

## 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 <a href="https://www.studyinholland.nl/msp">www.studyinholland.nl/msp</a>

| Country | Government<br>statement is<br>obligatory<br>yes/no | A government statement<br>is only obligatory for a<br>specific group of<br>applicants  | Authorities that are<br>entitled to issue a<br>government<br>statement       | Estimated time needed<br>to arrange a government<br>statement  | Remarks        |
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| Algeria | Yes  | A government statement<br>is only obligatory for civil<br>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   | Not applicable |
| Iran    | No   | Some core government<br>institutes may put some<br>restrictions on their<br>employees. The applicant<br>has to check this with<br>his/her employer | Government institute<br>the applicant works for                              | Applicants are advised to<br>consult their employer for<br>the time needed to obtain<br>a government statement | Not applicable |
| Jordan  | Yes  | A government statement<br>is only obligatory for<br>government employees   | The application should<br>at least be stamped by<br>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<br>is only obligatory for<br>government employees               | Not applicable  | 4 weeks   | Not applicable   |
| Morocco | Yes  | A government statement<br>is only obligatory for<br>government employees               | The administration of<br>the employee (seeing<br>they represent the<br>government)  | 2 – 4 weeks   | Not applicable   |
| Syria   | Not applicable                                     | Not applicable   | Not applicable  | Not applicable  | MSP is not currently open to<br>applicants applying from Syria.<br>Applicants with the Syrian<br>nationality may however apply<br>if there are residing and<br>working in one of the other<br>selected MSP countries |
| Tunisia | Yes  | A government statement<br>is only obligatory for civil<br>servants/public institutions | The Ministry (level of<br>Chief Cabinet,<br>President, Director<br>General, Director<br>General of<br>International<br>Cooperation) | 2 – 4 weeks   | Not applicable   |