

# **856 young people from the Transnistrian region are studying on a state-funded basis at vocational and higher education institutions on the right bank of the Nistru River**



According to data from the Ministry of Education and Research for 2025, 856 young people from the Transnistrian region were allocated state-funded places in educational institutions on the right bank of the Nistru River:

- 511 places in higher education institutions;
- 345 places in the vocational and technical education system.

At present, 270 young people are enrolled in compensatory studies, a special program designed for graduates of the XI grade from the Transnistrian region. This statutory benefit provides candidates with the opportunity to complete an additional preparatory year for the bachelor's degree examinations in line with national standards and subsequently continue their studies at universities in state-funded places reserved for youth from the Transnistrian region. In this way, full integration of students into the national higher education system is ensured.

The state continues to increase investments in the professional training of young people. In 2026, the average cost of educating one student reached 19,900 lei, compared to 18,621.5 lei in 2025.

Significant budgetary allocations have also been made for the development of technical education:

- 26,000 lei per student in vocational schools (ISCED III);
- 32,500 lei for programs in colleges and centres of excellence (ISCED IV and V).

These measures form part of the national strategy for the country's reintegration and confidence-building through education, providing young people with equal opportunities for professional development and European integration.

