



Residence permit expiry Q&A

12th December, 2025



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Stricter rules

- **NO WAY to start an extension procedure from Hungary if residence permit expired >> go home, start a new visa case**
 - **Visa is valid only for 3 months after decision-making (not from the receipt)!**
- **NO WAY to submit an equity request after residence permit expired**
- **Invitation of family members for graduation: Visa C**
- For graduating students: **research / job-seeking**
- **major limitations in 2025 are imposed on work purpose**
- **Family unification with study purpose res.card is only permitted for those who possess a RP issued before January 2024.**
- **Exception: a baby born in Hungary.**
- **Passive status – study purpose RP becomes invalid!!! Not a new rule.**



Website of Immigration Office National Directorate-General for Aliens Policing



- <https://oif.gov.hu/>
- <https://oif.gov.hu/students>

★ Purpose of study - <https://oif.gov.hu/factsheets/residence-of-the-student-pupil>

The screenshot shows the website's navigation menu. The main menu on the left includes: RESIDENCE IN HUNGARY (marked with a blue star), PERMANENT RESIDENCE IN HUNGARY, ELECTRONIC ADMINISTRATION, PERSONAL ADMINISTRATION, NOTIFICATION OBLIGATIONS, APPLICATION FOR PAYMENT IN INSTALLMENTS IN THE EVENT OF RECEIVING A PUBLIC ORDER FINE, EMPLOYERS AND HOST ORGANISATIONS EMPLOYING THIRD-COUNTRY NATIONALS ON OBLIGATIONS, APPLICABLE ALIENS POLICING SANCTIONS, INFORMATION FOR EMPLOYERS, FOR STUDENTS, and PARTNER ORGANISATIONS. The 'RESIDENCE IN HUNGARY' section is expanded, showing sub-categories: RESIDENCE IN HUNGARY, Residence in Hungary as a third country national (marked with a blue star), Residence in Hungary as an EEA national, Residence in Hungary as a family member of an EEA national, Residence in Hungary as a third country family member of a Hungarian citizen, Bilateral agreement-based continued stay of persons entitled to visa-free stay, PERMANENT RESIDENCE IN HUNGARY, ELECTRONIC ADMINISTRATION, PERSONAL ADMINISTRATION, and NOTIFICATION OBLIGATIONS. The 'Residence in Hungary as a third country national' section is further expanded, showing: Residence in Hungary as an employee, Residence in Hungary as a student (marked with a purple star), Residence in Hungary as a family member, Residence in Hungary as an investor, Residence in Hungary as a self-employer, Residence in Hungary as an intra-corporate transferee/posted, and Residence in Hungary for other reasons (marked with a yellow star).

★ Researcher – <https://oif.gov.hu/factsheets/the-residence-of-the-researcher-and-hisher-family-member>

Seeking a job or starting a business - <https://oif.gov.hu/factsheets/residence-permit-for-the-purpose-of-seeking-a-job-or-starting-a-business>

Enter Hungary platform – EH number

- <https://enterhungary.gov.hu/eh/>
- Scroll down to „**make a registration**” embedded in the continuous text

This system helps you submit your application for a residence permit in Hungary electronically, without queuing. If you wish to enter Hungary or the Schengen Area from abroad, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade will help you.

You can submit your e-application as a private person or a preferred employer/temporary work agency, as well as a legal representative. You need to [make a registration](#) before submitting the first application. The registration procedure varies in the case of a

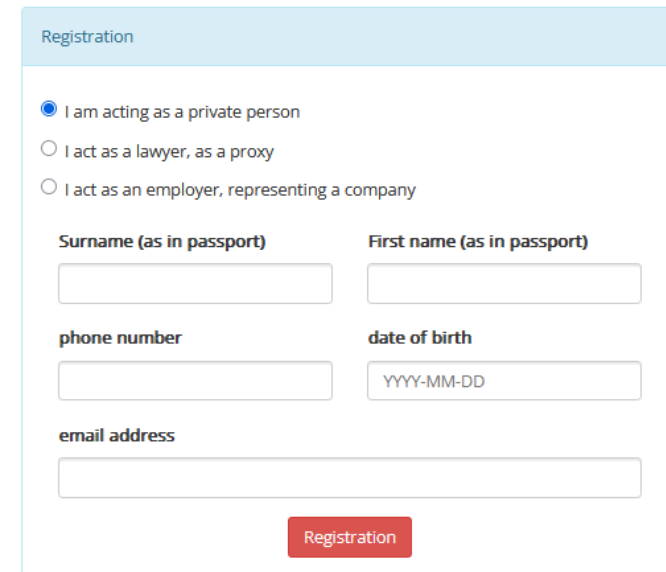
Menedékes regisztrálás (How to submit a simplified application for recognition)

[As a private person](#)

[As a preferred employer or temporary work agency](#)

[By a legal representative](#)

Related to the use of the website, the user guide includes a detailed description.



