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Afghanistan	No	Specific group working for the government	Minister, Deputy Minister or Director General	unknown
Albania	no			
Algeria (msp)	yes	Only for civil servants, but not for NGOs and private companies	The ministry	4 - 8 weeks
Armenia	no			
Bangladesh	yes	For all who work for government/semi-government organizations	Public universities : Registrar Ministries : Director General or any person in the secretariat level related to the particular ministry	1 month
Benin				
Bhutan	yes	YES, ONLY FOR SPECIFIC GROUP. (Government Statement is mandatory for those working in Government sector/civil servants who apply for the course duration of more than 6 months).	Statement of Government Authority is obtained from: HRD Division, ROYAL CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION (RCSC), ROYAL GOVERNMENT OF BHUTAN	2 – 3 weeks at the most. It also depends largely on the applicant how fast they submit their documents to RCSC. Sometimes can be done in less than 1 week also.
Bolivia	no			
Burkina Faso				
Burundi	yes	only the government employee's	Minister or the Permanent secretary (PS), or the Director General if the Minister or PS are not available. In the Public University, the Rector could also deliver the government statement in some case	1 month
Cambodia	no			
Colombia	no			
Djibouti				
DR Congo	no			
Egypt	no			
Egypt (msp)	no			
Eritrea	yes	all applicants	all government institutions	unknown
Ethiopia	no			
Georgia	no			
Ghana	yes	all applicants	MINISTRY OF FINANCE & ECONOMIC PLANNING, ACCRA, GHANA,	2 DAYS, (48HRS)
Guatemala				
India	no			
Indonesia	no			
Iraq (msp)	yes	all applicants	The Ministries (Employers in General)	two weeks
Jordan				
Jordan (msp)	yes	government employees	Their application should at least be stamped by the Ministry of Planning and international organisation (MOPIC)	

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Kenya	no			
Lebanon (msp)	no			
Libya (msp)	no	government employees	n/a	4 weeks
Macedonia	no			
Mali	yes	government employees	All government and semi government	
Mongolia	yes and no		Candidates require a statement from their respective institutions (ministries, agencies, NGOs, companies, etc.).	
Morocco (msp)	yes	government employees	the administration of the employee (seeing they represent the government)	2 to 4 weeks
Mozambique	no	Mandatory only for the Public sector Applicants. (Staff for Ministries etc)	Not specified.	Not specified
Myanmar (Burma)	no			
Nepal	yes	government employees	From the line/concerned Ministry/Department	A week
Nicaragua				
Nigeria	no			
Oman (msp)				
Pakistan	yes	Mandatory only for Government employees who are in a full time govt post, not applicable to contract holders or autonomous bodies within the Govt, like educational institutions.	The Economic Affairs Division in Islamabad is the only authority to issue this. The number and details are on the Embassy website.	At least 3-4 weeks.
Palestinian Territories	yes	government employees	The Deputy Minister or the Human resources Director of the Ministry the candidate works for should issue and sign this statement.	2 weeks
Peru	no			
Philippines	yes	government employees	the gov department where the candidate works	depends on the department: 1-2 weeks
Rwanda	no			
Senegal	no			
Somalia	no			
South Africa	no			

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South Sudan	yes	all applicants	Undersecretary, Director General, and Directors Ministry of Higher Education. Undersecretaries, Director Generals, and Directors of respective ministries where applicant is working / reporting to or liaise with in their program implementation can also issue government statement.	At least two weeks. This happens because some officers may not be available or need to consult before providing a statement.
Sri Lanka	yes	all employees of the government and Semi government sector	the External Resources Department (ERD) which comes under the Ministry of Finance	
Sudan	yes	governement employees	employer	n/a
Surinam	no			
Tanzania	no			
Thailand	no			
Tunisia (msp)	no			
Uganda				
Vietnam	no			
Yemen	yes	Government and semi- government employee's	n/a	3 or 4 weeks
Zambia	yes	government employees	The applicants need to go to Cabinet Office and then Human Resource Department. For the people outside Lusaka the provincial cabinet office is available. Of this is not available in the province, they will have to travel to the Cabinet Office in Lusaka. Lusaka Cabinet Office is the HR headoffice of the government. The cabinet offices needs to approve their application because this is the department that needs to register their temporary absence regarding their study abroad period. .	unknown. Can be done immediately if the right person is present.
Zimbabwe	no			