

TR-YÖS Preparation

1. What is the TR-YÖS exam?

TR-YÖS stands for **Türkiye International Student Admission Examination**. It is administered by ÖSYM for international applicants seeking admission to associate-degree and undergraduate programmes at universities in Türkiye.

TR-YÖS was introduced as a central examination and has largely replaced the separate YÖS examinations previously organised by individual public universities.

2. Are YÖS and TR-YÖS the same examination?

Not exactly.

- **YÖS** is the general name traditionally used for international student admission examinations organised by individual Turkish universities.
- **TR-YÖS** is the central examination administered by ÖSYM.

Some foundation or private universities may continue to use their own examinations or other admission criteria. Candidates must check the requirements of each university before applying.

3. Who can take the TR-YÖS?

Applicants should normally be in the final year of secondary school or have already graduated. Eligible categories may include:

- Foreign nationals
- Certain former Turkish citizens and eligible Blue Card holders
- Certain dual nationals
- Turkish citizens who completed all their secondary education abroad, except in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus
- Certain TRNC nationals meeting specified conditions

Eligibility rules are detailed and have been revised for some applicant categories. Candidates should check the current [official ÖSYM TR-YÖS guide](#) before registering.

4. Can an international student who attended high school in Türkiye take TR-YÖS?

Not necessarily. Eligibility depends on nationality, citizenship history, the type of school attended and where the candidate completed secondary education.

From 2026, additional restrictions apply to some foreign nationals who studied or graduated from secondary schools in Türkiye. Such applicants may be required to apply through the

Turkish YKS examination instead. Individual eligibility should therefore be checked before registration.

5. Which universities accept TR-YÖS?

Many public universities in Türkiye use TR-YÖS results when evaluating international applicants. Universities may also consider:

- Secondary-school grades
- National examinations from the applicant's country
- International qualifications
- Programme-specific requirements
- The university's international student admission criteria

Foundation universities may use TR-YÖS, their own examinations or other approved qualifications. A TR-YÖS result does not automatically guarantee that every university will accept an application.

6. Which programmes can students apply for using TR-YÖS?

Depending on the university, candidates may use TR-YÖS results to apply for programmes such as:

- Medicine
- Dentistry
- Pharmacy
- Engineering
- Computer Science
- Architecture
- Business and Economics
- Psychology
- Health Sciences
- Social Sciences
- Humanities
- Arts and related subjects

Medicine, dentistry, pharmacy and leading engineering programmes normally require particularly competitive results.

7. What is the format of the TR-YÖS?

The examination has two sections:

Section	Questions	Weighting
Numerical Aptitude	40	45%
Basic Mathematics	40	55%

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Total	80	—

Candidates have **100 minutes** to answer all 80 questions. The examination is paper-based and consists of multiple-choice questions. [Official 2026 TR-YÖS Guide](#)

8. What is tested in the Numerical Aptitude section?

The Numerical Aptitude section primarily evaluates the candidate's ability to recognise relationships, analyse patterns and solve unfamiliar problems.

Preparation commonly includes:

- Number patterns
- Shape and figure sequences
- Logical relationships
- Analytical reasoning
- Numerical reasoning
- Visual reasoning
- Problem-solving strategies
- Tables, diagrams and arrangements

Candidates should practise reasoning under time pressure rather than relying only on memorised formulas.

9. What topics should I study for Basic Mathematics?

Candidates should develop a strong foundation in areas such as:

- Numbers and numerical operations
- Fractions, decimals and percentages
- Ratios and proportions
- Powers and roots
- Algebraic expressions
- Equations and inequalities
- Factorisation
- Sets and functions
- Sequences
- Word problems
- Coordinate geometry
- Plane geometry
- Measurement
- Probability and basic statistics

Students should use the latest examination guide, released questions and preparation materials when planning their studies because the emphasis can change.

10. Does TR-YÖS include physics, chemistry or biology?

No. The central TR-YÖS examination currently consists of Numerical Aptitude and Basic Mathematics questions. It does not contain separate physics, chemistry or biology sections.

However, universities may consider other academic requirements when assessing applications to medicine, engineering or science programmes.

