

# **Ministerial Decree No. (24) of 2021 concerning updating the date for calculating the admission age of students in public and private schools**

## **The Minister of Education**

Having reviewed Federal Law No. (1) of 1972 concerning the competencies of ministries and the powers of ministers, and its amendments

And Federal Law No. (29) of 2006 concerning the rights of persons with disabilities, as amended by Law No. (14) of 2009.

And Federal Decree-Law No. (15) of 2016 on the establishment of the Emirates Schools Establishment.

And Federal Law No. (3) of 2016 concerning the Child Rights Law (Wadeema).

And Federal Decree-Law No. (18) of 2020 concerning Private Education.

And Cabinet Resolution No. (24) of 2001 concerning the regulation of the admission of expatriate children in educational stages, and its amendments.

And Cabinet Resolution No. (1/185) of 2001 concerning the approval of the reorganization of primary and preparatory education and the duration of compulsory years.

And Cabinet Resolution No. (30/486) of 2001 concerning the regulation of the admission of expatriate children in public schools.

And Cabinet Resolution No. (29m/16 of 2020) concerning the approval of the organizational structure of the Ministry of Education.

And Ministerial Decree No. (619) of 2017 concerning the Student Conduct Management Regulation in public education institutions.

And Ministerial Decree No. (820) of 2014 concerning the Student Registration Regulation.

And Ministerial Decree No. (166) of 2010 concerning the adoption of the general rules for special education programs.

And Ministerial Decree No. (5) of 2021 concerning updating the date for calculating the admission age of students in public and private schools.

And the letter of the Secretary-General of the Education and Human Resources Council No. (E.H.R.C/A/1509) dated 10/1/2021 with the recommendations of the Education and Human Resources Council regarding the date for calculating the admission age of students.

And based on the public interest.

Has decided the following:

**Article 1:** The date for calculating the admission age of students mentioned in Ministerial Decree No. (820) of 2014 concerning the Student Registration Regulation shall be updated in accordance with the following controls and conditions:

**First:** The admission age of students in the schools listed below shall be calculated to accept those who have completed the approved age for registration by August 31 of the academic year in which they are admitted, starting from the academic year 2021/2022 and according to the table attached to this decree (Appendix 1):

- \* Public schools

- \* Private schools that follow the Ministry's curriculum

- \* Private schools that follow international foreign curricula and whose academic year begins in September

**Second:** The admission age of students in private schools whose academic year begins in April shall be calculated to accept those who have completed the approved age for registration by March 31 of the academic year in which they are admitted, starting from the academic year 2022/2023, and according to the table attached to this decree (Appendix 2).

**Third:** The grade names for the schools mentioned in this decree shall be according to the system each one follows and as per the table attached to this decree (3).

**Fourth:** No exceptions to the dates specified in this decree will be accepted.

**Fifth:** The cases of students coming from outside the country will be studied, and they will be registered in the country's schools based on their fulfillment of the approved admission age.

**Article 2:** The updated dates mentioned in Article 1 of this decree shall apply to the registration of new students without affecting the currently enrolled students in each grade and those moving to the following grades.

**Article 3:** Ministerial Decree No. (5) of 2021 concerning updating the date for calculating the admission age of students in public and private schools is hereby repealed, as are any provisions that conflict with the provisions of this decree.

**Article 4:** This decree shall be communicated to all competent authorities for its implementation, each within its jurisdiction, and shall be effective starting from the academic years specified in Article 1 of this decree.

Hussain bin Ibrahim Al Hammadi

Minister of Education

Original signed by His Excellency the Minister

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Appendix: (1)

\* Table for calculating the admission age of students who have completed the approved age for the academic year 2021/2022

Grade	Minimum Age	Born from	Born up to	Age
Pre-KG	3	01/09/2017	31/08/2018	3 years
KG1	4	01/09/2016	31/08/2017	4 years
KG2	5	01/09/2015	31/08/2016	5 years
Grade 1	6	01/09/2013	31/08/2015	6-8 years

Appendix (2)

\* Table for the date of calculating the admission age of students who have completed the approved age for private schools whose academic year begins in April for the academic year 2022/2023:

Grade	Minimum Age	Born from	Born up to	Age
Pre-KG	3	01/04/2018	31/03/2019	3 years

<b>Grade</b>	<b>Minimum Age</b>	<b>Born from</b>	<b>Born up to</b>	<b>Age</b>
KG1	4	01/04/2017	31/03/2018	4 years
KG2	5	01/04/2016	31/03/2017	5 years
Grade 1	6	01/04/2014	31/03/2016	6-8 years

### Appendix (3)

\* Table of grade names in Arabic and their English equivalents, with clarification for other foreign curricula

<b>Grade (Arabic)</b>	<b>Minimum Age</b>	<b>Grade (American)</b>	<b>British System</b>	<b>French System</b>
Pre-KG	3	Pre-Kg	Nursery or Pre-School	Petite Section (Ps)
KG1	4	KG1	Reception	Moyenne Section (MS)
KG2	5	KG2	Year 1	Grande Section (GS)
Grade 1	6	Grade 1	Year 2	Course Preparator (CP)