



**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!'

Chinese students need to ask for a NESO (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://www.nesochina.org/>

SUFFICIENT EDUCATIONAL PROGRESS

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*).

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.

HZ will not charge costs for the visa / residence permit application. 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, the tuition fee and for the proof of financial means (on request the paper version 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.

FINANCIAL MEANS

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 € 870. For 1 academic year, this means an (annual) total of approximately € 10.500. 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 B014) and inform them about your Dutch bank account number

Read carefully the following Immigration brochure : <https://ind.nl/en/documents/3087.pdf>

ACCOMMODATION

You need to make a reservation for accommodation yourself. See for detailed information our website

<https://hz.nl/en/study-information/housing>

Visa students who prefer to pay accommodation booked through below mentioned house agents 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 agents:

- L'Escaut (ZuidWest Wonen)
- Accommodation Portal Vlissingen (APV)

In that case HZ will transfer part of the paid living expenses to L'Escaut/ZuidWest Wonen or APV 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.