BARTIN UNIVERSITY | DEPARTMENT OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

Student Amnesty Application Guidelines under Provisional Article 85 of Higher Education Law No. 2547

English translation of the Turkish application guidelines dated 16 August 2026. In the event of any discrepancy, the original Turkish text and applicable legislation prevail.

1. INTRODUCTION

Provisional Article 85 was added to Higher Education Law No. 2547 by Law No. 7592 on Amendments to the Higher Education Law and Certain Laws, published in Official Gazette No. 33335 on 9 August 2026. The procedures and principles for implementing this article were decided at the meeting of the Higher Education General Assembly on 12 August 2026.

Persons whose enrollment in a program at our University was terminated, or who were entitled to enroll in a program at our University but did not register, and who wish to benefit from Provisional Article 85 must apply in accordance with the explanations below.

2. WHO MAY APPLY?

The following persons may apply under Provisional Article 85, provided that they also satisfy the other conditions:

- Persons whose enrollment was terminated before 9 December 2026 while studying at any level, including preparatory classes, adaptation programs, associate degree programs, bachelor’s degree completion programs, bachelor’s programs and graduate programs.
- Persons who were admitted to a higher education program and acquired the right to register but did not register.
- Persons dismissed from associate degree or bachelor’s degree completion programs authorized by the Council of Higher Education under protocols between higher education institutions and other institutions.
- Persons whose enrollment in a double major program was also terminated because their enrollment in their primary bachelor’s program was terminated, for the purpose of re-enrolling in the double major.
- Persons whose enrollment in a double major was terminated while they remained enrolled in their primary major.
- Persons whose enrollment in a double major was terminated after graduating from their primary bachelor’s program, with respect to the double major.
- Persons who relinquished or lost Turkish citizenship and acquired foreign-national status after termination of their enrollment, provided that there is no court decision restricting the exercise of citizenship rights.
- Persons who left a bachelor’s program with an associate degree diploma, for re-enrollment in a bachelor’s program or, if they wish, placement in an appropriate associate degree program at a vocational school.

3. PERSONS NOT ELIGIBLE TO APPLY

The provisions of Provisional Article 85 do not apply to persons whose enrollment was terminated for the following reasons or who fall within the following categories:

- Persons convicted of terrorism offenses under Anti-Terror Law No. 3713.
- Persons convicted under Turkish Penal Code No. 5237 of intentional homicide (Articles 81–83), torture (Articles 94–95), torment (Article 96), sexual assault (Article 102), sexual abuse of children (Article 103), or manufacturing and trafficking in narcotic or psychotropic substances (Article 188).
- Persons whose registration was cancelled because of forged documents.
- Persons who submitted forged documents during registration.
- Persons convicted of offenses specified in Article 71 of Law No. 5846 on Intellectual and Artistic Works.
- Persons dismissed due to membership, affiliation, connection or association with terrorist organizations or structures, formations or groups determined by the National Security Council to operate against national security.
- Persons dismissed because they registered through legally invalid means.

4. APPLICATION PERIOD

Applications must be submitted within four months of the entry into force of the Law, no later than the end of working hours on Wednesday, 9 December 2026.

4.1. Commencement of Studies

- Students applying by the end of working hours on 20 September 2026 will begin their studies in the fall semester of the 2026–2027 academic year.
- Students applying after 20 September 2026 will begin their studies in the spring semester of the 2026–2027 academic year.

Applications submitted after the deadline will not be considered, except in the exceptional circumstances described below.

4.2. Force Majeure

Persons unable to apply within the prescribed period due to force majeure may apply within one month after the force majeure circumstances cease.

4.3. Health Reasons

Persons unable to apply within the prescribed period for health reasons must submit a medical board report documenting the circumstances by the end of working hours on 9 December 2026.

4.4. Persons Performing Military Service

Persons performing military service on the date the Law entered into force may benefit from the rights under Provisional Article 85 if they apply to the relevant higher education institution within two months following discharge.

5. REQUIRED APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

- Application petition.
- Current criminal record certificate obtained through e-Government, bearing a barcode and marked “For Official Institution”.

- Original high school diploma (for persons who gained admission but never registered and cannot obtain a high school graduation certificate through e-Government).
- Military status certificate / discharge certificate (for applicants performing military service).
- Photocopy of Turkish Republic identity card.
- ÖSYS/YKS/DGS/ÖSYM placement results document showing the university of placement (for persons placed at Bartın University by ÖSYM who did not register).
- Recently issued academic transcript, certified and showing all courses taken and grades obtained (obtainable through e-Government or from the university with a handwritten or electronic signature).
- Document evidencing force majeure.
- Medical report / medical board report (for applicants unable to apply on time for health reasons).
- Seafarer Medical Fitness Report and Seafarer Medical Examination Certificate (for registration in Maritime and Port Management or Marina and Yacht Management programs).
- Any additional information and documents requested by the University depending on the nature of the application.

