



**REPUBLIC OF TURKEY  
TURKISH NATIONAL DEFENSE UNIVERSITY  
ARMY NCO VOCATIONAL HE SCHOOL**



*Victory is for those who can say "Victory is mine".  
Success is for those who can begin saying "I will succeed" and  
say "I have succeeded" in the end.*

*K. Atatürk*



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## ■ Rector's Message

### **Dear Students,**

The Turkish National Defense University has made significant progress in providing military training and academic education under one entity. Despite being established only a few years ago, the university has taken swift action to meet the demand for well-trained officers and non-commissioned officers in the Turkish Armed Forces. On the one hand, the university preserves military training standards and traditions, on the other hand it offers undergraduate, graduate, and education using modern methods. In the aftermath of the July 15 treacherous coup attempt, the military schools have quickly regained their footing through recent reforms and are making rapid progress in all areas. We invite the young, who are the future of our country, to join the Turkish Armed Forces, which has a proud history of victories and is one of the world's most powerful armies. We look forward to welcoming you to the Turkish National Defense University, where you can become a commander of the future.



**Prof. Erhan AFYONCU**  
**Rector**





## ■ Organization

The Turkish National Defense University was officially established on July 25, 2016 through Decree Law No. 669, titled "Measures Taken During the State of Emergency and the Establishment of the National Defense University and Amendments to Certain Laws." The university's organizational structure was laid out in a Decree of the Council of Ministers No. 2016/9522 on November 14, 2016 and was published in the Official Gazette on November 25, 2016. The staff organization of the Rectorate was approved by the Ministry of National Defense on February 3, 2017, and the Rectorate became operational on January 9, 2017, on its campus located in Yenilevent, Istanbul. The Turkish National Defense University encompasses three War Academies, four Service War Colleges, three Institutes and four Non-Commissioned Officer Vocational Schools.

## ■ Mission

To educate and train workforce which is loyal to their country, nation, and state, embracing the principles of Atatürk with strong national values, a deep understanding of democracy, and a historical awareness. Additionally, the university aims to develop doctrinal solutions for military operations and foster the growth of military culture.

## ■ Vizyon

To be a highly respected influential and leading institution in the field of military education and research particularly in areas such as defense, security, and strategy by providing high-quality and innovative educational and research programs.







### ■ History

In order to provide NCO training with modern methods, "Küçük Zabıt İptidaî Mektepleri" (NCO Primary Schools) were opened at the level of primary school in seven military regions (İstanbul, Konya, Thessalonica, Erzincan, Aleppo, Bagdad, and Yemen) of Ottoman Empire by a regulation issued in 1909. Being the mid-level managers and technicians within the military structure of Ottoman Empire, the NCO requirement was met by commissioning the warrant officers called "Gedikli", who had performed the same duty continuously; and therefore had wide knowledge and skill as regular NCOs. However some of the earliest established schools were closed due to the wars and territorial losses. Turkish Education System was re-organized by "Tevhid-i Tedrisat Kanunu" (Law on Unification of Education) enacted on 3 March 1924 and within the framework of this law, a number of "Non-Commissioned Officer Schools" were opened at various times. All of the "NCOs High Schools", which had been opened after 1950, were closed down in 1963, with the exception of the one in KONYA. By the regulation issued in 1966, "NCO High School" in Konya was moved to ÇANKIRI and named as "Çankırı NCO High School". Afterwards, "Technical NCO High School" was founded in BALIKESİR in 1987. By the transfer of "NCO Electronics High School" in ANKARA in 1988 and "NCO High School" in ÇANKIRI in 1997 to BALIKESİR, "Multi Curriculum NCO High School" was founded. The School was raised to the level of Vocational School in 2003. The School was re-organized under the Turkish National Defense University in 2016.







## ■ Military Training

In order to enhance the military knowledge and skills of the new cadets in the school and to familiarize them with basic military terminology and practices, the Basic Military Training is conducted. This training is carried out for two-to-four weeks between September and October.

