

Student visa procedure – new requirement

The Consular section of the Embassy of the Republic of Poland Pretoria kindly informs that due to recent guidelines issued by the Minister of Foreign Affairs the documents required to apply for a student visa have been updated.

Apart from all the other documents, every applicant should submit additionally a decision regarding the recognition of a certificate or other document or confirmation of the educational qualifications or the entitlement to continue education, acquired in a foreign education system as a document confirming the right to apply for admission to higher education in the Republic of Poland (Pl: *Decyzja o uznaniu świadectwa uzyskanego za granicą za dokument potwierdzający w Rzeczypospolitej Polskiej wykształcenie średnie oraz prawo do ubiegania się o przyjęcie na studia wyższe*).

This requirement results from the art. 93(3) of the law of 7 September 1991 on Education (Journal of Law Nr 95, unit 425). The document is issued by a relevant educational board (kurator oświaty) in the Voivodeship where the student intends to study.

Details concerning the procedure of obtaining the document can be found on the website of the Polish Minister of Education:

<https://www.gov.pl/web/edukacja/recognition-of-foreign-school-certificates-and-diplomas-in-poland>.

Contacts details of the educational boards:

- BIAŁYSTOK kuratorium@kuratorium.bialystok.pl
- BYDGOSZCZ kurator@bydgoszcz.uw.gov.pl
- GDAŃSK kuratorium@kuratorium.gda.pl
- GORZÓW kuratorium@ko-gorzow.edu.pl
- LUBLIN kurator@kuratorium.lublin.pl
- ŁÓDŹ kolodz@kuratorium.lodz.pl
- KATOWICE kancelaria@kuratorium.katowice.pl
- KIELCE kurator@kuratorium.kielce.pl
- KRAKÓW kurator@kuratorium.krakow.pl
- OLSZTYN wmkurator@ko.olsztyn.pl
- OPOLE kontakt@kuratorium.opole.pl
- POZNAŃ sekretariat.wko@ko.poznan.pl
- RZESZÓW kuratorium@ko.rzeszow.pl
- SZCZECIN kuratorium@kuratorium.szczecin.pl
- WARSZAWA kuratorium@kuratorium.waw.pl
- WROCŁAW kuratorium@duw.pl

More Information can be found on the following websites:

<https://nawa.gov.pl/en/recognition/recognition-for-academic-purposes/applying-for-admission-to-first-long-cycle-studies>

<https://kwalifikator.nawa.gov.pl/>

<https://www.gov.pl/web/edukacja/kuratoria-oswiaty>

IN CASE OF QUESTIONS OR DOUBTS WE RECOMMEND CONTACT WITH THE CONCERNED POLISH UNIVERSITY WHERE THE STUDENT INTENDS TO STUDY. UNFORTUNATELY THE CONSULATE IS UNABLE TO PROVIDE ANY MORE INFORMATION IN THIS MATTER.