

Transitional measures to facilitate the integration of refugees - academic year 2017-2018

Exceptional transitional measures have been adopted by mutual agreement with the universities of the French-speaking community of Belgium (Wallonia-Brussels Federation) to facilitate the integration of students with refugee status in the Belgian French-speaking university system.

Who can benefit from these measures?

To benefit from these measures, people must meet one of the following conditions:

- be an asylum seeker in Belgium OR
- benefit from subsidiary protection OR
- have obtained refugee status in Belgium as from 1 January of the calendar year preceding the academic year for which they register.

What are these measures?

A fee waiver is granted for:

- enrolment for the university entrance examination
- enrolment for the French proficiency examination (the exam can be taken twice per academic year)
- enrolment as a non-matriculated student, in accordance with the number of teaching units (courses) permitted by the host university, including the possibility of following lessons in French as a foreign language.

Moreover, under certain conditions, the student social service can assist with payment of enrolment fees for students who have very low financial resources.

Enrolment for a full study programme

Detailed information on entry requirements and admission procedures can be found on the web pages of the universities indicated below:

Université de Mons : www.umons.ac.be/refugies

Université de Liège : www.ulg.ac.be/accueil-actions-refugies www.ulg.ac.be/en/refugees-personalised-programme

Université de Namur : www.unamur.be/etudes/inscription/refugie

Université catholique de Louvain : www.uclouvain.be/soutien-aux-refugies

Université libre de Bruxelles : www.ulb.be/deskrefugees/index.html

Université Saint-Louis – Bruxelles : www.usaintlouis.be/refugie.html

NB: a good knowledge of French is necessary to follow programmes at Bachelor level. For programmes at other levels, please check the university web sites.