Basis

Article 1 – This directive is prepared according to the decision which is taken by higher education council on 21.05.2014 relating to the principles of accepting foreign students.

Purpose and Content

Article 2- The purpose of this directive is to identify the applications of international bachelor degree-seeking students to Gebze Technical University and the principles of registration and acceptance.

General Requirements

Article 3-

A) Provided to be at their last year of high school or be a graduate, applications of

1) Those who are not Turkish citizens,
2) Those who are Turkish by birth but be out of citizenship by getting permission from the Ministry of Interior and those who document to have vested right acquired by their underage children who is recorded in the declaration of alienage recognized by Turkish Citizenship Law (7th article of 5901 numbered Turkish Nationality Law states that “(1) Those who are born of a legal marriage of a Turkish mother or father in or out of Turkey are Turkish citizens”. International degree applicants had better read Turkish Nationality Law before application)
3) Those who are foreign by birth but then acquire Turkey’s citizenship / those who have dual nationality,
4) a) Among ones who are citizens of Turkey and continue their high school education in a foreign country before 01/02/2013, those who complete the last three years of high school in a foreign country except K.K.T.C. (including those who complete the whole high school education at a Turkish High School founded in a foreign country except K.K.T.C., which is coordinated by Ministry of National Education),
b) Those who started high school in a foreign country after 01/02/2013 and completed the whole high school education in a foreign country except K.K.T.C. (including those who complete the whole high school education at a Turkish High School in a foreign country except K.K.T.C., which is coordinated by Ministry of National Education)
5) Those who are citizens of K.K.T.C., reside in K.K.T.C. and complete high school education in K.K.T.C. with having GCE AL exam results as well as those who were registered and completed high school at other countries between 2005-2010 and have received or are going to receive GCE AL exam results are accepted.

B) Applications of

1) Those who are citizens of Turkey and completed whole high school education in Turkey or in K.K.T.C.,
2) Those who are citizens of K.K.T.C. (except those who finish the whole secondary education in a high school in K.K.T.C. and get GCE AL result and those who were registered and completed high school at other countries between 2005-2010 and have received or are going to receive GCE AL exam results),

3) Those who are dual nationals, first of which is Turkish as defined in the 3rd article, Clause A, 2nd Subclause (except those defined in the 3rd Article, Clause A, 4th Subclause),

4) Those who are dual nationals but one of them is K.K.T.C. (except those who complete the whole secondary education in K.K.T.C. and have GCE AL results),

5) Those who are dual nationals but one of them is K.K.T.C. (except those who complete the whole secondary education in K.K.T.C. and have GCE AL results and those who were registered and completed high school at other countries between 2005-2010 and have received or are going to receive GCE AL exam results),

6) Those who are dual nationals, first of which is Turkish as defined in the 3rd article, Clause A, 2nd Subclause and studied at schools under management of embassies in Turkey and foreign schools in Turkey are not accepted.

Quotas

Article 4- Quotas for international students, considering the recommendations of department heads, are presented to The Senate after determined by Faculty Directors and are sent to Student Selection and Placement Center after it is confirmed by The Senate.

Application

Article 5- The explanation about applications and application deadlines are announced on the website of GTU. Applications can be made by post or in person to the Student Affairs Office at the announced date. Applicant can opt for maximum 3 departments and fill in one single application form while making the application.

Placement is based on national and international exams and minimum scores from these exams as listed below. Exams of having the status of high school graduation exam (Abitur, International Baccalaureate, GCE, Tawjihi, etc.) are permanently valid. However, university entrance exams (SAT, TCS, etc) have limited validity of two years.

