



Information for the international degree student

Study visa & residence permit

STUDENT OFFICE
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STUDY VISA / RESIDENCE PERMIT

International students are not allowed to apply for the study visa and residence permit themselves. The Students Office will apply for these documents on behalf of the student after having completed the application process. Non EU students receive a residence permit for the entire period of study (with a maximum of 5 years).

Although HZ University of Applied Sciences (HZ) applies for the study visa and residence permit, we do depend on the Immigration Services (IND) and the embassy/consulate for the issuance of your visa. The average time to receive a positive decision on the request is 2 to 3 weeks after having sent in the complete file to the IND. However we can never guarantee when a study visa will be issued.

Therefore we prefer to warn you 'booking a flight without yet having the visa is always taking a risk!'

SUFFICIENT EDUCATIONAL PROGRESS / ATTENDANCE

In order to retain your residence permit, your educational progress must be adequate. As a student, you must attain at least half of the number of study points per study year (*total credits per academic year = 60 ECTS; this means that you will have to attain at least 30 ECTS. February Intake: at least 15 ECTS*). Note that credits only count for completed courses determined by the Examination Board; not the credits for non-assigned test results.

Your educational institution will check this at the end of every study year. If your progress is inadequate, the IND can withdraw your residence permit.

It is also our obligation to inform the IND within one month if you have stopped participating in your study programme and/or if you no longer study at HZ full-time.

FINANCIAL MEANS

HZ will not charge costs for the visa & residence permit application. However, the Dutch Immigration Services (IND) charges a fee of € 228. HZ will send through e-mail the invoice for the payment of the IND fee, the tuition fee and for the proof of financial means (on request an invoice on paper can be sent to you by post). On this invoice, all data necessary for an international bank transfer are mentioned. The student is required to indicate his/ her full name and student number when making the transfer. Eventual costs for making an international bank transfer are expected to be paid for by the student.

Most important condition for the IND to grant the request for the study visa and residence permit is to find out whether international students can prove sufficient financial resources (living expenses excluding tuition fees) for disposal during their entire study period. The monthly amount that a student should have is € 1,218. For 1 academic year, this means an (annual) total of approximately € 14.616. However, at each re-enrolment (a student is enrolled

for 1 academic year – from September till August) a student may be asked again to provide proof of sufficient funds for the next period of stay.

The invoice will include the required amount for “Living Expenses”. Once the student has arrived in the Netherlands and has opened a Dutch bank account HZ will transfer this amount back to the student (*) (if necessary, the cost of accommodation will be deducted if the student chooses this option).

(*) Please ask our financial office (Office B114)) and include the following documents to your request:

- (a copy of) your Dutch bank account contract,
- (a copy of) your bank card and
- (a copy of) your student card

Important note:

Opening a Dutch bank account may in some cases take up to a month. This means, that you must have sufficient funds in cash or on a foreign debit/credit card to finance yourself during this time. Please check with your bank whether your card can be used in the Netherlands before your departure.

Read carefully the following Immigration brochure : [Coming to study in the Netherlands \(ind.nl\)](#)

ACCOMMODATION

You need to make a reservation for accommodation yourself. See for detailed information our website – [accommodation](#).

Use living expenses for the cost of accommodation

Non-EU students who prefer to pay accommodation booked through below mentioned house agent by using the transferred living expenses amount, should send a copy of the reservation confirmation (including the reservation number) to csa@hz.nl immediately after reception of this confirmation.

House agent Vlissingen/ Middelburg: APV Housing

In that case HZ will transfer part of the paid living expenses to APV Housing in order to pay the student’s accommodation. This amount will be deducted from the total amount that will be transferred back to the student after arrival in the Netherlands.

Students who want to or have to cancel their registration at HZ before September 1st/ February 1st will not be refunded this total accommodation fee amount once the payment has been transferred to the house agent.

Antecedents Certificate, TBC form, Admission and Residence MVV issue form

Through e-mail, we send you an Antecedents Certificate, a Study Progress form, a TBC form (if applicable), an Admission and Residence MVV issue form and a Photo Matrix information page.

Antecedents Certificate (Criminal record)

Read carefully the listed text and tick the first box (we assume the 2nd one not to be applicable). Fill in place and date (at the moment of signing the form). Sign the form.

Tuberculose / Tuberculosis Form

Read the English text and fill out the form. Note that the period of 3 months is just an indication of time. You will need to make an appointment for this TBC X-ray (lung photo) at the municipal health service ('GGD') after your arrival in Vlissingen.

! Many nationalities are exempted from the mandatory TBC test. Reason why you might not have received this TBC information.

Admission and Residence MVV issue form

Once your request for a study visa / residence permit has been approved of you will have to make an appointment at the Dutch embassy/consulate of your choice. You will be asked to download a form from their website which you will need to complete and bring with you to the appointment at the embassy/consulate. We include the form (partly filled in by us) herewith so you will be prepared for the appointment as soon as the approval is there. Stick (with glue! Not with staples or paper clips) a recent photo of yourself in the box on top of the form. (*)

() Note: there are strict requirements for passport photos therefore please read carefully the Photo Matrix information attached. Take this information along to your photographer!*

Do not send the "Admission and Residence MVV issue form" to us but bring it with you to the appointment at the Dutch embassy/consulate.

At the Dutch embassy / consulate your fingerprints as well as a digital picture will be taken. These biometrical data will be digitally forwarded to the IND. Once you have arrived in The Netherlands you will receive an invitation to pick up your residence permit card at one of the IND offices. Occasionally it happens that biometrical data have not been received in good order by the IND in which case a student would need to go to an IND office to have the fingerprints and digital picture taken again.

WHICH DOCUMENTS SHOULD I SEND?

The following documents need to be sent to us (csa@hz.nl)

- A copy of your passport (the pages with personal data & all pages that are stamped).
- The filled in and signed form "Antecedents certificate"
- The signed form 'Study Progress'
- The filled in "TBC form" (if applicable)

Once HZ has received above mentioned documents as well as the full payment of the invoice, we will start the study visa & residence permit application procedure.