Application forms: FRM-1119 Student Amnesty Application Form; FRM-1121 Student Amnesty Application Form for Graduate Programs. These forms are linked in the original Turkish guidelines.

NOTE: As the Council of Higher Education’s Implementation Principles do not specify a standard list of documents for every applicant, the University may request additional information and documents necessary to evaluate an application.

6. WHERE SHOULD APPLICATIONS BE SUBMITTED?

- Applicants for associate degree, bachelor’s degree completion and bachelor’s programs, including those entitled to register but who did not do so: Department of Student Affairs.
- Persons whose graduate enrollment was terminated: Directorate of the Graduate Education Institute.

Applications may be submitted in person or by post/courier. Applications submitted by email will not be considered.

6.1. In-Person Applications

In-person applications must be submitted at the campus where the relevant program is located. The responsible locations are as follows:

AĞDACI CAMPUS — Department of Student Affairs, Central Bartın: Bartın Vocational School; Bartın Vocational School of Health Services; Faculty of Forestry; Faculty of Health Sciences; Ulus Vocational School; Bartın Organized Industrial Zone Vocational School.

KUTLUBEY CAMPUS — Department of Student Affairs, Central Bartın: Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences; Faculty of Letters; Faculty of Education; Faculty of Science; Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences; Faculty of Islamic Sciences; Faculty of Engineering, Architecture and Design; Faculty of Engineering; Faculty of Sport Sciences; School of Physical Education and Sports.

KUTLUBEY CAMPUS — Directorate of the Graduate Education Institute, Central Bartın: Graduate Education Institute; Institute of Social Sciences; Institute of Educational Sciences.

6.2. Applications by Post/Courier

Applications may also be sent to the addresses below. Documents must reach the relevant unit within the application period. The applicant is responsible for postal or courier delays, loss, delivery to an incorrect address or

similar incidents. Applications received after the deadline will not be considered.

- Ağdacı Campus programs: Bartın Üniversitesi, Ağdacı Yerleşkesi, Öğrenci İşleri Daire Başkanlığı, Ağdacı Mahallesi, Fakülte Caddesi, 74100 Merkez/Bartın, Türkiye.
- Kutlubey Campus programs: Bartın Üniversitesi, Kutlubey Yerleşkesi, Öğrenci İşleri Daire Başkanlığı, Kutlubeyyazıcılar Köyü, Yeni Köybağlısı Yeni Sokak No: 32/2, 74100 Merkez/Bartın, Türkiye.

7. EVALUATION OF APPLICATIONS

Applications will be assessed taking into account the applicant's previous registration status at the University, the date and reason for termination of enrollment, eligibility for registration, the current status of the program, and exceptions and restrictions under Provisional Article 85.

Receipt of an application does not automatically confer a right to register. Registration will be completed for applicants determined to meet the conditions for benefiting from Provisional Article 85.

8. COURSE EQUIVALENCY AND EDUCATIONAL PROCEDURES

For students entitled to register under the Law, recognition of previously passed courses, exemptions, attendance requirements, the year/semester from which studies will resume, and other educational conditions will be determined by the University's relevant academic and authorized boards.

Procedures for programs with suspended admissions, closed programs or programs whose structure has changed will be considered separately under the Council of Higher Education's Implementation Principles. See the Bartın University Directive on Course Exemptions and Equivalency Procedures, linked in the Turkish original.

9. APPLICANTS ALREADY ENROLLED IN ANOTHER HIGHER EDUCATION PROGRAM

Persons currently enrolled in a formal associate or bachelor's degree program who acquire the right to register in another formal program at the same level under Provisional Article 85 must withdraw from their current formal higher education program.

Persons enrolled in a graduate program, except non-thesis master's programs, must also withdraw from their current program to register in another graduate program. Persons who acquired the right to return to more than one higher education institution before publication of the Law may register at only one of them.

10. PERSONS UNABLE TO REGISTER DUE TO SPECIFIC HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

The status of persons admitted to programs with specific health requirements who could not register or whose enrollment was terminated because they did not meet those requirements will be assessed as follows:

- If the student was subsequently placed in another program by ÖSYM, that placement will be taken into account.
- If no other placement was made by ÖSYM, the student must meet the lowest national admission threshold score, for the relevant score category and placement year, in order to continue in a program at our University that does not require a medical report or specific health condition.
- If the University has no similar program in which the student may continue, the ÖSYS minimum admission score for the placement year will be considered. The student's preferences will be forwarded to the Council of Higher Education for placement in an appropriate program. The Council will make the final placement, taking those preferences into account.

