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Greetings from the Ministry of Aliyah and Integration to the participants of the 21st Maccabiah

Dear athletes and coaches, welcome to Israel!

The Ministry of Aliyah and Integration would like to welcome you to Israel as part of the 21st Maccabiah, and to wish you much success and excellent achievements in any branch of sports in which you participate.

Your visit to Israel is a wonderful opportunity to get to know the land, its landscapes and its people, and to strengthen your bonds to the Jewish heritage and the Jewish People.

Following their visit to Israel, many of your colleagues in the previous Maccabiah have considered the option of immigration to Israel. Some of them have indeed immigrated to Israel, integrated in it and they make significant and impressive contributions to Israeli sports and society.

Should you, athletes and coaches, also choose to immigrate to Israel following your participation in the 21st Maccabiah, you will benefit from a special assistance package provided to you by the Ministry of Aliyah and Integration. This assistance will be provided **in addition** to the regular assistance provided to all new immigrants ("olim") in general and **in addition** to the assistance provided to new immigrant athletes, professional coaches and Olympic athletes who are members of the Israeli Olympic team.

Please note! The information published in this brochure is only intended for orientation purposes and does not confer eligibility for any type of assistance. This information may change from time to time, and therefore, before you take any action, please make sure that you are indeed eligible.

The sources of information regarding laws and regulations are the official agencies. However, miscommunications, errors, faults or discrepancies between the information published here and the laws and regulations may occur. In such cases, the laws and regulations prevail and not the information published in this brochure.

Ministry of Aliyah and Integration Special assistance package

New immigrants, immigrant citizens and returning minors who will immigrate to Israel following their participation in the 21st Maccabiah and who will receive an eligibility status as new immigrants between 13.7.2022 and 31.12.2023, will benefit from a special assistance package from the Ministry of Aliyah and Integration, in the fields specified below.

This assistance is conditioned upon the available budget. Furthermore, the number of assistance units for eligible candidates is limited and consequently available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Assistance from the Student Authority

The Student Authority will provide subsistence scholarships to eligible new immigrants who will immigrate to Israel following the 21st Maccabiah and who will begin their studies in Israel until the 2025-2026 (5786) academic year (inclusive). The scholarships consist of 1,000 NIS per month for 9 months during the first academic year, under the Authority's responsibility, in addition to full tuition for higher education in accordance with the Ministry's regulations.

Students may choose any form of higher education according to the regulations of the Student Authority, including repeat master's and bachelor's degrees in STEM professions (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics). The number of scholarships is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Eligibility for an academic degree through the Authority shall not compromise candidates' eligibility for a coaches course through the voucher project for new immigrants and returning citizens in the fields of employment and entrepreneurship and through the Center for Integration in Science.



A. Grant for athletes and professional sports coaches

Participants in the 21st Maccabiah who will immigrate to Israel following the Maccabiah (including returning minors and immigrant citizens), and who will be recognized as new immigrant athletes or as professional coaches by the Sports Authority of the Ministry of Culture and Sports, will be eligible for a double financial grant. This grant is intended to cover the costs of purchasing sports equipment and clothes, the costs of participation in a training camp and so on. This form of assistance will be provided starting from 13.7.2022 until 31.12.2023. The number of grants is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

B. Advanced Hebrew course

In addition to ulpan Aleph studies, eligible athletes will receive a special, 150-hour course intended to teach them specific Hebrew phrases and vocabulary for athletes and coaches.

C. Assistance in Promoting Employment through job placement for athletes and coaches

Athletes and professional coaches (including returning minors and immigrant citizens) who will immigrate to Israel following the 21st Maccabiah in the period between 13.7.2022 and 31.12.2023 will be eligible for assistance in promoting of employment through job placement. Within this framework, the Ministry of Aliyah and Integration will partially cover their wages, up to half the minimum wage, on condition that they are employed by a professional public body. This form of assistance will be paid directly to the employer, starting from the end of the new immigrant's eligibility for an Absorption Basket and for a period of up to 12 months. The eligibility for this form of assistance may be realized up to 10 years from the date in which the new immigrant received his or her new immigrant status.

