Committee on Scientific Instrumentation at Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (AUTH)

Guide for Booking Usage Time of Large and Interdepartmental Equipment of AUTH (https://booking-emde.auth.gr)

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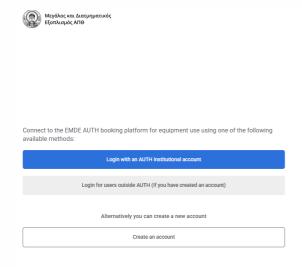
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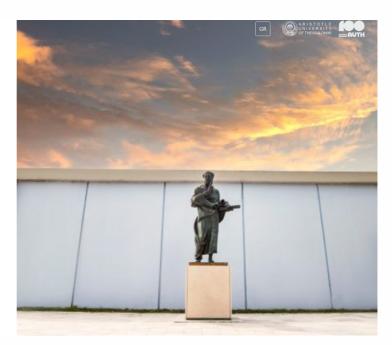
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Alternatively, you can submit your inquiry through the "Help" section in the platform's topright menu. Select the "Contact" form within the platform to send your message.

1. Homepage

To make a reservation for the Interdepartmental Equipment of AUTH, please visit: https://booking-emde.auth.gr





At this point, you will need to register in the system or log in if you already have an account.

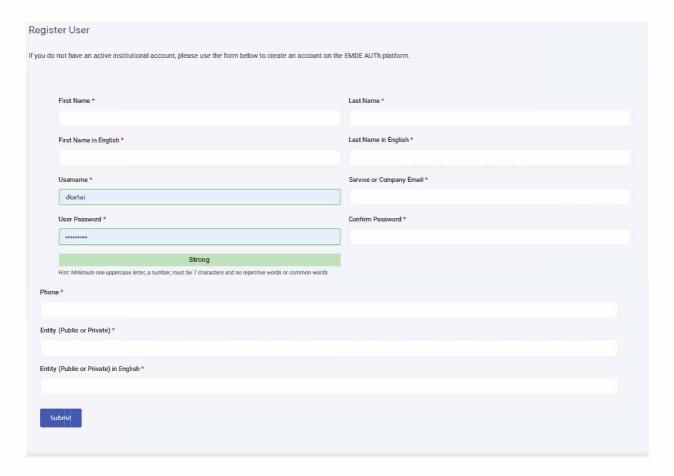
- If you are a member of the academic community of AUTH, you can log in directly using your academic account by selecting "Login with AUTH institutional account."
- If you do not have an institutional account, you must first select "Create Account" the first time. For subsequent logins, you can use the "Login for non-AUTH users" option.

Both AUTH and non-AUTH users can browse the platform for Interdepartmental Equipment and make reservations for the available instruments listed.

1.1 Account Creation for Non-AUTH Users

After selecting "Create Account" from the homepage, you will be directed to the following form, where all required fields (marked with an asterisk) must be completed. You will also need to set a username and a strong password.

*A strong password must contain at least one uppercase letter, one number, and be at least 7 characters long without repetitions.



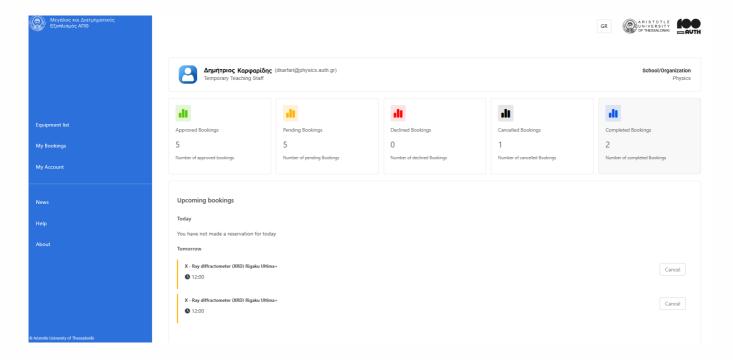
In the "Entity" field, you must enter the name of your university, company, or business to which you belong..

2. Making a Reservation

To make a reservation, you will need to log in to the platform with the username and password you have set if you are a non-AUTH user, or with your institutional account, as you do for all AUTH services.

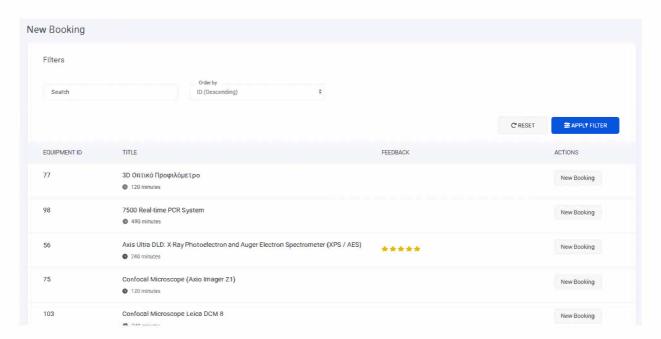
Once logged in, the page that appears, a preview of your account is shown. In this field, you can view information about your bookings, including the total number of reservations you've made, how many have been approved, how many are pending, how many were rejected by the responsible scientific supervisor for the respective equipment, and how many you have canceled.

