

- **THE DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION IN HIGHER EDUCATION PROJECT CONTINUES: “E-TRANSCRIPT DOCUMENTS”**
- **THE COUNCIL OF HIGHER EDUCATION (YÖK) FINALIZES ITS STUDIES: “TRANSCRIPT DOCUMENTS” ARE NOW AVAILABLE ON THE TURKISH E-GOVERNMENT PLATFORM (“E-DEVLET”)**
- **THE NEW YÖK COMES WITH A NEW SERVICE FOR STUDENTS: TRANSCRIPT DOCUMENTS ARE NOW READILY AVAILABLE ON THE TURKISH E-GOVERNMENT PLATFORM**
- **WITH A NEW SERVICE, YÖK REMOVES STUDENTS’ REQUIREMENTS TO VISIT THEIR UNIVERSITIES FOR THEIR TRANSCRIPTS**

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The studies on the digital availability of student transcripts (grade documentation) by YÖK are now complete. The studies conducted in collaboration with universities have rendered student transcripts, one of the legal documents requested the most by students available on the Turkish E-Government platform in a standard form, free of charge, and in Turkish and English.

**- Studies were conducted with universities**

Within the scope of the studies initiated by YÖK; initially, the existing transcript documents of universities were examined, and a transcript document was drafted. The draft was then sent to all universities for suggestions and approval by the relevant university officials. Then, in the light of these suggestions, the draft was finalized, and sent to all universities as a standard form.

Following their studies, YÖK matched the university information databases with its own information database; and sent letters to universities on the completion of all data entry procedures to realize the availability of transcripts through the YÖK platform on the Turkish E-Government system. Then, all State and Foundation universities entered the data in question into the system.

**- Digital transcripts are now available, free of charge, at your comfort**

The Undergraduate and Graduate Degree students currently studying and awaiting their graduation at every university in Turkey are now able to receive their transcripts free of charge, and in a streamlined manner via “Transcript Inquiries” on the YÖK platform on the Turkish E-Government System. Transcript documentation of students having graduated previously will be depending on additional efforts by universities in uploading them to the E-Government Platform where possible.

Previously, current and past students were required to apply to the relevant Directorate of Student Affairs, their Schools, or Graduate Schools in person, and were able to receive their transcripts within one or two business days, depending on the infrastructure of the universities in question.

**- The new service is a time-saver**

With the new digital system by YÖK, transcript documents on the E-Government platform will be available in Turkish, and English. Previously, students or graduates requiring the document in English would have to pay to get their documentation translated by translation offices, since many universities lacked the service. Therefore, students or graduates applying from other cities and countries would end up losing time and money.

With this new system, YÖK removes the possible paywall between students and their transcripts. In addition, digital transcripts will be readily available to students intending to be transferred. Furthermore, universities will reduce their stationery expenses, as well as the personnel and workload costs.

**- Documents may be verified via barcodes or QR Codes**

“Barcoded” and QR-Coded” student transcripts are now available to students as long as they are able to access the E-Government System. Receiving institutions and individuals may be able to verify student transcripts using barcode numbers on “Transcript Verification” on the YÖK platform on the E-Government System, or using QR codes on the YÖK mobile app.

**- Transcript fraud will be prevented**

Transcript documents will be more reliable for receiving institutions and individuals, since they will come directly from the E-Government system. Therefore, creating fraudulent transcripts will become practically impossible.

The New YÖK will be back with more student-friendly, and innovative features.