

APPLYING TO GRADUATE COURSES: INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

1. Who is considered 'International Student'?

'International Students' are non-Portuguese nationals, with the exception of those within the following categories:

- a) Nationals of a European-Union member state;
- b) Family members¹ of Portuguese nationals or nationals of a State of the European Union, regardless of their nationality;
- c) Nationals of a non-European member state residing legally, and uninterruptedly, in Portugal for a period of over two years counted at 31 August of the year they wish to apply for higher education, as well as the children who may reside with them legally;
- d) Students admitted under special legislation regarding application to higher education in Portugal:
 - a. Portuguese diplomatic corps staff posted abroad and accompanying relatives;
 - b. Portuguese citizens as long as scholarship-holders abroad or civil servants in official mission abroad and accompanying relatives;
 - c. Officers within the permanent corps of the Portuguese Armed Forces, while meeting specific training needs of the Armed Forces;
 - d. Scholarship-holders who are nationals from Portuguese-speaking African countries, within the frame of cooperation agreements ratified by the Portuguese State;
 - e. Foreign staff of diplomatic missions accredited in Portugal and accompanying relatives, under reciprocity agreements;
 - f. High competition athletes under the regulation established in the Decree-Law no. 272/2009 of October 1;
 - g. East-Timorese nationals and their children.
- e) Foreign students in in-coming mobility already attending Portuguese higher education institutions for the development of a part of their study cycles provided the Portuguese institutions have an interchange agreement for that purpose.

2. Who is eligible to attend graduate courses at ISCSP under this regime?

- a. Holders of qualification which, in the country it was obtained, grants the right to apply for higher education, duly validated by the country's competent authority;
- b. Secondary school graduates of the Portuguese secondary school system or similar as stipulated by the Ordinance 224/2006, of March 8 and the Ordinance 699/2006, of July 12.

3. Which are the application requisites for this regime?

- a. Having had a pass mark in the fields of History, Geography or Portuguese at secondary school level or the equivalent in the country of origin;
- b. Being fluent in Portuguese at B2 level (independent user). B1 level may be accepted provided that, at the date of application, candidates are enrolled in a course of Portuguese Language and Culture, level B2, at one of the schools of ULisboa.

4. How to apply?

Application may be made at the premises of ISCSP, *Balcão do Núcleo de Alunos* or through our online application platform (<http://netpa.iscsp.ulisboa.pt/cssnet/page>), by supplying all documents requested plus an application fee of €100. Documents requested are:

- a. Copy of ID;
- b. Formal statement declaring candidate is eligible for this type of application;
- c. Certificate of conclusion of Portuguese secondary school, with final mark and scale used, or in case of coming from a country that does not correspond to the Portuguese education system, a certificate that attests candidate is eligible for higher education admission in the country where qualification was obtained. Certificate must be official and validated by local education authorities, and display final mark and scale used.

¹ For this purpose, the definition in Law 37/2006, August 9, should be considered.

- d. Document attesting to qualifications in scientific areas that are requested for ISCSP's admission (History, Geography or Portuguese), displaying final mark and scale used.
- e. Certificate that attests to Portuguese Language skills, namely:
 - i. DIPLE Certificate (Intermediate Diploma of Portuguese as a Foreign Language), corresponding to Level B2 of the Common European Reference Framework, or;
 - ii. DEPLE Certificate (Intermediate Diploma of Portuguese as a Foreign Language), corresponding to Level B1 the Common European Reference Framework, or;
 - iii. B2 Diploma issued by one of the Schools of ULisboa, or;
 - iv. B1 Diploma issued by one of the Schools of ULisboa.

All documents issued by foreign education institutions must be validated by the inclusion of the Hague Apostille or consular certification. Original documents must be produced in order to obtain a certified copy. In case documents are not displayed in Portuguese, English, French or Spanish, a certified copy in one of these languages must be displayed.

5. Formula to calculate candidates' application mark

- a. Admitted candidates' application mark is obtained by an average figure obtained via following weighting:
 - i. Entry exam (History, Geography or Portuguese) weighting 60%;
 - ii. Interview, weighting 40%.
- b. Mark in entry exam may be obtained:
 - i. By sitting for national exams within the Portuguese secondary school system;
 - ii. By sitting for specific exams in the same areas organized by ISCSP;
 - iii. By sitting for identical exams, organized under article 20^o-A do Decreto-Lei 296-A/98, 25 September;
 - iv. By obtaining approval in one of the scientific areas (History, Geography or Portuguese) needed to apply for ISCSP, within secondary school systems that are not included in art.^o 20^o-A Decreto-Lei 296-A/98, 25 September.
- c. The Jury for Special Entry Regimes has the authority to substantiate marks referred on items *iii* and *iv* of previous subparagraph and attribute mark necessary to introduce weighting factor.

6. Calendar for ISCSP's Special Entry Regime for International Students

Ação	Phase 1	Phase 2
Application	February 4 th to March 22 nd	May 14 th to June 28 th
Limit for publication of the list of admitted to the Portuguese language proficiency test	March 26th	July 2nd
Proof of Portuguese language proficiency test	April 4th, 09:00	July 9th, 09:00
Publication of the Portuguese language proficiency test results	April 8th	July 15th
Limit for publication of the list of admitted to the specific tests (Portuguese, Geography, History)	April 8th	July 15th
Specific tests (Portuguese, Geography, History)	April 10th, 09:00	July 17th, 09:00
Interviews	April 12th, (starting at 9:00)	July 19th, (starting at 9:00)
Publication of Admissions Listing	April 19th	July 26th
Enrolment of admitted students	September 9th to September 13th	

7. What is the tuition fee?

The tuition is of €3,500 (three thousand five hundred euros) payable upon registration, or in installments, considering those defined by the Board of Management. Together with the 1st installment, all 1st year/1st time students will have to pay a 50€ worth registration fee and about € 1.5 for school insurance.