

## The Government has approved the online acquiring of free tickets for rail transport for students!

The Government approved on the 8th of October, 2020, following the steps of the Ministry of Transport, Infrastructure and Communications (MTIC) and at the initiative of The Romanian Railway Company, an amendment of H.G. (Government Decision) no. 42/2017 pursuant to which **students and pupils can acquire their free train travel tickets online and through vending machines**. The regulations will enter into force from the moment the decision is published in the Official Gazette.

**The National Alliance of Student Organizations in Romania (ANOSR)** has constantly requested in recent days the representatives of the Romanian Government to **speed up the approval of the Government Decision** initiated and agreed by ANOSR with **The Romanian Railway Company (CFR Călători)** to modify the regulation of student transport by train and to **extend the validity of the cards from the previous academic year**. Thus, we announce that from the moment of publication in the Official Gazette, because of the H.G approved yesterday, students will be able to purchase free tickets with the card for the academic year 2019-2020 until October 31st!

Also, **the Romanian Government accepted ANOSR's amendment on the possibility of purchasing tickets online during the state of emergency/alert without the need for a travel card**, based on a student certificate issued electronically by the university.

We bring to your attention the fact that at the beginning of September, **Horia Șerban ONIȚA, President of ANOSR**, met with the representatives of The Romanian Railway Company to establish the necessary steps in order to operationalize the possibility for students to obtain free tickets and season tickets online for rail transport.

From 2017 until now, no connectivity has been ensured between the Transcript of records (RMU) and the database of the Ministry of Transport, as provided by the legislation in effect. Thus, CFR Călători assumed the promotion through the Ministry of Transport of a proposal for the modification of the Government Decision no. 42 of 2017, so that tickets can be purchased online without the use of the Single Registration Register.

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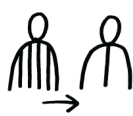
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For journeys with a sleeping car or first class, students pay only the class difference, the first class reservation fee or the bed supplement, as the case may be, the basic travel card being acquired free of charge in these cases as well.

In this way, **ANOSR thanks The Romanian Railway Company for its collaboration** and requests the operationalization of the entire process in the shortest possible time.

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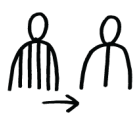
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