

**Instructions on equivalence of non-Jordanian Certificates for the year 2023
Issue pursuant to Paragraph (A) of Article (6) of the Regulation on the
Recognition of Non-Jordanian Higher Education Institutions and the
equivalency of their Certificates No. (55) of 2023**

Article 1: These Instructions shall be cited as the (Instructions on equivalence of non-Jordanian Certificates for the year 2023) and they shall come into force as of the date of publication in the official gazette.

Article 2:

A. The following words and phrases, wherever mentioned in these Instructions, shall have the meanings assigned to them hereunder unless the context provides otherwise:

Law	:	Higher Education and Scientific Research Law.
Regulation	:	Regulation on the Recognition of Non-Jordanian Higher Education Institutions and the equivalency of their Certificates
Non-Jordanian Higher Education Institution	:	A non-Jordanian educational or research institution, institute, or center and their equivalent, which grants a certificate or its equivalent.
Traditional Education	:	A system of education primarily based on direct face-to-face communication in the teaching and learning process between the student and the faculty member within the Non-Jordanian Higher Education Institution and its facilities at specified times and places. It may include other educational methods such as synchronous and asynchronous e-learning and blended learning, as intended in the integration system of e-learning in higher education institutions.
Fully Online Distance Education:	:	An educational system that relies entirely on online learning in both its synchronous and asynchronous forms, as intended in the integration system of e-learning in higher education institutions, and does not include distance education.
School attendance	:	The student's actual enrollment in studies at the educational institution and his residence for the required duration in the country in which the institution is located in conjunction with his studies in accordance with these Instructions.
Equivalence decision	:	The decision issued by the Equivalency Committee that the certificate subject to the equivalence is academically equivalent to one of the academic certificates listed within the approved levels in the

		National Qualifications Framework in the Kingdom or is equivalent to it.
Equivalency document	:	The document issued by the Ministry, which includes the Equivalency Committee's decision regarding the equalization of the certificate.
Graduation document	:	A document granted by non-Jordanian higher education institutions proving that its holder has successfully completed all graduation requirements for a specific stage of study and obtained a certificate.
European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS)	:	A European system for calculating cumulative averages with the aim of making the educational system uniform across Europe in terms of the number of hours and compatible with the Bologna process.
Credit hour	:	A unit of measurement for the academic load that a student must study for each course in the semester or academic year, so that each course has a specific number of teaching hours, and the basis for calculating the credit hour and the number of credit hours for each certificate varies depending on the non-Jordanian institution of higher education.
Training hour	:	The hour that the student spends in the training or work place determined by the non-Jordanian educational institution.

- B.** The definitions contained in the Law and Regulations shall be adopted wherever they are stated in these Instructions unless the context indicates otherwise.

Article 3: The following requirements are required for the equivalency of the certificate, whether obtained through traditional education or fully online distance education:

- A. The applicant for equivalency must have successfully obtained a Jordanian general secondary education certificate or the equivalent of Arab or foreign high school certificates from inside or outside the Kingdom, and the equivalency average must have achieved the minimum admission rates in Jordanian universities for the bachelor's level before joining a non-Jordanian higher education institution.
- B. The non-Jordanian higher education institution must be recognized by the Ministry in accordance with the provisions of the Instructions for Recognition of Non-Jordanian Higher Education Institutions. In the event of a request for equivalency of a certificate issued by a non-Jordanian higher education institution that has not submitted a request for recognition with the Ministry, the Equivalency Committee shall refer the name of the institution to the Recognition Committee to take the appropriate decision regarding their recognition in accordance with the provisions of the Instructions for Recognition of Non-Jordanian Higher Education Institutions.

- C. The duration of study necessary to obtain any of the following degrees shall not be less than:
 - 1. Two academic years following the Jordanian general secondary education certificate or its equivalent for the intermediate university certificate.
 - 2. Three academic years following the Jordanian general secondary education certificate or its equivalent for the Bachelor's degree.
 - 3. One academic year following the Bachelor's degree or its equivalent for the Higher Diploma.
 - 4. One academic year following the Bachelor's degree or its equivalent for the Master's degree.
 - 5. Three academic years following the Master's degree or its equivalent for the Doctorate degree.
- D. The duration of study in one academic year shall not be less than 8 months or two academic semesters, or their equivalent in courses or credit hours.
- E. The study must be in the language of the country of study. If the certificate is for a study program in a language other than the language of the country of study, this program must be directed to both local and foreign students.

