bridge course are as follows.

- If a student has scored less than 50% in Verbal Reasoning of the IND-SAT
- If a student has completed high school / undergraduate studies from a non-English medium school in their home countries
- If a student has scored less than 6.5 in IELTS, in the last year
- If a student has scored less than 85 in total and / or less than 22 in writing in TOEFL, in the last year
- Exception will be given on request of the student, based on the list of countries, outside the EPI (English Proficiency Index) Top 100 - Bhutan, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda, Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, Vietnam, Kuwait, Algeria, Tajikistan, Syria, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Oman, Sudan, Myanmar.

<https://www.ef.com/wwen/eipi>

<https://www.ef.com/in/eipi/regions/asia>

Visa Regulations

1. Where can I apply for the Indian Student Visa?

You'll need to download a visa form from the given link - <https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/visa/>, following which you'd need to submit a completed application with supporting documents to your nearest embassy. For further information, you can follow the link - <https://www.studyinindia.gov.in/planyourstudies/visaregulations> and / or contact us on our Toll Free Number - +91120-6565065 or on our WhatsApp Number +918130013265

2. Can I attend short-term courses on my tourist visa?

Since the validity of a tourist visa to India varies from country to country, it is suggested that students pursue long-term, short-term and niche courses on a student visa instead of a tourist visa.

3. Would I get a work visa after graduation?

The SII team is not allowed to help international students with Indian work visas. However, you may take the assistance of your institute and companies for this.

4. Do I get medical insurance with my student visa?

The Indian student visa doesn't provide for medical insurance. However, some institutes do provide medical insurance to their international students.

Admissions

1. Does the provisional admission letter confirm my admission?

The provisional admission letter will not be a confirmation of your admission. However, the final admission is subject to verification of your documents.

2. What if the institute ‘Rejects’ my application will I be given another chance to apply?

A second round of counseling will be conducted for the students who have not been allotted any institute or got rejected by the institute in the first round.

3. It is mentioned on the student dashboard that the application is under review and ‘Institute action status is pending’. What do I expect in such a case?

SII has shared the results with the institutes and they will start issuing admission letters once they are satisfied with the documents uploaded.

4. I have received the admission letter with ‘SII Scholarship’. What do I do next?

After receiving the admission letter, go to SII website and accept the offer otherwise your scholarship and admission will be cancelled.

5. Can I change my allotted institute/course?

No, once an institute or course has been allotted to the student, it cannot be changed.