D. Assistance in vocational training through vouchers

Participants of the 21st Maccabiah who will immigrate to Israel and who will be found eligible for a special assistance package, may be eligible for assistance in the form of vouchers for a vocational training course. This is in addition to the assistance in the field of employment provided under the Ministry's regulations, to which all new immigrant are eligible.

The Ministry of Aliyah and Integration, through the Entrepreneurship Division, will provide business development incentives to the participants of the 21st Maccabiah (including returning minors and immigrant citizens) who will immigrate to Israel.

The program will offer personal assistance to each entrepreneur as a grant for focused business development in the field of marketing, for increasing the business' sales turnover and for maintaining the business. This assistance also includes information on taxation. This form of assistance will be provided in addition to any other form of assistance to which new immigrants are eligible, in accordance with the business entrepreneurship regulation.

An information hotline is available in various languages, to answer all your business and financial questions. The hotline's number is: *8115.

All special forms of assistance in all the fields specified above are provided in addition to all other forms of assistance provided to all new immigrants in various fields, in accordance with the regulations and the new immigrants' eligibility.

Additional information

Information about sporting associations in Israel and employment opportunities can be found at the Department for the Integration of Athletes at the Ministry of Culture and Sports, at the Israeli Olympic Committee or at the Wingate Institute.

For additional information, guidance and assistance in any field related to integration, you are welcome to consult your personal absorption counselor at the Ministry of Aliyah and Integration close to your place of residence.



General assistance to athletes and Professional coaches

The Ministry of Aliyah and Integration, in association with the Ministry of Culture and Sports, assists in the integration of new immigrant athletes and professional coaches.

Athletes and professional coaches who wish to receive state assistance must have their status as "new immigrant athletes" or "new immigrant professional coaches" recognized.

To receive State recognition, you need to contact the Sports Authority of the Ministry of Culture and Sports and the professional sports association to which you belong in Israel, and to present documents and professional certificates attesting to your profession and your accomplishments.

Based on the documents and the recommendation of the sports association, you will receive the appropriate status – an athlete or a professional coach.

Upon receiving confirmation from the Sports Authority of the Ministry of Culture and Sports attesting to your status as athletes or professional coaches, you need to contact the Ministry of Aliyah and Integration to receive the form of assistance to which you are eligible.

Athletes and professional coaches who have been recognized by the Sports Authority of the Ministry of Culture and Sports are eligible for a one-time assistance in covering the costs of purchasing sports equipment and clothes, participating in a training camp and more.

Please note, You are welcome to consult your personal absorption counselor or the staff of the Employment Division, who are responsible for the integration of athletes in the Ministry of Aliyah and Integration's administrative districts, and to receive information about the process and detailed guidelines regarding the necessary documents, their translation, notarization and more.

The staff of the Ministry of Aliyah and Integration will accompany you throughout your integration process in Israel.

Professional sports coaches

Those interested in working as professional sports coaches must have their status recognized by the Ministry of Culture and Sports. This recognition shall be granted to new immigrants based on documents attesting to their credentials and experience as sports coaches in their countries of origin.

Gym Trainers

In order to be employed as gym trainers in Israel, trainers must hold a special license recognized in Israel. It is possible to receive the necessary training in Israel.

Physical Education Instructors

Physical education instructors whose level of Hebrew proficiency is ulpan B, and who carry teaching certificates attesting to their academic and professional training, and who are interested in teaching in school in Israel, must complete certain disciplinary courses, according to the superintendent's decision. Their first year in teaching will be an internship year, at the end of which they will receive a license to practice teaching. The entire integration process in the education system is accompanied by the Ministry of Education's new immigrant teachers guide.

A new immigrant coach who does not have a certificate conferring upon him the right to practice teaching, may continue to practice his profession as a coach, but will not be allowed to teach physical education in schools or other educational institutions under the Ministry of Education's supervision.

Searching for a teaching job

New immigrants may consult the Ministry of Education's new immigrant teacher guides in the administrative district in which they live.