Article 4: Subject to the provisions of these Instructions, the equivalency of the certificate obtained through fully online distance education must be in one of the fields of humanities only.

Article 5: The following requirements are required for the equivalency of a bachelor's degree or its equivalent if it was obtained after the Jordanian general secondary education certificate or its equivalent:

- A. The equivalency applicant must adhere to the specializations that the stream/field of the Jordanian general secondary education certificate or its equivalent, academic track/field, or professional track/program may enroll in in accordance with the general policies for admitting students for the bachelor's level in Jordanian universities, issued by the Higher Education Council in the year of the equivalence student's enrollment in a non-Jordanian higher education institution.
- B. The minimum average for an equivalency applicant in the Jordanian general secondary education certificate or its equivalent must be equal to the minimum admission rates in Jordanian universities for the bachelor's level, in accordance with the general policies for admitting students in Jordanian universities from the beginning of the academic year 2023/2024.
- C. Notwithstanding Paragraph (B) of this Article, the minimum average for the general secondary education certificate or its equivalent shall be (90%) for those enrolled in studies in non-Jordanian higher education institutions for the bachelor's level in the specializations of human medicine and dentistry from the beginning of the academic year 2024/ 2025.

Article (6):

- A. For the equivalency of a bachelor's degree or its equivalent if it was obtained after a non-Jordanian intermediate university certificate, it is required that he adheres to the corresponding specialization according to the list approved by the Higher Education Council in the year of enrollment in the study, and that the minimum grade point average (GPA) in the intermediate university

certificate be no less than the averages mentioned in the table below or equivalent:

Faculty / Specialization	Grade Point Average (GPA)
Engineering, Architecture, Pharmacy, Doctor of Pharmacy, veterinary, Sharia	80%
The rest of the majors in other faculties (Does not include the specializations of human medicine and dentistry)	75%

- B. For the equivalency of a bachelor's degree or its equivalent if it was obtained after the Jordanian Intermediate University Certificate, the equivalency applicant must have passed the comprehensive exam and adhered to the general policy for bridging issued annually by the Higher Education Council, and adhered to the corresponding specialization in accordance with the list approved by the Higher Education Council in the year of his enrollment in studies.
- C. (1) For the equivalency of a higher diploma or a master's degree or their equivalent, the applicant for the equivalency must previously obtain a bachelor's degree or its equivalent and fulfill the conditions for its equivalency in accordance with these Instructions.
(2) Notwithstanding Clause (1) of this Paragraph, the Equivalency Committee has the right to equalize a master's degree or its equivalent, provided that this is consistent with what is applicable in Jordanian higher education institutions in terms of level and number of years or credit hours for the total of both degrees together (Bachelor's and Master's degrees or their equivalent), otherwise the Equivalency Committee considers the possibility of equivalency with a bachelor's degree or its equivalent.
- D. The following are required for the equivalency of a doctoral certificate or its equivalent issued by a non-Jordanian higher education institution that grants the three university degrees: bachelor's, master's, and doctorate or their equivalent:
1. The applicant for equivalency must have previously obtained a bachelor's degree or its equivalent and fulfilled the conditions for its equivalency in accordance with these Instructions.
 2. The applicant for equivalency must have previously obtained a master's degree or its equivalent and fulfilled the conditions for its equivalency in accordance with these Instructions.
 3. The duration of study required to obtain a doctorate degree or its equivalent shall not be less than three academic years after obtaining a master's degree or its equivalent.
- E. The following are required for the equivalency of a doctoral certificate or its equivalent issued by a non-Jordanian higher education institution that grants the bachelor's and doctoral degrees or their equivalent:
1. The applicant for equivalency must have previously obtained a bachelor's degree or its equivalent and fulfilled the conditions for its equivalency in accordance with these Instructions.

2. The duration of study required to obtain a doctorate degree or its equivalent should not be less than four years after obtaining a bachelor's degree or its equivalent.
 3. It must be the highest degree in the higher education system in the country of study.
- F. The following requirements are required for the equivalency of a doctoral degree or its equivalent in human medicine or dentistry issued by institutions of higher education in any of the republics of the former Soviet Union:
1. The applicant for equivalency must have previously obtained a bachelor's degree or its equivalent in human medicine or dentistry and fulfilled the conditions for its equivalency in accordance with these Instructions.
 2. The equivalency applicant must have previously obtained a master's degree or its equivalent in human medicine or dentistry and fulfilled the conditions for its equivalency in accordance with these Instructions, or he has previously obtained an (Ardinatura) certificate or its equivalent after studying for no less than two academic years, then obtained an (Esperantura) certificate after studying not less than three years of study and fulfillment of the equivalency conditions in accordance with these Instructions.
 3. Obtaining the basic requirement for a doctoral degree certificate (Candidate) or its equivalent after discussing the thesis before the higher committee in the country of study.