Additionally, on the lower side of the page, there is a planner showing upcoming sessions scheduled for the current, next, and following days as a reminder:



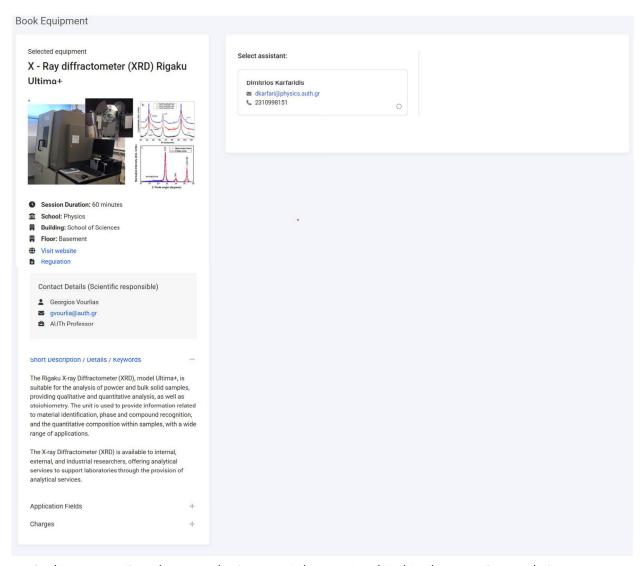
At the left of the page, there is a vertical menu. If you select "Equipment List," you can view the list of available equipment at AUTH and choose one to make a reservation.

You can find the equipment you are interested in by browsing the list, or you can use the "Filters" field to search with keywords. For example, you can type "XRD" and select "Apply Filter" or press "Enter" on your keyboard, and the list will be narrowed down to the relevant instruments:



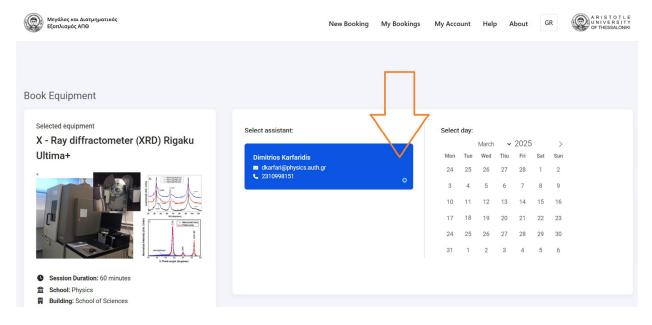
Once you locate the equipment you are interested in, you can select the "New Booking" option.

The page that appears will include information about the equipment you selected, such as the instrument model, session duration, the department and building where the equipment is installed, and the contact details of the scientific supervisor for the instrument. You will also see a brief description of the method, its fields of application, as well as the service charges:

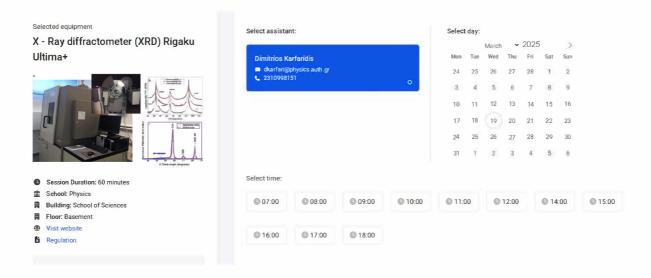


In the same section, there are also important documents related to the operating regulations of the instrument or the laboratory that manages the respective equipment. Finally, an active link may direct you to the instrument's website for further information..

