

## Orange Knowledge Programme government statement overview

This document gives the government statement requirements for OKP as it has been provided by the Netherlands Embassies and as it is known on 29 January 2018.

Country	Government statement is mandatory yes/no	If only mandatory for specific group of applicants, please state which.	The authorities that are entitled to issue a government statement	Estimation of the time an applicant must allow for applying and receiving a government statement from the appropriate authority	Remarks
Afghanistan	Yes	For all who work for the government	Minister, Deputy Minister or Director General	Unknown	
Albania	No				
Armenia	No				
Bangladesh	Yes	For all who work in government and semi-government organizations.	Public universities: for teachers-registrar; for VC, Pro VC, treasurer- through the ministry of education; For other officials: depends on the rules of the institute; Ministries: based on rules and regulations of respective ministries.	3 - 5 weeks.	The time frame varies from institute to institute. However the statement must be submitted/uploaded along with other relevant documents at the initial time of application.
Benin	Yes	Mandatory only for government employees, not for NGO and private company employees	Employer	0 - 5 weeks.	
Bhutan	Yes	Government Statement is mandatory for those working in Government sector/civil servants who apply for the course duration of more than 3 months. Candidates who apply for a course less than 3 month can provide a government statement signed by their own HR department	Statement of Government Authority is obtained from: HRD Division, ROYAL CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION (RCSC), ROYAL GOVERNMENT OF BHUTAN	2 – 3 weeks at the most. It also depends largely on the applicant how fast they submit their documents to RCSC. Sometimes can be done in less than 1 week.	
Bolivia	Yes	Mandatory only to Government employees	Employer		
Burkina Faso	No				
Burundi	Yes	Only government employees	Minister or the Permanent Secretary (PS), or the Director General if the Minister or PS are not available. In Public University of Private University the Rector could also deliver the government statement in some cases.	1 month	
Cambodia	No				
Colombia	No				
Cuba	No				

DR Congo	No				
Egypt	No				
Ethiopia	No				
Georgia	No				
Ghana	Yes	All applicants	Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning, Accra, Ghana	2 days (48hrs)	
Guatemala	No				
Guinea	Yes	Civil servants			
India	No				
Indonesia	No				
Jordan	Yes	Government employees	Their application should at least be stamped by the Ministry of Planning and international organisation (MOPIC)		
Kenya	No				In rare occasions government employees are required to be cleared at the presidential level before travelling out of country.
Lebanon	No				
Liberia	No				At the moment there is no clear information whether a government statement is needed for Liberian students to study in the Netherlands.
Macedonia	No				In the practice so far, applicants working for government institutions/ministries were obtaining a support statement from their respective agencies/ministries, but it has been considered an employer statement rather than a specific government statement.
Mali	Yes	Civil servants and semi-government employees	Ministry where the applicant works or the ministry overseeing the organisation where the applicant works	6 weeks or longer	
Mozambique	Yes	Mandatory only for Public sector applicants (staff for ministries etc.)	Not specified	Unknown	
Myanmar	No				

Nepal	Yes	Mandatory only for permanent Government employees. Not applicable to temporary staff or autonomous bodies like educational institution, semi government organization.	From the line/concerned Ministry/Department	One to two weeks	In Nepal there is a rule for the permanent employees that they get study leave for which they need prior permission thus government statement is mandatory whereas NGO's, private sectors are not obliged to get such statement from the government hence it's not applicable to them.
Nicaragua	No				
Nigeria	No				
Pakistan	Yes	Mandatory only for Government employees who are in a full time govt post, not applicable to contract holders or autonomous bodies within the Govt, like educational institutions.	The Parent Division. For more information please visit the embassy website.	At least 3-4 weeks.	
Palestinian Territories	Yes	Only mandatory for government employees	The Deputy Minister of the Human Resources director of the Ministry the candidate works for, should issue and sign the statement.	0 - 2 weeks	
Peru	No				
Philippines	Yes	Government employees	The government department where the candidate works	Depends on the department 1 - 2 weeks	
Rwanda	No				
Senegal	No				
Sierra Leone	No				At the moment there is no clear information whether a government statement is needed for Liberian students to study in the Netherlands.
Somalia	No				For Somalia – applicants must use passports not ID's
South Africa	No				
South Sudan	No				

Sri Lanka	Yes	All employees of the government and Semi government sector	The External Resources Department (ERD) which comes under the Ministry of Finance	10 minutes to 01 hour to issue the government statement, but first the candidate has to be recommended by the employer/head of the department of his/her organization and then he/she has to be nominated by the relevant ministry the organization comes under. This could take up to one or two weeks.	
Sudan	Yes	Only required for government officials.	The respective line-ministry.	1 - 2 weeks	
Surinam	No				
Tanzania	No				
Thailand	No				
Uganda	No	Government employees	The respective ministry where the applicant works	0 - 2 weeks	
Vietnam	No				
Yemen	Yes	Government and semi-government employees	n/a	3 - 4 weeks	
Zambia	Yes	Government Employees	The applicants need to go to Cabinet Office and then Human Resource Department. For the people outside Lusaka the provincial cabinet office is available. Of this is not available in the province, they will have to travel to the Cabinet Office in Lusaka. Lusaka Cabinet Office is the HR headoffice of the government. The cabinet office needs to approve their application because this is the department that needs to register their temporary absence regarding their study abroad period.	Unknown, will be done immediately if the right person is present	
Zimbabwe	No				The government statement is not a requirement for Zimbabwe, employee guarantee letter is sufficient.

# MENA Scholarship programme (MSP)

## Government statement requirements

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Algeria	Yes	Only for civil servants	The Ministry	4 - 8 weeks	
Egypt	No				
Iraq	Yes	Government employees	The Ministries (the applicant's employer)	2 weeks	For certain employees of NGOs; the government statement must be acquired from the Kurdistan department of NGOs.
Iran	Yes	Government employees	The Ministries	Applicants are advised to consult their employer for the time needed to acquire a government statement.	
Jordan	Yes	Government employees	All government employees are required to provide a government statement, or at least have their application stamped by the Ministry of Planning and international organisation (MOPIC).		
Lebanon	No				
Libya	Yes	Government employees		4 weeks	
Morocco	Yes	Government employees	The administration of the employee (seeing they represent the government).	2 - 4 weeks	
Syria					MSP is not currently open to applicants applying from Syria. Applicants with the Syrian nationality may however apply if they are residing and working in one of the other selected MSP countries.
Tunisia	Yes	Only for civil servants / public institutions	The Ministry ((level of Chief Cabinet), (President) Director General, Director General of International cooperation))	2 - 4 weeks	