

March 08, 2023

Subject: **Student eligibility for exam accommodations**

**Students coping with learning disabilities/other disabilities**

1. Students coping with are eligible for accommodations as per their MATAL evaluations, valid for up to ten years from date of issue. The maximum extension granted for learning disabilities students is 25% of exam time. Test accommodation approval will be given by the Office of Student Support and Accessibility. Further details are available [here](#). Requests for accommodations may be submitted through the [In-Bar](#) portal (administrative requests- accommodations category- request for accommodations for students with learning disabilities).
2. Students coping with disabilities are eligible for accommodations as per their relevant medical documents. Test accommodation approval will be given by the Office of Student Support and Accessibility. Further details are available [here](#). Requests for accommodations may be submitted through the [In-Bar](#) portal (administrative requests- accommodations category- request for accommodations for students with disabilities).

**Student Olim (new immigrants)/tourists:**

1. Students who are Olim/tourists who have been in Israel up to seven years from the date of Aliyah, are eligible in all degree programs for a 25% extension on exam time but no more than 30 minutes per exam and with no penalty for spelling errors. To obtain test accommodation approval, please contact Sara Luzon, head of the Department for Olim. Requests are to be sent via email to: [olim.wellbeing@biu.ac.il](mailto:olim.wellbeing@biu.ac.il)
2. Students who are Olim/tourists and are native English speakers studying in English language programs are not eligible for extra time.
3. Students who are Olim/tourists, studying Linguistics and English Literature or language courses (other than English as a Foreign Language) are not be eligible for extra time on exams.
4. Olim students/tourists, studying towards an accounting certificate up to 10 years in Israel from the date of Aliyah, are eligible for a 30-minute time extension overall **for each section** of exams. Test accommodation approval will be granted by Sara Luzon, head of the Department for Olim. Requests are to be sent via email to: [olim.wellbeing@biu.ac.il](mailto:olim.wellbeing@biu.ac.il)
5. Olim students/tourists, up to 10 years in Israel from the date of Aliyah, are eligible for a 30-minute time extension overall **for each section** of exams in accounting certificate studies. Test accommodation approval will be granted by Sara Luzon, head of the Department for Olim.
6. Students who are Olim/tourists may use a dictionary or a soundless electronic dictionary (and does not allow internet access), except for language courses. Use of a dictionary requires course instructor approval.
7. Students who are Olim/tourists who have been in Israel for up to seven years from the date of Aliyah, and who are in their first year of their bachelor's or master's degree and have not taken a degree in Hebrew before, are eligible for translation of their exams into English. Each student is eligible for translation of

up to four exams per semester. Exercising this right is conditional on approval by the instructor and incurs a fee to be paid through [epay](#). To obtain authorization for a translated exam, contact the Department for Olim in the office of the Dean of Students [olim.wellbeing@biu.ac.il](mailto:olim.wellbeing@biu.ac.il).

8. Students taking an exam translated into English are not eligible for extended time on that exam.
9. Students who have difficulties with Hebrew beyond the accommodation eligibility period may contact the Department for Olim to determine whether their eligibility may be extended by up to three additional years.

#### Students of Ethiopian descent:

Students of Ethiopian descent are eligible for a 25% extension on exam time throughout their undergraduate degree. Apply [here](#).

#### Arab Students:

1. Arab students who have graduated from an institution where studies were not conducted in Hebrew, are eligible for a 25% extension on exam time but no more than 30 minutes per exam, throughout their degree. Test accommodation approval will be given by Mr. Rfat Sweidan, Academic Advisor for Arab Students. Click [here](#) to contact him.
2. Arab students who have graduated from an institution where studies were not conducted in Hebrew, are eligible for a 30-minute time extension overall for each section of exams in accounting certificate studies. Test accommodation approval will be given by Mr. Rfat Sweidan, Academic Advisor for Arab Students.
3. Arab students may use a dictionary or a soundless electronic dictionary (and does not allow internet access), except for language courses. Use of a dictionary requires course instructor approval.

#### Students who come from Haredi institutions:

Students who come from Haredi institutions are eligible for a 25% extension on exam time but no more than 30 minutes, in their 1st year of undergraduate studies only. Test accommodation approval will be given by the head of the Haredi Unit in the Department of Academics and Community. Send requests via email to: [haredim.stu@live.biu.ac.il](mailto:haredim.stu@live.biu.ac.il).

#### Students aged 60 or older:

Students over the age of 60 are eligible for a 25% extension on exam time. The extensions are updated automatically in the Bar-Ilan systems.

#### Pregnant/lactating students:

1. Pregnant students are eligible for a 25% extension on exam time in addition to the right to a restroom break. To obtain authorization, contact the Office of Student Support and Accessibility through the [In-Bar](#) portal (administrative requests-submit request- accommodations category- request for pregnant student accommodations). For in-person exams only, a medical authorization may be presented to the proctor.

2. Lactating students with infants up to the age of six months are eligible for a 20-minute extension for exams that are three hours or longer, to nurse or express during the course of the exam, and provided that a request was issued for this at least 5 working days before the exam. This extension is additional to any other extensions for which the student is eligible. Contact the Exam Office via the contact form, attaching a birth certificate. Click [here](#) for the form.

**General remarks:**

1. Please note – requests for accommodations must be submitted no later than May 31, 2023.
2. No cumulative extensions will be granted, except in the case of lactating students.
3. Accommodations granting extension of exam time also apply to quizzes.

The Bar-Ilan Dean of Students Office  
wishes you the best of luck in your studies  
and calls upon you to contact us with any question/comment:

- The Department for Olim: [olim.wellbeing@biu.ac.il](mailto:olim.wellbeing@biu.ac.il), tel: 077-3643585
- The Office of Student Support and Accessibility: [negishut.student@biu.ac.il](mailto:negishut.student@biu.ac.il), tel: 03-5318491
- Coordinator of the Haredi Unit in the Department of Academics and Community:  
[haredim.stu@live.biu.ac.il](mailto:haredim.stu@live.biu.ac.il), tel: 077-3643590
- Center for students of Ethiopian descent – Ms. Tezeta Garmay: [tezeta.garmay@biu.ac.il](mailto:tezeta.garmay@biu.ac.il), tel: 077-3643587
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