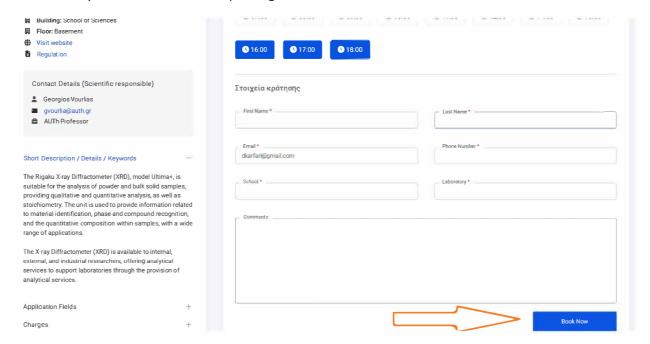
1. In the section where you wish to proceed with the reservation, you will need to select an assistant from the available ones, if there is more than one, or the instrument operator, so that the availability of the days for which you can make a reservation will appear:



2.Select the date from the available ones, so that the available hours will also be displayed. After selecting the date, you can choose the **preferred time or times** if you wish **to make multiple reservations (e.g., if you have multiple time slots to analyze).**



3. After selecting the **hours** for the session, you will need to complete the fields that correspond to your details, all of which are required unless otherwise specified. The system may also retrieve some information from your profile during registration. Optionally, you can add any comments in the corresponding field.:



4. To complete your reservation, you will need to select the "Book Now" field.

At this stage, your reservation is pending approval by the instrument operator or the scientific supervisor. You will have received an email with your reservation details. A similar email has also been sent to the operator and the scientific supervisor to notify them:

"A new reservation has been created with the following details:

The reservation is currently under review and must be approved before the scheduled day and time.

Reservation Details (ID: #369)

Equipment: X-ray Diffractometer (XRD) Rigaku Ultima+

Date & Time: March 19, 2025, at 16:00

Selected Personnel:

Dimitrios Karfaridis

Email: dkarfari@physics.auth.gr

Phone: 2310998151

User Details:

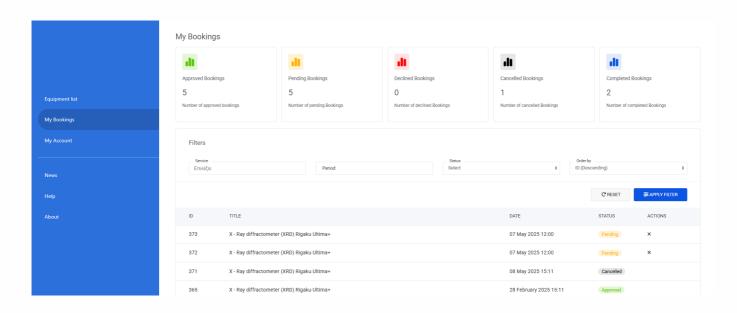
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Email: dkarfari@gmail.com

Phone: 2310310310"

On the homepage of the platform, you can check the status of your reservations. As long as they are pending approval, they will be marked in orange.:

Once your reservation has been processed by the operator or the scientific supervisor, you will receive a new confirmation email. Your reservation on the homepage will appear in green once it is approved. Even if your reservation has been approved, you can cancel it at any time if necessary by selecting the "Cancel" field":

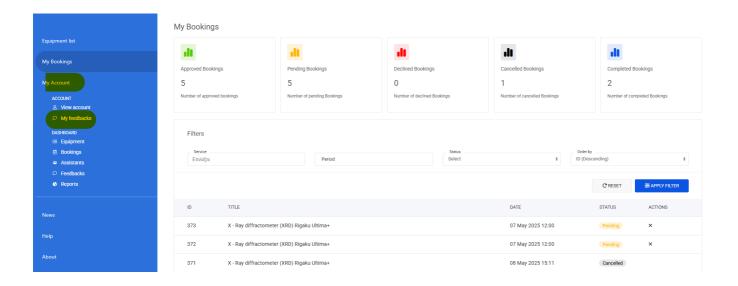


2.1. Finalize and Complete the Session

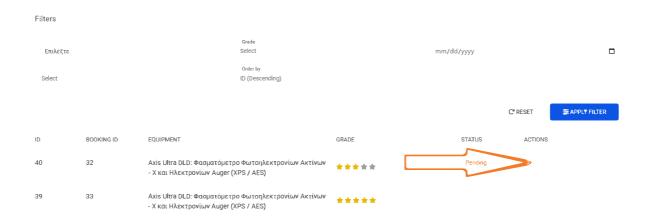
The day after the session you have conducted, you will receive an email for evaluation and confirmation of the session's completion. Confirming the completion of the session is mandatory, as failure to confirm the completion of five sessions will result in your account being locked, and you will not be able to make further reservations until the process is completed!

To complete the session, you must:

- 1. Log in to your account.
- 2. From the "My Account" menu, select "My Feedbacks".



3. On the page you access, you will need to scroll down to find the reservation you have made, which has been approved, and then select the checkbox:



- 4. On the page you will enter, select "Yes" in the field "Did you complete the session?" if you have completed it, or "No" if not.
- 5. Optionally, you can add a rating with stars, where 5 stars correspond to the best rating.
- 6. Optionally, you can comment on your experience.
- 7. SUBMIT to finalize your changes.