11. Is geometry included in TR-YÖS?

Geometrical and visual problem-solving skills may be relevant, particularly within mathematics and numerical aptitude preparation. Candidates should be comfortable with:

- Angles
- Triangles
- Quadrilaterals
- Circles
- Area and perimeter
- Similarity
- Coordinate geometry
- Three-dimensional figures
- Visual relationships

12. In which languages is TR-YÖS offered?

The official examination is available in:

- Turkish
- English
- German
- French
- Russian
- Arabic

Candidates select their examination language during the application process. Choosing a language affects the presentation of the questions, not the difficulty or scoring of the examination.

13. Do I need to speak Turkish to take TR-YÖS?

No. Candidates can take the examination in one of the available languages. Nevertheless, admission to a Turkish-taught university programme may require evidence of Turkish-language proficiency.

Students admitted to English-medium programmes may instead need to demonstrate English proficiency or pass the university's language examination.

14. How is the TR-YÖS score calculated?

Numerical Aptitude and Basic Mathematics are evaluated separately. For each section, one-quarter of the number of incorrect answers is deducted from the number of correct answers:

$$\text{Raw score} = \text{Correct answers} - (\text{Incorrect answers} \div 4)$$

This means four incorrect answers remove the value of one correct answer. Unlike some other admissions tests, random guessing can reduce the candidate's score.

15. What is the TR-YÖS score range?

The final TR-YÖS score ranges from **100 to 500**. The score is calculated using standardisation based partly on candidate performance.

Numerical Aptitude contributes 45%, while Basic Mathematics contributes 55% to the weighted score. Candidates generally need a raw score of at least 0.5 in one of the two sections for a final score to be calculated.

16. What is a good TR-YÖS score?

There is no universal pass mark. Each university determines its admission criteria, and required results vary according to the programme and competition.

As a general principle:

- Medicine and dentistry usually require exceptionally strong results.
- Pharmacy and competitive engineering programmes normally require high results.
- Requirements for business, social sciences and humanities may be more flexible.

Published minimum scores do not guarantee admission. Successful applicants may need substantially higher results when places are limited.

17. Does a high TR-YÖS score guarantee university admission?

No. TR-YÖS is an admission qualification, not a central university placement system.

Students normally apply directly to individual universities. Each university evaluates candidates according to its own:

- International student quota
- Minimum score
- Academic requirements
- Programme capacity
- Application documents
- Ranking and selection procedure

Applicants should apply to a balanced selection of universities rather than relying on only one highly competitive option.

18. How long is a TR-YÖS result valid?

A TR-YÖS result is valid for **two years from the examination date**, according to the current ÖSYM guide. However, applicants should confirm that their chosen university accepts results from the relevant year.

19. How many times is TR-YÖS held each year?

ÖSYM currently schedules TR-YÖS twice annually as **TR-YÖS/1** and **TR-YÖS/2**. Dates may change each year.

For 2026:

- TR-YÖS/1 was held on **12 April 2026**.
- TR-YÖS/2 is scheduled for **11 October 2026**.

Candidates should monitor the [official ÖSYM announcements](#) for current application and examination dates.

20. Where can international students take TR-YÖS?

TR-YÖS is administered at examination centres in Türkiye and numerous other countries. The available countries, cities and examination centres are published in the guide for each sitting.

Candidates select their preferred examination centre during registration, but ÖSYM manages the final allocation.

21. How do international students register for TR-YÖS?

Candidates normally complete the following steps:

1. Visit the [TR-YÖS Candidate Portal](#).
2. Create an account and verify their email address.
3. Obtain a TR-YÖS candidate number and password.
4. Enter their identity, education and contact details.
5. Upload the required photograph and identity-document images.
6. Select the examination language and preferred centre.
7. Pay the examination fee before the deadline.
8. Download and retain the completed application record.

Creating an account alone does not complete the application. The examination fee must also be paid on time.

22. What documents are required for registration?

Depending on the candidate's circumstances, registration may require:

- Valid passport or approved national identity document
- Recent compliant photograph
- Email address and contact details
- Citizenship information
- Secondary-education details
- Turkish identity number, foreign identity number or TR-YÖS number
- Evidence relevant to dual nationality or citizenship history

Candidates must enter information exactly as it appears on their official documents.

23. How much is the TR-YÖS examination fee?

The fee depends on the examination year and the country in which the candidate will sit the test. Different country groups may be charged different amounts.