To reinforce the cadets' basic military knowledge and skills throughout the academic year military subjects are exercised in practice. At the end of the first and second years, military exercises and command skills are developed through training held in Kartal/Menteş-İZMİR. This end-of-year training covers a range of endurance exercises, including combat swimming, infiltration, obstacle course training, combat training, marksmanship and shooting training, survival training and night training.







## ■ Academic Education

The Turkish Army NCO Vocational School is dedicated to educating and training cadets who embody Atatürk's Principles and Reforms, exhibit strong patriotism, a sense of responsibility, and military values. The school aims to develop quick thinking and decision-making skills, as well as an understanding of history and historical consciousness. The cadets are also kept up-to-date on scientific and technological developments in their military branches, and are taught a foreign language to the level that they may follow the relevant publications and up-to-date information while using Turkish properly with effective written and verbal communication skills, as well as eloquence. The cadets receive instruction in ten academic programs and also some opportunities are provided including access to an ever-growing library, various physical fitness facilities, and a language laboratory to improve language proficiency.





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## Departments

### ■ Business Administration

The Department focuses on educating cadets in the fields of modern administrative systems and human resource management. These cadets will be equipped to understand and apply key concepts and methods in these areas.



### ■ Electrics

The Department focuses on educating cadets in the field of installation and operation of electric and electrical machines, as well as the maintenance and repair of these systems to ensure their functioning.



### ■ Electronics Communication Tech.

The Department focuses on educating cadets in the principles of electronic circuits, the use of measuring instruments, the hardware and software aspects of microelectronic systems, as well as the maintenance, repair, and communication systems.



### ■ Aircraft Technology

The Department focuses on educating cadets on aircrafts and their various parts and components which are in the inventory of the Land Force Command and to equip them with the skills to perform basic maintenance and repair on these aircrafts.



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### ■ Automotive Technology

The Department focuses on educating cadets on the operation and maintenance of gasoline and diesel-engine vehicles, enabling them to acquire the knowledge and skills necessary to effectively manage these systems.



### ■ Mechatronics

The Department focuses on educating cadets on mechanics, electrical systems, electronics, and computer programs, incorporating an interdisciplinary approach to train cadets on the operation and maintenance of these technologies.



### ■ Computer Technology

The Department focuses on educating cadets in the fields of programming, managing databases, maintaining and operating computer and network systems using the latest information technology devices and equipment.

### ■ Construction and Installation Tech.

The Department focuses on educating cadets on the cost calculation for building and facility projects, as well as the maintenance, repair, and operation of these structures through the use of construction materials and techniques.



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### ■ Defense Services

The Department focuses on educating cadets on the cost calculation for building and facility projects, as well as the maintenance, repair, and operation of these structures through the use of [www.kconstruction.amyo.edumaterials.tr](http://www.kconstruction.amyo.edumaterials.tr) and techniques.







### ■ Physical Education and Sports

In order to improve the psychomotor skills (coordination, rhythm, balance, speed, endurance, strength, flexibility, etc.) of the cadets and provide them with adoption of the sport as a life style, sport activities and team sports in Olympics branches are conducted during the academic education and practical trainings. In Army NCO Vocational School, the sport teams are formed in the branches of athletics, shooting, military pentathlon, crossing, and orienteering. Taking part in Turkish Land Forces Command Competitions, NCO Vocational Schools Competitions and inter-club competitions, these teams have chance to represent their schools.



### ■ Social Activities

As well as the opportunities provided for personal development of the cadets, the activities such as poetry recitations, plays, concerts, and oratorios are organized with the participation of the cadets of Army NCO Vocational School, where the importance of social activities is recognized. The school provides recreational areas, such as a 3-ball pool, console games room, chess and table games hall, for cadets to relieve the stress of the day during their free time. In the school conferences in various fields including science, health, sports and literature are also conducted with the active participation of the cadets. Historical visits to the sites, where the foundation of the Republic lays and Turkish War of Independence was fought, instill historical consciousness and sense.





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## Graduate Opportunities

### ■ After Graduation and Social Opportunities

Following their graduation, cadets are awarded an NCO diploma and the “associate degree diploma” of the department they have completed. NCOs receive a salary as soon as they graduate. NCOs and their dependants benefit from common social opportunities, such as housing, holiday camps, NCOs’ Clubs and OYAK (Turkish Armed Forces Assistance and Pension Fund).

