

Lebanese Republic

Ministry of Education and Higher Education

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To all the directors of public and private schools and secondary education institutions,

Since the Ministry of Education and Higher Education, as part of its educational and pedagogical objectives, seeks to secure a seat for all students on Lebanese territories and not deprive them of their right to education,

Since there are many students with Lebanese mothers and non-Lebanese fathers residing on Lebanese territories and in need of pursuing their education,

Whereas the Universal Declaration of Human Rights upholds the principle of non-discrimination and declares that every individual has the right to education,

Whereas Lebanon has ratified the various international conventions on education, including the Convention against Discrimination in Education, and the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW); and affirmed in its Constitution the right to education, in addition to passing several laws to regulate citizens' right to education;

and

Whereas the Ministry of Education and Higher Education recognizes the importance of supporting universal and national esteem for the entitlement of each individual to equal rights and opportunities in education, and recognizes that it is therefore responsible not to deprive any individual from education by any form of discrimination, but rather to work towards ensuring equal opportunities and treatment for all individuals in this regard,

Hence,

The Ministry of Education and Higher Education requires from all directors of public and private schools and secondary education institutions to provide students of Lebanese mothers married to non-Lebanese spouses, with the needed attention/support, treat them like all other students, not dismiss them during the course of their studies, and ensure seats for each of them, if they desire to enroll in such institutions, as appropriate.

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