



INFORMATION FOR THE INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE STUDENT

STUDY VISA / RESIDENCE PERMIT



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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.

HZ University of Applied Sciences (HZ) will not charge you for this. However, the Dutch Immigration Services (IND) charges a fee of € 317,-. HZ will send through e-mail the invoice for the payment of the IND fee. 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.

Although HZ University of Applied Sciences applies for the study visa and residence, 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 submitted 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!’

Chinese students need to ask for a Nuffic certificate. This is an obligatory document for the study visa for Chinese students. Ask for it on time (in order to avoid any delay) through this link: <https://ncas.nuffic.nl/>

FINANCIAL MEANS

Most important condition for the IND to grant the request for the visa residence permit is to find out whether international students can prove sufficient financial resources (living expenses) for disposal during their entire study period. For one academic year, this means an (annual) total of € 10.500,- and for one semester € 4.500,-.

Exchange students are allowed to prove sufficient financial means by providing a bank statement. The bank statement needs to meet the following IND requirements:

- The copy is not older than 3 months. The copy shows:
 - the date;
 - your personal details (at least your initials and surname);
 - the bank account number;
 - the balance;
 - it has to be mentioned that the money can be withdrawn freely;
 - the contact details of the bank (website/email, bank branch including address and telephone number).

ANTECEDENTS CERTIFICATE, TBC FORM, ADMISSION AND RESIDENCE MVV ISSUE FORM

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

These forms must be completed by the student.

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) and sign the form.

Tuberculose / Tuberculosis Form

Only students to which this requirement is applicable will receive this form to fill in.

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

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 mail 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.

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WHICH DOCUMENTS SHOULD I SEND BY E-MAIL?

The following documents need to be sent to us **by e-mail**:

- A copy of your passport (the pages of your personal data and all pages that are stamped).
- The filled in and signed form “Antecedents Certificate”
- The filled in “TBC form” (**only if we did send you the form**)

Send your documents to: **csa@hz.nl**

Once HZ has received above mentioned documents as well as the full payment of the invoice, (and for Chinese students the Nuffic certificate as well) we will start the visa/ residence permit application procedure.