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Embassy of India

Minsk, Belarus

Study in Belarus

INFORMATION / ADVISORY

FOR PROSPECTIVE INDIAN STUDENTS AND FOR THE STUDENTS WHO ARE CURRENTLY STUDYING IN THE REPUBLIC OF BELARUS

All the Indian students seeking admission in various educational establishments in Belarus as well as their parents should be aware of the following points while deciding upon admissions:

This advisory is intended to be for the Indian students who are desirous of studying medicine or/and at present studying medicine in Belarus as 99% of students from India belong to medicine discipline. Those who intend to study other courses, can directly contact the University and in case they face any problem, they can contact the Embassy of India in Minsk.

Admission Process in Belarusian Medical Institutions

As it is possible for prospective students to apply directly to the University concerned for admission in Belarus hence there is no need to contact any 'contractors/agents'. Therefore, they can directly contact the University concerned for their admission. This information has been ascertained from all the four Universities in Belarus.

All these four medical universities have their own websites in English language; therefore prospective Indian students sitting in India can check their (Universities) websites for relevant information before admission and their arrival. There are four Medical Universities namely Vitbsek State Medical University, Gomel State Medical University, Grodno State Medical University and Belarus State Medical University in Minsk. All these universities are recognized by the Belarusian Government and by the WHO. According to Medical Council of India (MCI) regulations, an Indian student who studied in a foreign university and if the university is recognized by the WHO, he is eligible for appearing at the screening tests of MCI.

Medium of instruction

Medical Universities in Belarus have recently started giving lectures in English language. But the students do need to learn Russian because from the 3rd year, they need to interact with local patients who only speak Russian. Institutes provide lessons in Russian language course.

Hostel facilities

Students must check in advance about the hostel facilities available at the university in which admission is sought. Hostels facilities are reasonably good.

Eligibility Certificate by MCI and Transfer from one institution to another

The students should particularly make themselves aware of the following important Notification of MCI No. MCI-203(9)/2001-Regn/ dated the 13th February, 2002 and

subsequent amendment issued vide its Notification No.MCI.203(9)/2010-Regn./3494 dated 16th April, 2010. The students can refer to these notifications in the MCI website.

The salient features are reproduced below.

“No. MCI-203(9)/2001-Regn/ dated the 13th February,2002 - After verification, as required, if the candidate is found to fulfil the eligibility criteria, the Council shall issue an Eligibility Certificate in the prescribed format to the candidate certifying that he/she is eligible to join a medical institution outside India to obtain a primary medical qualification. The certificate shall indicate that on return after obtaining the foreign primary medical qualification, the candidate shall have to undergo a screening test, subject to fulfilment of the conditions prescribed in the Screening Test Regulations, 2002, and that passing this test shall only entitle him to provisional/permanent registration by the Medical Council of India or the State Medical Councils”

“No.MCI.203(9)/2010-Regn./3494 dated 16th April, 2010 - Provided that he/she has studied for the medical course at the same institute located abroad for the entire duration of the course from where he/she has obtained the degree.”

Apostille of documents pertaining to educational qualifications:

It is mandatory for all documents pertaining to educational qualification to be Apostilled in India. (Class X & XII Board Certificates/Bachelors degree/Masters Degree etc.) Indian students, who seek admission in foreign medical institutions, are required to take a ‘No Objection’ certificate from the Medical Council of India. It is mandatory for all their certificates and mark sheets (Class X onwards) to be Apostilled. Apostle of certificates is done at Patiala House, Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi and also in the offices of Branch Secretariats of the Ministry of External Affairs, at Chennai, Hyderabad, Kolkata and Guwahati. The students may refer the website of MEA.

Legalization and attestation/legalization of Diplomas

India is a signatory to the “Hague Convention” on ‘Apostille’. →
Consequently, the earlier system of legalization and attestation/legalization of Diplomas by Missions has been dispensed with. →
Respective countries could straight away accept Apostilled documents. →
The Belarusian authorities have also instituted the ‘Apostille’. →
The Mission is no longer attesting ‘Apostilled’ documents. →
MCI has confirmed that they accept apostilled documents from Belarus without Embassy’s attestation. →
Instances of non-acceptance of Apostille—d documents originating from India or Belarus by either country may please be brought to the notice of this Embassy.

Background information on Belarus:

Background knowledge on Belarus particularly geography, climate, people, customs and traditions, food, transport facilities, law and order situation, travel facts, cost of living, medical facilities, Indian community etc. of the locality where the university/academy is located would be useful in assimilating into the social melieu. A country note on Belarus is available on MEA website.

In a nutshell, in Belarus a stable political and law & order situation exists. The prevailing conditions are sufficiently conducive to educational courses for foreign students.

The names of some of the former or current Indian students who have volunteered to offer their guidance to the prospective Indian students will be available from the Embassy on request.

Security and safety of Foreign Students

Unless the students indulge in anti-social activities, the security and safety of the Indian students are generally good. There is no information of any racist attack on any Indian citizen in Belarus. Till date no untoward incident has come to the notice of the Embassy. As a law-abiding denizen, there will be no problem.

Safe custody of Passports/original certificates

Passport and original certificates are to be kept in the custody of the concerned student and should not be given to any contractors/agents or any other foreign authorities for safe custody. No one has any authority to take away passports. Students must always keep their passports with them. Police officials can demand to see the passport, visa and registration at any time. If any authority or individual holds passport illegally of any Indian student, it should be brought to the notice of Indian Embassy.

Beware of false promises

Belarus is not part of European Union. Students must be careful about any false promises by unscrupulous agents/ individuals of getting job after completion of degree or settlement in any country of European Union or free travel to any of such countries. For such travel and job opportunities they can consult the website of the respective countries' embassies.

Open Doors for Students

The doors of the Embassy are always open to visitors, especially to the Indian community. Indian students can walk in, without prior appointment, to meet the Ambassador or the designated Student Welfare Officers and discuss their problems and grievances.

Registration with Embassy

On arrival in Belarus Indian students in their own interest should register their names in the Education Wing of the Embassy. This will enable the Embassy to communicate with the students for any important information.

Embassy of India, Minsk- Contact Numbers

For any other enquiries, please contact the Students Welfare Officer of the Embassy of India at following telephone number and email id:

Tel : 00-375-17-2629399♣

E-mail ID : amb.minsk@mea.gov.in / hoc.minsk@mea.gov.in ♣