Article 7: For the purposes of equivalency of certificates issued by non-Jordanian higher education institutions that follow the Bologna process, the following shall be considered:

- A. If the certificate to be equalized is a bachelor's degree or its equivalent, the following is required:
1. The equivalency applicant must have passed the preparatory year (language year) and must bring a separate certificate to that effect from a non-Jordanian higher education institution.
 2. The number of academic years, excluding the preparatory year (language year), must not be less than the following:
 - Six years of study (360) ECTS for specializations in human medicine and doctor of pharmacy.
 - Five years of study (300) ECTS for specializations in dentistry and pharmacy.
 - Three years of study at a minimum of (180) ECTS for the remaining specializations.
- B. If the certificate to be equalized is a master's degree or its equivalent, the academic load to obtain a master's degree or its equivalent according to the Bologna process must be no less than the following:
1. If the applicant for equivalence holds a bachelor's degree or its equivalent, with a duration of three years of study, with a score of (180) ECTS, a master's degree or its equivalent may be equalized if he obtains it with a score of (90-120) ECTS.

2. If the applicant for equivalency holds a bachelor's degree or its equivalent, with a duration of four years of study, with a score of (240) ECTS, a master's degree or its equivalent may be equalized if he obtains it with a score of (60-90) ECTS.

Article 8:

- A. The applicant of the equivalency of a human medicine certificate issued by a non-Jordanian higher education institution, in which the duration of study is five academic years, must train for an additional year, in addition to the internship year, in an educational hospital accredited for this purpose by the competent authorities, whether inside or outside the Kingdom, provided that the training takes place for a period of three months in each of the following specializations:
 1. Internal medicine
 2. Gynecology and obstetrics.
 3. General Surgery.
 4. Pediatric
- B. The applicant of the equivalency of dentistry certificate issued by a non-Jordanian higher education institution, in which the duration of study is four academic years, must train an additional year, in addition to the internship year, in an educational hospital accredited for this purpose by the competent authorities, whether inside or outside the Kingdom, provided that the training is conducted in accordance with the following: :
 1. Three months in each of the following specializations:
 - Prosthodontics
 - Conservative treatment.
 2. Two months in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery.
 3. One month in each of the following specializations:
 - The periodontium .
 - Orthodontics.
 - Pedodontics.
 - Oral medicine and diagnosis.
- C. The applicant of the equivalency of a Doctor of Pharmacy certificate issued by a non-Jordanian higher education institution, in which the duration of study is five years, or in which the specialty of pharmacy is four years of study, must complete a training program that includes the training hours necessary for this certificate, equivalent to (1440) training hours for a period of (6 months), as it is applicable in the study plan approved by Jordanian higher education institutions, and the training must take place in an educational hospital accredited for this purpose and/or pharmaceutical institutions accredited for this purpose by the competent authorities inside Jordan in accordance with a specific training program.

Article 9:

- A. The following requirements are required for the equivalence of a bachelor's degree or its equivalent in military sciences issued by a non-Jordanian command and staff college recognized in its country, whether directly after high school or its equivalent, or after an intermediate university certificate:
 1. Successfully passing the Jordanian general secondary school certificate or its equivalent.

2. Presentation of the graduation certificate from the non-Jordanian Command and Staff College.
 3. Regularity in studying.
- B. The following requirements are required for the equivalence of a master's degree or its equivalent in military sciences issued by a non-Jordanian defense college or military college recognized in its country:
1. Obtaining a bachelor's degree in military sciences and its equivalency in accordance with the provisions of Paragraph (A) of this Article.
 2. Presentation of the graduation certificate from a non-Jordanian defense or military college.
 3. Regularity in studying.

