

Day and Date: Wednesday, 24/02/2021

Ref. No: AS/3/35/2020-21

Subject: FAQs on changes to the age requirements for 2021/22 “New Admission”.

Dear Parents,

Kindly be informed of the official updates and changes related to the age of students who have NOT been registered in any school until now. These changes will be applied for the students from FS-1 to Year2 / Grade-1 “starting from the academic year 2021-2022 as per the updated ministry rules and regulations.

For further details, parents are welcomed to browse through the UAE Ministry of Education Resolution no (24) on age requirement changes:

Link: <https://alansarschool.net//Website-UPLOADS/Admissions/Adm-Age-Requirements.pdf>

We are providing our valued parents with the following FAQ’s for their clarity on this decision.

1. What are the changes?

Age requirements will change for new students enrolled in FS1/Pre-KG, according to the UAE Ministry of Education Resolution no (24).

Children enrolling in FS1/Pre-KG in schools starting in September must be three years old on or before August 31 of that year.

Children enrolling in FS2/KG1 must be four years old on or before August 31 for schools starting in September.

Similarly, children enrolling in Year 1/ KG2 must be five years old on or before August 31 for schools starting in September.

The MoE resolution stipulates that all students currently enrolled at private schools in the UAE are not affected by the change.

This includes students who enroll for the final term of the 2020/21 academic year.

Schools that start the academic year in September, in line with MoE Resolution no (24).

Grade/Year level	Age requirement
Foundation Stage 1 or Pre-KG	3 years old by Aug 31
Foundation Stage 2 or KG1	4 years old by Aug 31
Year 1 or KG2	5 years old by Aug 31
Grade 1 or Year 2	6 years old by Aug 31

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2. When will this change come into effect?

This change will be applicable from the start of the 2021/22 academic year in September 2021.

3. Why was this change made?

This decision was made to bring more consistency to the cut-off dates used by schools in the UAE with those used by schools abroad. For example, UK schools in the UAE will now have the same cut-off date as schools in the UK, and international British schools.

4. Who will this change impact?

This change will impact children up to six years old who are enrolling in school for the first time for the academic year 2021-2022 onwards.

5. Will the new cut-off date apply to all year/grade levels?

It will apply to new students enrolling in FS1, FS2, Year 1 and Year 2 (Pre-KG, KG1, KG2 and Grade 1 respectively) in all schools in the UAE, as stipulated in the MoE resolution.

6. My son was enrolled in FS2/KG-1 this year but I withdrew his enrolment due to COVID-19. He'll be 4 years old in September. Can I still enroll him in Year-1/KG-2 next year?

Your child must have formally finished the previous academic year in order to enroll in the next one. Since he does not meet the age requirement for Year-1/KG-2 for the next academic year, he must enroll in FS2/KG-1. According to the MoE resolution, he can enroll in Year-1/KG-2 next academic year only if he completes FS2/KG-1 this academic year.

7. My daughter will be 4 years old in December. If I enroll her in FS2/KG-1 for the last term of this year – before the changes come into effect - will she be able to start Year 1/KG-2 next year?

Yes. The new age requirements will apply for new students from the start of the next academic year only. The MoE resolution stipulates that all students currently enrolled at private schools in the UAE are not affected by the change.

8. I've already registered and paid the deposit for my daughter to start school in FS2 in September. She will be four years old in November. Is she affected by this?

According to the new cut-off dates in the MoE resolution, your daughter will not be able to start in FS2 in September. She can register for FS-1 in September.

Parents whose children are affected by the new cut-off dates and who have already paid deposits for their children's enrolment are entitled to a refund if they wish by latest 19/08/2021.

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9. My child was born one day after the cut-off date. Is there some leeway given?

No exceptions to the cut-off dates will be given under any circumstances.

10. How can my child benefit regarding this decision “if my child is NOT yet registered at the school and he/she is below 6 years old “especially if the date of birth was between September and December”?

Al Ansar is offering parents a 100% discount on the tuition fees of term-2, if they register their children in AIS KG for the current academic year 2020-2021 between February and March 2021.

This news is shared with our beloved community to ensure parents are aware about the registration updates.

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