For the October 2026 examination, the published fees range from **TRY 1,150 to TRY 3,700**, depending on the examination location. Fees can change, and late applications may be subject to separate arrangements. Candidates must check the current guide before paying.

24. What should I take to the examination centre?

Candidates normally need:

- A printed examination entrance document
- The original approved identity document or passport
- Any other items specifically permitted by ÖSYM

Electronic devices, notes and unauthorised materials are prohibited. Candidates should read the current examination rules carefully and arrive at least one hour before the scheduled starting time.

25. Can I use a calculator in TR-YÖS?

No. Calculators and electronic devices are not permitted. Students should practise:

- Mental calculations
- Written arithmetic
- Estimation
- Fast algebraic manipulation
- Simplifying numerical expressions
- Recognising efficient shortcuts

Effective non-calculator techniques are essential because candidates have only 100 minutes for 80 questions.

26. Is there negative marking in TR-YÖS?

Yes. One-quarter of an incorrect answer is deducted from the correct-answer total in the relevant section.

Candidates should avoid completely random guesses. However, an informed answer may be worthwhile when one or more options can be eliminated.

27. How much time is available per question?

Candidates have an average of **75 seconds per question**. Some questions may take only a few seconds, while more complex problems require longer.

A sensible strategy is to:

- Complete straightforward questions first.
- Mark difficult questions for review.
- Avoid spending several minutes on one problem.
- Reserve time to check the answer sheet.
- Make informed decisions about unanswered questions.

28. When should I begin preparing for TR-YÖS?

Most students should begin structured preparation approximately four to six months before the examination. Candidates targeting medicine, dentistry or highly ranked universities may need six to nine months, depending on their starting level.

A diagnostic assessment should be completed before deciding the preparation period.

29. Can I prepare for TR-YÖS through self-study?

Yes, especially if you already have strong mathematics and reasoning skills. However, guided preparation may be beneficial if you need:

- A structured study programme
- Explanation of difficult mathematical concepts
- Numerical and visual reasoning techniques
- Faster problem-solving methods
- Regular mock examinations
- Personalised feedback
- Progress monitoring

30. How should I use past TR-YÖS questions?

Past and officially released questions should be used to:

- Understand the examination style
- Identify recurring skills
- Measure speed and accuracy
- Practise under timed conditions

- Find weak mathematical topics
- Develop an effective question-selection strategy

Candidates should not simply memorise solutions. The purpose is to learn the reasoning method that can be applied to new questions.

31. What are the most common TR-YÖS preparation mistakes?

Common mistakes include:

- Starting preparation too late
- Ignoring numerical aptitude questions
- Studying mathematics without timed practice
- Using a calculator during preparation
- Guessing excessively despite negative marking
- Failing to analyse mistakes
- Practising only easy questions
- Completing mock tests without reviewing performance
- Missing registration or university application deadlines

32. What should an effective TR-YÖS preparation course include?

A professional preparation programme should offer:

- Initial mathematics and aptitude assessment
- Personalised study plan
- Complete topic instruction
- Numerical and visual reasoning training
- Non-calculator calculation techniques
- Topic-based practice
- Weekly timed tests
- Full-length mock examinations
- Detailed error analysis
- Individual progress reports
- Examination strategy and time management
- Guidance on university selection and applications

33. Are examination preparation and university application the same process?

No. Registering for TR-YÖS does not constitute a university application.

Students must separately apply to their chosen universities and submit documents such as:

- TR-YÖS result

- Passport
- High-school diploma
- Academic transcript
- Certified translations
- Language certificate, if required
- Photograph
- Application form
- Other programme-specific documents

Every university has its own application portal, deadlines and document requirements.

34. How can IEC Edu Consultancy help students prepare for TR-YÖS?

IEC Edu Consultancy can support international applicants with:

- Initial eligibility assessment
- Personalised TR-YÖS preparation planning
- Mathematics and numerical aptitude tuition
- Non-calculator problem-solving techniques
- Regular tests and full mock examinations
- Individual performance analysis
- Examination registration guidance
- University and programme selection
- Application-document preparation
- Admission, visa and pre-departure support

Our aim is to help students achieve a competitive result while building a balanced university application strategy.

Start Your TR-YÖS Preparation

Planning to study medicine, dentistry, engineering or another undergraduate programme in Türkiye?

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