Accepted Exams, Diplomas, and Minimum Requirements:

- SAT I exam: From "math" and "critical reading" a minimum total score of 1100 out of 1600 points and a minimum 600 out of 800 "math" points
- International Science Olympiads: Winners of gold, silver or bronze medals in International Science Olympiads recognized and participated by TUBITAK (Turkish Scientific and Research Center)
- GCE( General Certificate Examination): "A" level in at least 3 subjects and at least one subject should be in the applied program.
• A minimum 24 points of mathematics (Math), science (Science Reasoning), and total (Composite) in ACT exam.
• ABITUR: A maximum diploma score of 2 from Abitur (German Baccalaureate)
• Turkish Republics with Turkish and Relative Communities (TCS) Examination: A minimum score of 70 points from the Basic Learning Skills test in this exam. Turkish test is not taken into account.
• MATURA : A maximum Matura diploma score of 2.
• International Baccalaureate: Having an International Baccalaureate diploma with a diploma score of at least 30.
• Bangladesh Higher Secondary School Certificate (a diploma gained after 12 years of high school education) having at least a score of 80 over 100 in the program to be applied.
• GAOKAO: A minimum GAOKAO, a university entrance examination applied in People's Republic of China, score of 500 over 750 in the program to be applied.
• Kazakhstan National University Test : A minimum score of 90 over 120 in Kazakhstan EdinoeNacional'noe Testirovanie test.
• Senegal Baccalaureate : Having the score of min. 15 out of 20 in the program to be applied.
• French Baccalaureate : Having the score of min. 15 out of 20 in the related program to be applied.
• Diplome Debirestan and Pishdaneshgahi (Iran) :Having a minimum high school diploma score (Diplome Debirestan) average of 17 out of 20 and a minimum Pishdaneshgahi score of 17 out of 20.
• Baccalaureate Libanais: In the Baccalaureate examinations(Baccalaureate Libanais) given in Lebanon, an average score of at least 70 out of 100.
• Indian high school diploma (Higher Secondary Certificate/ Indian Senior School Certificate/ Intermediate Certificate/ Higher School Certificate/ Higher Secondary Certificate/AllIndiaSenior School Certificate/ Pre-University Course-awarde) score at least 75 out of 100 in the program to be applied.
• TAWJIHI: A minimum score of at least 80 % in the program to be applied in the Tawjihi examinations made in Jordan, Palestine, Bahrain, United Arab Emirates, Libya and Saudi Arabia
• Al Shahada Al-Thanawiyya: A minimum score of at least 170 out of 240 in the Al Shahada Al-Thanawiyya Al-Amma examinations made in Syria, Qatar, Kuwait, Libya and Oman
• A minimum graduation score of 80 % in 12 grade Pakistan high school diploma (Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) / Intermediate) in the program to be applied
• Russia EGE: A minimum total score of 150.

Required Documents For Applications

1. Application form for international degree-seeking students
2. A valid document of exam result: The original copy of the exam result or the notarized copy (Also bring translation of the document if it is in a language other than English or Turkish). Only the exams specified in the GTU Application, Admission and Registration Directive for International Students are admitted. It is not possible to apply with an exam apart from these ones.
3. High school diploma: A Turkish version of high school diploma which must be notarized or confirmed by the consulate. NOTE: During application process, applicant must submit a “Certificate of Equivalence” showing the equivalence between applicant’s high school diploma and Turkish high
school diploma, which can be provided from T. R. Ministry of National Education or Turkish Consulates in applicant’s own country.

4. **Official Transcript of Records:** An official document showing all the courses and the grades that the applicant has taken in high school. It must be submitted in a sealed envelope approved by the high school principal of the applicant. (Also bring certified translation of the document if it is not in Turkish or English)

5. Photocopy of the pages in your passport showing your picture and identity information

6. 2 passport photos with the size of 4.5 x 6 (it should be taken in the last 6 months and make you easily recognizable.)

   Additionally, applicants may be asked to assure that they are financially capable to pursue their education in our country.

**Evaluation of the Applications**

**Article 6:** The evaluation of applications are evaluated by GTU Committee of International Students. The Committee is determined by the Decree of the Senate.