Article (10)

- A. In order for the certificate to be equalized for all specializations according to the traditional education system, regular study is required for the following specified period:

Academic degree	Minimum duration
Intermediate university certificate	(8) months for each year of study
Bachelor degree	(8) months for each year of study
Higher diploma degree	(8) months
Master's degree	(8) months
Doctorate degree	(20) months
Doctorate degree directly without obtaining a master's degree	(28) months

- B. The duration referred to in Paragraph (A) of this Article may be divided so that each period of residence in the country of study is not less than three continuous months or one semester.
- C. If obtaining the certificate requires regular study for programs hosted and shared by non-Jordanian higher education institutions recognized by the Ministry, then in order for that period to be counted among the periods stipulated in Paragraph (A) of this Article, the period of residence in either or both of the countries of study must be outside the Kingdom.
- D. When determining the duration of study attendance for programs hosted in Jordanian universities by non-Jordanian higher education institutions, or joint programs between Jordanian universities and non-Jordanian higher education institutions, the decisions of the Higher Education Council issued in this regard shall be taken into account.

Article 11:

- A. The equivalence applicant, after filling out the electronic equivalence request form through the Ministry's website, must attach all required documents and pay the fee for consideration of the equivalence application electronically.
- B. The Equivalency Committee determines the specialization of the equivalency applicant based on what is stated in the certificate, graduation document, transcript of academic courses, master's thesis, doctoral thesis, or any other official document, provided that these documents are issued by the non-

- Jordanian higher education institution that issued the certificate and are duly certified and prove that he has successfully passed all graduation requirements.
- C. In the event of an objection to the Equivalency Committee's decision, the person submitting the objection shall attach justifications for his objection supported by documents and evidence proving what is stated in the objection.
 - D. The Equivalency Committee will reconsider the equivalence decision if it becomes clear that the decision was made based on incorrect documents, or if there was plagiarism , or that the decision was incorrect.
 - E. The Equivalency Committee does not consider the equivalence of any of the following:
 - 1. The certificate that is part of the study to obtain another certificate.
 - 2. Professional certificates or training courses.
 - 3. Experiences, practical practices, and any miscellaneous studies of any kind.
 - 4. Specialty and board certificates for human medicine, dentistry, and the like, and the "Ardenatura" certificate issued by educational institutions in the countries of the former Soviet Union.
 - 5. Any certificate resulting from a thesis or dissertation that contains scientific plagiarism.
 - F. The equivalency document is issued with a reference number, issuance date, and QR Code (QR) that includes a photograph of the equivalency applicant and identifying data that includes: the certificates held by the equivalency applicant, the names of the non-Jordanian higher education institutions issuing them, the date of each certificate and specializations, the country of study issuing the certificate or hosting the program, and the educational system, the procedure and method for obtaining the certificate, signed by the Minister, the Director of the Directorate, and the Head of the Department or whoever represents any of them.
 - G. For the purposes of receiving the equivalence document, it is required to bring a personal photo and all original certificates, starting with the Jordanian General Secondary School Certificate or its equivalent, up to the highest duly certified equivalence certificate, and a passport or document proving residence and travel to and from the country of study from the Residence and Borders Department /Public Security Directorate.
 - H. A temporary equivalence document may be issued for a period of one year, renewable once and for a similar period, based on the decision of the Equivalency Committee in the following two cases:
 - 1. If the equivalence applicant is unable to obtain the certificate from the non-Jordanian higher education institution that issued it, provided that he presents an original document from that institution stating that he has successfully completed all requirements for obtaining the certificate.
 - 2. If the equivalency of the certificate requires contacting the non-Jordanian higher education institution issuing it to verify its authenticity, in which case it is required to mention the purpose of issuing the temporary equivalency document and the exclusive body against which it is considered valid.

Article 12:

- A. The provisions of these Instructions apply to a non-Jordanian who applies for a certificate equivalency if the application is for the purposes of work inside or

outside the Kingdom, mentioning the exclusive authority that is considered valid against it if it is for the purposes of work inside the Kingdom.

- B. Notwithstanding Paragraph (A) of this Article, non-Jordanians who apply for equivalency of the certificate are excluded from the provisions of these Instructions, so that they will be granted a temporary equivalence document for a period of one year, renewable for a similar period, in a way that ensures achieving its purpose, whether for the purposes of bridging or postgraduate studies, internship or specialization.

Article 13: The provisions of these Instructions do not apply to students who have actually enrolled in studies in non-Jordanian higher education institutions before the provisions of these Instructions come into effect.

Article 14: The Equivalency Committee decides on cases that are not stipulated in these Instructions.

Article 15: The Instructions on equivalence of non-Jordanian Certificates No. (1) of 2018, and the Instructions for the Rules and Foundations for the Equivalency of Non-Jordanian Military Science Certificates No. (7) of 1987, shall be repealed.

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