

Response to letter from BRISMES dated 7 October 2020:

Dear Baroness Afshar (c/o Amy Brickhill),

Thank you for your letter raising concerns about the stated location of Ariel University on our website.

This address has now been changed. The profile description for this institution also states that the university “is located in the Israeli settlement of Ariel in the West Bank”.

The THE World University Rankings are data-driven, and by their very nature they remain apolitical. Ariel University is listed and classified as an Israeli institution by the International Association of Universities (IAU), which is an official partner of UNESCO (Associate status) with special consultative status given by the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).

Thank you once again for drawing this issue to our attention.

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