Assistance to Olympic athletes

Immigrant athletes or coaches who have been integrated in the Israeli Olympic team may be eligible for a monthly scholarship from the Ministry of Aliyah and Integration, on the condition that they have completed their training period and submitted to the Ministry a monthly report signed by their professional association and the Olympic Committee.

The Olympic Committee may provide Olympic athletes with assistance and benefits of its own. For further information, contact the Olympic Committee in Israel.

Please note, In addition to the assistance provided to athletes and professional coaches, you are also eligible to all the forms of assistance to which all new immigrants are eligible, such as an Absorption Basket, Hebrew ulpan, assistance in housing and more.



Certification of foreign academic degrees and diplomas

Athletes and professional coaches who have acquired foreign academic education must have their academic degrees recognized by the Ministry of Education for purposes of determining salary in a public-sector job.

To receive formal recognition of academic degrees from foreign institutions of higher education, an application should be submitted to the Ministry of Education's Division of Evaluation of Foreign Academic Degrees.

The submission of applications for the evaluation of a foreign academic degree is through the online system at the Ministry of Education's website <https://students.education.gov.il/towards-academic-studies/academic-degrees-evaluation>

The rules for the evaluation of foreign degrees and the list of necessary documents are specified on this website.

All documents submitted through the online system must be stamped "faithful to the original" and signed by an Israeli attorney on each and every page.

A notarized translation with a red ribbon will be attached to the documents. Documents in English, Arabic, Russian and Ukrainian do not require translation.

The original notarized translations with the red ribbon should be mailed by registered mail to the following address:

משרד החינוך
הגף להערכת תארים אקדמיים מחו"ל
רח' כנפי נשרים 22
ירושלים 9546434

Ministry of Education
Division of Evaluation of Foreign Academic Degrees
22 Kanfei Nesharim St.
Jerusalem 9546434

Once your application has been processed, the notarized translations will be returned to you by registered mail.

The phone number of the Division of Evaluation of Foreign Academic Degrees is 073-3934455. Response times are Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday, 08:30-13:00.

Addresses and telephone numbers

The Sports Authority, Ministry of Culture and Sports

2 Agudat Sport HaPoel St., Jerusalem 9695102

..... 03-6367203

 www.mcs.gov.il

 limorco@most.gov.il

The Israel Olympic Committee

6 Shitrit St., Tel Aviv 6948206 03-6498385

..... fax 03-6498395

 <https://www.olympicsil.co.il/>

 nocil@nocil.co.il

The Sports Achievement Unit – Wingate Institute

Netanya 4290200 *3063, 09-8639550

 www.wingate.org.il

Associations and unions of Olympic sports in Israel

Cycling

6 Shitrit St., Tel Aviv 6948206 03-6490436

 contact@israelcycling.org.il

Athletics

Athletics Stadium, 10 Shitrit St., Tel Aviv 6948210 .. 03-6486256

 iaa@zahav.net.il

Boxing

7 Peretz Bernstein St., Ramat Gan 5224771 053-6934031

 israelboxinga@gmail.com

Badminton

Kibbutz Hatzor 60970 052-7894937

 israel.badminton.association@gmail.com



Judo

6 Shitrit St., Tel Aviv 6948206 03-6478025
@ office@ija.co.il

Golf

POB 141, Caesarea 38900 050-5571972
@ info@israelgolffed.org

Figure skating

1 Mifratz Shlomo St., Holon 03-5049746
@ info@iisf.org.il

Ice hockey

Canada Center, 1 HaRishonim St., 053-6500008
Metula 1029200
@ israhockey@gmail.com