Applicants who do not fulfill the application criteria will not be taken into evaluation. Not only the national/international exam results and diploma grade may be taken into consideration, but an exam may also be made within the frame of the principles specified by the Senate.

The evaluation and admission of the applicants is at GTU’s sole discretion. It is GTU’s decision to meet the announced quotas. If necessary, quota transfer between the departments may be made.

**Declaration of the Results**

**Article 7:** The results will be announced on GTU website. The accepted students who confirm that they will be coming to registration will be sent an acceptance letter to the address they have specified in their application form in order to get a student visa. The applicants will lose their rights should they not come for registration within the dates specified.

**Article 8:** Registrations are held by the Student Affairs Office at a certain date stated in Academic Calendar every year.

**Documents Required for Registration:**

1-The original copy of High School diploma and the Turkish translation approved by Turkish Embassy or Turkish Consulate in their home country.

2-The original copy of Certificate of Equivalence by TR Ministry of Education which proves student’s high school diploma’s equivalence with the ones from Turkish High Schools.

3-The original copy of transcript and the Turkish translation approved by Turkish Embassy or Turkish Consulate in their home country.

4-The original copy of the examination result document and the Turkish translation approved by Turkish Embassy or Turkish Consulate in their home country.
5-The result of a Foreign Language Test that is internationally approved and a copy of the result of Turkish Proficiency Exam certified by the nearest Turkish Representative Office or the ones in their home country.

6-The copy of student’s official identity card or the passport's personal information page certified by Turkish Embassy or Turkish Consulate in their home country.

7-The bank receipt showing the payment of school fee.(the amount is always claimed by the Council of Ministers every year.)

8-The Visa for Education or The Residence Permit by Turkish Embassy in their home country.

9-6 Passport Photos

**Amount of Education Fee and Subsistence Assurance**

**Article 9** – (1) Education fee that is yearly decided by the university, on the condition that it is between the minimum and maximum amount determined by the Cabinet, and approved by Higher Education Foundation is taken from the student who foreign or are accepted from abroad.

(2) People who are going to apply for bachelor degree from abroad have to document a subsistence assurance that they have the financial capacity to afford their higher education in Turkey. The way how they will document this and the amount are decided by the Parliament and are declared on the University’s website along with other required application documents.

**Education**

**Article 10**- International students must follow the GTU Regulations on Undergraduate Education with regard to the educational issues. Students must certify their Turkish language proficiency to start their undergraduate education. The Turkish proficiency levels of the students are determined according to the certificate of achievement which is given by the centres (TÖMER) that provide Turkish language education and are approved by the Turkish Council of Higher Education.

**Levels:**

1. Turkish proficiency levels (A) and (B) are inadequate.
2. Turkish proficiency level (C1) and above is sufficient.

The students who are inadequate in Turkish language have one year permission to learn Turkish. At the end of this period, as the language of the education in our university is minimum 30% English, the students who reach the level of desired Turkish proficiency can continue their education if they pass GTU English proficiency exam or certify their achievement in any equivalent English proficiency exams. The students who fail in GTU English proficiency exam or do not certify their achievement in any equivalent exams continue their education in English preparatory class.

If students who finance their education by themselves and follow Turkish Preparatory Class fail in getting sufficient Turkish language score are deemed to have permission for one more year to retake Turkish Preparatory Class. Students who fail to get sufficient Turkish Proficiency at the end of the additional year are disenrolled.
International students granted by Turkiye Burslari can only be given an additional year when they fail to get sufficient Turkish Proficiency, only if their scholarship is dropped and they continue on their own financial basis.

**Directive abolished**

**Article 11** – Gebze Technical University Application, Admission and Registration Directive for International Students approved by the Senate in 2012/08 numbered session dated 29.02.2012 has been abolished This directive is enforced after it is accepted by GTU senate.

**Enforcement**

**Article 12-** This directive is valid after it has been approved by GTU Senate.

**Operation**

**Article 13-** This directive is operated by Rector of Gebze Technical University.