11. MAXIMUM PERIOD OF STUDY

The maximum study period for students re-enrolling at our University under Provisional Article 85 will commence on the date of registration. However, it will be determined in accordance with the provisions of the Presidential Decision on Tuition Contributions and Fees to Be Collected as Student Contributions to Current Service Costs at Higher Education Institutions in the 2026–2027 Academic Year.

12. PROGRAMS WITH SUSPENDED ADMISSIONS OR WHICH HAVE BEEN CLOSED

Applications from persons dismissed from, or admitted but not registered in, associate, bachelor's or graduate programs with suspended admissions or which have been closed will be evaluated according to the current program status and the Council of Higher Education's implementation principles.

- Students dismissed from evening education programs with suspended admissions or which have been closed may continue in those programs if they remain partially active. If their semester or year is unavailable in the evening program, they may be allowed to continue in the corresponding daytime program.
- Persons admitted to a program who did not register and whose program was subsequently closed may be placed in an equivalent program determined by the University's authorized boards, provided that they meet the minimum admission score applicable in their year of placement.
- If the program to which the applicant was admitted or from which enrollment was terminated has been transferred to another higher education institution, the application must be submitted to that institution.

13. PERSONS WHO LEFT A BACHELOR'S PROGRAM WITH AN ASSOCIATE DEGREE

Persons who left a bachelor's program after receiving an associate degree diploma may apply under Provisional Article 85 of Higher Education Law No. 2547. They may re-enroll in their former bachelor's program and continue their studies or request placement in a suitable associate degree program at a vocational school. Applications will be evaluated by the University's relevant academic and authorized boards, taking previous studies and course equivalency procedures into account.

14. TUITION CONTRIBUTIONS AND FEES

Students granted the right to resume studies in 2026–2027 will pay the tuition contribution or tuition fee for that academic year together with other newly registered students. No tuition contribution or fee will be charged for years preceding the registration date.

15. RIGHT TO HORIZONTAL TRANSFER

Students who re-enroll at the higher education institution they previously left under Provisional Article 85 may apply for horizontal transfer if they meet the applicable conditions:

- Students may apply to transfer to an equivalent degree program if their ÖSYS/YKS/DGS score in their registration year was equal to or higher than the minimum admission score of the target equivalent program in the same year. Applications to equivalent programs that did not exist or did not admit students in that year will be assessed under the applicable transfer regulations.
- If a student's ÖSYS/YKS score in the registration year is equal to or higher than the minimum score for a different degree program in the same score category in that year, an application to transfer to that program may be made under procedures and principles determined by the receiving institution's senate.
- Applications based on DGS scores may be made only to bachelor's programs designated in the DGS guides as continuation pathways for the relevant associate degree fields. The applicant must meet the DGS score for that program in the relevant year. No application is possible if the program did not admit DGS students that year.
- This special horizontal transfer opportunity for formal education programs applies only during the 2026–2027 academic year. Transfers after that period are governed by the general horizontal transfer regulations.

- Persons acquiring student status under Provisional Article 85 may, upon application, transfer to equivalent open education associate or bachelor's programs at Anadolu, Ankara, Atatürk or İstanbul University. No time limit applies to such transfers, but applications must be made on dates announced by the respective universities.
- Persons whose graduate enrollment was terminated and who regain student status under Provisional Article 85 may apply for horizontal transfer subject to the conditions in the Regulation on Graduate Education and Training.

16. LEGISLATION

- Law No. 7592 on Amendments to the Higher Education Law and Certain Laws, Official Gazette No. 33335, 9 August 2026.
- Council of Higher Education (YÖK) Implementation Principles for Provisional Article 85 added to Law No. 2547 by Law No. 7592.

17. DEPARTMENT OF STUDENT AFFAIRS CONTACT INFORMATION

IMPORTANT: To contact the relevant staff member, first dial the University switchboard at +90 378 501 10 00, then enter the extension number.

- Faculty of Theology; School of Foreign Languages — Özgür ŞAYAN — ext. 2671.
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- Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences — Mesut SARICI — ext. 5029 / 5028.
- Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences; Faculty of Science — Ökkeş ALTUN — ext. 2670 / 5292.
- Faculty of Sport Sciences; Faculty of Education — Erhan GÖRMEZ — ext. 5290 / 5291.
- Ulus Vocational School; Bartın Organized Industrial Zone Vocational School — Rukiye SARICIK — ext. 2586 / 2676.
- Bartın Vocational School — İlknur BEŞİNCİ — ext. 2674 / 2586.
- Faculty of Forestry — Tuğba DELİALİOĞLU — ext. 2582.
- Bartın Vocational School of Health Services — Keziban ŞAHİN ARZUM — ext. 2676.
- Faculty of Health Sciences — Mustafa KÖSECİK — ext. 2587.
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