Wrestling

8 Mordechai Makhluft St., POB 3408, 08-8530492
Beer Sheva 8413301
@ contact@iwf.org.il

Weightlifting

85 Jabotinsky St., Herzliya 4615002 053-7317126
@ lsrowf@gmail.com

Rowing

2 Rokach Blvd., Tel Aviv 6902001 052-5263874
@ daliaala@bezeqint.net

Tennis

2 Shitrit St., Tel Aviv 6948202 03-6499440
@ avi@ita.co.il

Table tennis

10 Shitrit St., Tel Aviv 6948210 03-6442503
@ www.itta.co.il

Taekwondo

1 David Ayalon St., Teddy Stadium, 02-6780175
Jerusalem 91030002
@ office@tkd.org.il

Triathlon

3 Shalem St., Ramat Gan 5224771 03-6764008
@ office@triathlon.org.il

Handball

6 Shitrit St., Tel Aviv, POB 24066, 61240 03-6495552
@ hfi@handballisr.co.il

Water polo

Wingate Institute, Netanya 4290200 09-8854325
@ office@isrwp.co.il

Volleyball

6 Shitrit St., Tel Aviv 6948206 03-6497444
@ info@iva.org.il

Basketball

36 Yehudit Blvd., Tel Aviv 6701638 03-5686666
@ ibba@basket-ball.co.il

Football

POB 3591, Ramat Gan Stadium 52134 03-6171500
@ www.football.org.il

Fencing

10 Shitrit St., Tel Aviv 6948210 052-4637828
@ Israel.fencing.association@gmail.com

Canoes

Kibbutz Deganya Bet, 054-5658875, 053-2868849
Jordan Valley
@ israelcanoe@gmail.com

Gymnastics (rhythmic gymnastics, artistic gymnastics, acrobatic gymnastics, trampoline, aerobics)

2 Shitrit St., Tel Aviv 6948202 03-6491476
@ office@gymnastics.org.il



Sport climbing

POB 250, Kibbutz Einat 48805 052-9460916

@ info@ilca.org.il

Shooting

85 Jabotinsky St., Herzliya 4615002 09-9570816

@ ceo@shooting.org.il

Archery

6 Katznelson St., Lod 712260 052-3536746

@ Guy.matzkin@gmail.com

Equestrian

Wingate Institute, Netanya 4290200 09-8850938

@ Office@ief.org.il

Rugby

Wingate Institute, Netanya 4290200 054-4298698

@ secretary@rugby.org.il

Baseball

POB 48159, Tel Aviv 61481 053-4279940

@ info@baseball.org.il

Swimming

Wingate Institute, Netanya 4290200 09-8857969

@ Timna@isr.org.il

Sailing

6 Shitrit St., Tel Aviv 6948206 03-6482860

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Ministry of Aliyah and Integration addresses and telephone numbers

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..... fax 072-3229697

🏠 www.klita.gov.il

@ info@moia.gov.il

Public Inquiries

Address for submitting a written inquiry: the Unit for Public Inquiries, Ministry of Aliyah and Integration, 2 Kaplan St. Jerusalem

..... fax 073-3972301

@ pniozibur@moia.gov.il

Online inquiry:

🏠 <https://www.gov.il/en/service/moia-public-inquiries>

Public complaints

Address for sending a written letter: Ministry of Aliyah and Integration, the Senior Division for Internal Auditing and Public Complaints, 2 Kaplan St. Jerusalem

..... 073-3972047

..... fax 073-3972309

Filling an online form on the Ministry of Aliyah and Integration website at the following link:

🏠 <https://www.gov.il/Apps/Moia/OnlineForms/contactUsMoia/en>

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2 Kaplan St., Kiryat Ben Gurion, Building B, 073-3972000
Jerusalem 9195016

Division A Employment

..... 073-3972013

Employment Coordinator – New immigrant Artists and Athletes in the Division A Employment

073-3972034

Jerusalem and Southern District

31 Zalman Shazar St., Beer Sheva 1599-500-921

..... fax 08-6280529



District Employment Counselor – New immigrant Artists and Athletes, Jerusalem and Southern District

.....073-3972402

Tel Aviv and Central District

6 Ester HaMalka St., Tel Aviv1599-500-901

..... fax 073-3974131

District Employment Counselor – New immigrant Artists and Athletes, Tel Aviv and Central District

.....073-3974213

Haifa and Northern District

15 Pal-Yam Blvd., Building A, Haifa1599-500-922

..... fax 04-8622587

District Employment Counselor – New immigrant Artists and Athletes, Haifa and Northern District.....073-3973020

