

Government statement requirements – MENA Scholarship Programme (MSP)

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A number of countries on the MSP country list require a statement from the government before candidates can apply for a MSP scholarship. If applicable candidates must upload a government statement with their online application. A format of the government statement is available on www.studyinholland.nl/msp

Country	Government statement is obligatory yes/no	A government statement is only obligatory for a specific group of applicants	Authorities that are entitled to issue a government statement	Estimated time needed to arrange a government statement	Remarks
Algeria	Yes	A government statement is only obligatory for civil servants	The Ministry	4 – 8 weeks	Not applicable
Egypt	No	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Iraq	No	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	For certain employees of NGOs; the government statement must be acquired from the Kurdistan department of NGOs
Iran	No	Some core government institutes may put some restrictions on their employees. The applicant has to check this with his/her employer	Government institute the applicant works for	Applicants are advised to consult their employer for the time needed to obtain a government statement	Not applicable
Jordan	Yes	A government statement is only obligatory for government employees	The application should at least be stamped by the Ministry of Planning	Not applicable	Not applicable

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			and international organisation (MOPIC)		
Lebanon	No	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Libya	Yes	A government statement is only obligatory for government employees	Not applicable	4 weeks	Not applicable
Morocco	Yes	A government statement is only obligatory for government employees	The administration of the employee (seeing they represent the government)	2 – 4 weeks	Not applicable
Syria	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	MSP is not currently open to applicants applying from Syria. Applicants with the Syrian nationality may however apply if there are residing and working in one of the other selected MSP countries
Tunisia	Yes	A government statement is only obligatory for civil servants/public institutions	The Ministry (level of Chief Cabinet, President, Director General, Director General of International Cooperation)	2 – 4 weeks	Not applicable