

## Increasing the residency registration fee - unjustified and non-transparent

Following the publication in the Official Gazette of the Order of the Minister of Health no. 1697/2020, the **National Alliance of Student Organizations in Romania (ANOSR)** notes the lack of transparency and justification in increasing by 25% the registration fee for residency for the exam. Thus, we call for its reduction to the initial amount and for the digitization of the residency registration procedure.

First of all, we remind you that **the entire pandemic context showed all the more the need for specialists in the field of health**, in order to be able to ensure the proper operationalization of Romanian health institutions. For more than half a year, this field has remained on the front lines in the fight against COVID-19, and there is a constant need for medical staff willing to carry on the work.

Moreover, the graduates who are now going to take the residency exam actively participated in the second semester in the Romanian hospitals, in order to fight the pandemic that appeared in March of the previous academic year. However, through such measures, **the attitude of the decision makers does not show respect for the work they do and for the danger they face every day.**

Secondly, the announcement appears about a month before the national examination, without any prior statement on the subject. The whole procedure was carried out completely non-transparent; thus, no public consultation took place, for all interested actors and persons directly influenced by the increase of the tax by a quarter of the amount. In addition, no concrete justification was provided, capable of subsuming the arguments that led to this decision. Moreover, the economic crisis generated by Covid-19 justifies even less an increase of taxes during this period.

Last but not least, **the lack of desire to digitize the registration procedure is surprising**, as candidates have to send the registration file by mail or courier, and if they do not want to file a legalized copy (hence going to the public notary), they must travel to the Public Health Directorate in order to certify the conformity with the original. We mention that **other national**

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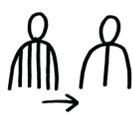
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**exams have transferred the entire registration procedure to an online one**, a measure adapted to the current situation.

Thus, ANOSR requests the urgency of publishing the mechanisms by which this fee is established and, therefore, increased one month before the exam and reducing it to the initial amount, to ensure the stability and transparency assumed countless times in the system, and the identification of registration that does not require the candidates to travel.

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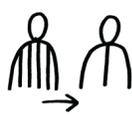
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