### ■ National and Foreign Postgraduate Education

Cadets graduate from the NCO Vocational School by gaining the knowledge and skills appropriate to the needs of the age. Cadets who graduate with an associate degree diploma have the opportunity to complete their undergraduate degree. Thus, NCOs who have graduated from a four-year faculty can take the exam for the transition to active duty officer position within the quotas determined annually. Graduated cadets are given an "NCO Diploma", "Associate Degree Diploma" and a "Diploma Supplement" valid abroad (in EU countries). There are opportunities for foreign language education, on-the-job training, domestic and international courses, commando specialization courses, joining the special forces, and transitioning from non-commissioned officer to officer.

### ■ Foreign Missions

NCOs graduated from the school may take permanent and temporary duties in Turkish/NATO units located all around the world.



# Turkish Army NCO Vocational HE School

## Frequently Asked Questions



**Question: In what ways are the applications made for Non-Commissioned Officer (NCO) Vocational Schools of the Turkish National Defense University as an international cadet? Can I make individual application?**

**Answer: Individual application is not allowed for NCO Vocational Schools of the Turkish National Defense University. If there is a Military Training Cooperation Agreement between Turkiye and the country willing to send international cadets, Military Attachés of the Republic of Turkiye in the mentioned country conduct a selection process among the candidates determined by the scope of the agreement.**

**Question: Do International cadets pay fees for training and education in the NCO Vocational Schools? Are health expenses covered by Turkiye? Do the international cadets receive an allowance?**

**Answer: The issues such as training and education fees, health expenses, and allowances are determined in the Military Training Cooperation Agreement signed between Turkiye and the allied country and the procedures are carried out as set out in the agreement.**

**Question: What is the language of education in NCO Vocational Schools?**

**Answer: The language of education in NCO Vocational Schools is Turkish. If the international cadets already have proficiency in Turkish, they can start training and education immediately.**

**Question: I do not know Turkish at all / I do not have proficiency in Turkish for the training and education in NCO Vocational Schools. Can I still apply?**

**Answer: Yes, you can. NCO Vocational Schools provide Turkish Preparatory Class for one year to those who do not know Turkish at all or who do not have proficiency in Turkish. You can continue your education in NCO Vocational School after successfully completing the Turkish Preparatory Class.**

**Question: There are various academic departments (engineering, management, etc.) in NCO Vocational Schools. What is the procedure for the selections of departments?**

**Answer: International cadets select their academic departments in accordance with their own choices, the allied countries' preferences, cadets' qualifications, and quotas set in the NCO Vocational Schools.**



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**Question: Are the diplomas and other documents, which the International cadets receive after graduation, internationally recognized?**

**Answer: NCO Vocational Schools are deep-rooted and elite vocational schools and the Turkish National Defense University is a reputable university in Türkiye. The diplomas and other documents received from these schools are internationally recognized.**

**Question: Is there any difference for the success criteria for the courses and other training between the international cadets and Turkish cadets in the NCO Vocational Schools?**

**Answer: There is no difference in the success criteria for academic and military evaluation between the international cadets and Turkish cadets.**

**Question: How long is the period of study in NCO Vocational Schools?**

**Answer: The period of study is two years in NCO Vocational Schools.**

**Question: Do international cadets also have to wear uniform as Turkish cadets?**

**Answer: Yes, they have to. International cadets wear the same uniform as Turkish cadets. However, they wear flags of their countries on the sleeves.**

**Question: Do international cadets have free time on weekends and public holidays just as the Turkish cadets?**

**Answer: Yes, they can. The international cadets take leave for weekends and public holidays. Moreover, they celebrate their own national holidays in the NCO Vocational Schools.**

**Question: How can I get detailed information about the NCO Vocational Schools of the National Defense University and the procedures of application for international cadets?**

**Answer: You can get detailed information about NCO Vocational Schools by visiting the web site of the National Defense University ([www.msu.edu.tr](http://www.msu.edu.tr)). In order to get information on the procedures for application, you can apply to Turkish Embassy and Turkish Military Attaché Office in your country.**





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