Registration

I am acting as a private person
 I act as a lawyer, as a proxy
 I act as an employer, representing a company

Surname (as in passport) First name (as in passport)

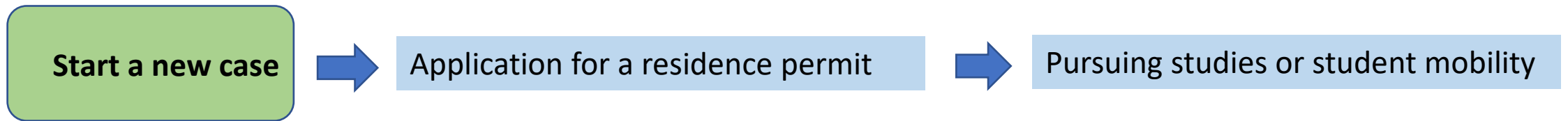
phone number date of birth

email address

Registration



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Extension for Studies and Student Mobility

Purpose-specific documents

- academic transcript + NEW student status cert. from 2 Febr - 8 Febr 2026
- academic transcript + LoExt (Tempus) ≈ mid Jan // LoAw (Tempus) Dissertation Scholarship ≈ end Jan + NEW student status cert. from 2 Febr - 8 Febr 2026 (Tempus also notifies the Immigration Office about the list of students)
- support letter from MATE coordinator (student status cert only later)
- PhD students with NO student status, before final defense:
 - **RESEARCH** purpose possible; accreditation of MATE is accepted
- Self-financing sts: 1st line + verification of transfer
 - Request for reduction of tuition fee (those who exceed the number of semesters; only less than 20 credits) until 15th (?) Febr. 2026 (decision in a month)
 - Request for payment in instalments until 15th Febr. (?) 2026 (kind of automatic)
 - Only ONE of the above requests can be submitted
 - Verification of transfers can be issued right after the payment happens
 - <https://ed.uni-mate.hu/> (Study information - requests, timetable of the semester; Finance – tuition fee payments)

Extension for Job – seeking

Purpose-specific documents



- valid only for max. of 9 months
- cannot be converted into study purpose residence card
- can be converted into a work purpose card **but** stricter rules (employment/Hungary card/EU blue card)
- **registration by Munkaügyi Központ** (authorities for employment)/governmental office – foglalkoztatási főosztály (Dep. for Employment);
- **degree** - Previous level degree or a degree from home is NOT good!
- **26,000 HUF procedural fee**
- **at least 5 email exchanges about your job seeking attempts**
- Always-wanted documents:
 - ❖ colour photo (jpeg format), your blue ink signature underneath > electronically generated application form
 - ❖ accommodation – lease contract + notification of accommodation, (if no change > old address certificate)
 - ❖ health insurance (private for 6 months + savings)
 - ❖ financial background (last 3-month bank statements, family members)

Extension for Research Purpose-specific documents



<https://en.uni-mate.hu/web/hungarian-university-of-agriculture-and-life-sciences/residence-permit>

- valid until the date of your contract
- cannot be converted into study purpose residence card
- can be converted into a work purpose card **but** stricter rules (~~employment~~/Hungary card/EU blue card)
- MATE is now an accredited research institution.
- Necessary documents:
 - ✓ [hosting agreement and the letter of commitment](#), signed by the Rector.
 - ✓ [contract for personal service on research tasks](#), signed by a representative of the Institute concerned. "University's representative, XY, on behalf of the Rector.
 - ✓ Appendix 9.11
 - ✓ munkakör FEOR szám = the job's FEOR number > contact the administrative employee of your doctoral school/institute
 - ✓ kutatószervezet akkreditációs tanúsítványa = accreditation certificate of the research organisation
- **Solution for Dissertation scholarship holders to finish their studies.**
- **26,000 HUF procedural fee**
- Always-wanted documents:
 - ❖ colour photo (jpeg format), your blue ink signature underneath > electronically generated application form
 - ❖ accommodation – lease contract + notification of accommodation, (if no change > old address certificate)
 - ❖ health insurance (private for 6 months + savings)
 - ❖ financial background (last 3-month bank statements, family members)

Extension for Work/Hungary card/ EU blue card

Purpose-specific documents

- work agreement / pre-liminary work agreement / assignment contract
- Filipino, Georgian and Armenian citizens
- **Hungary card** – degree earned abroad, related to a given field which is regulated by law
- **EU blue card** – salary 883.000HUF/month gross; 2026 > 1.001.048HUF
- health insurance (TAJ will be revalidated by employer) – to bridge the gap: private insurance for 1-2 months
- **26,000 HUF (?) procedural fee**
- Always-wanted documents:
 - ❖ colour photo (jpeg format), your blue ink signature underneath > electronically generated application form
 - ❖ accommodation – lease contract + notification of accommodation, (if no change > old address certificate)
 - ❖ health insurance (private for 6 months + savings)
 - ❖ financial background (last 3-month bank statements, family members)
- those who work (partly) abroad also **have to have a Hungarian address** to get a Hungarian work permit.



Temporary residence certificate

- **If you leave after graduation:** Plane ticket reservation and specified date of leaving Hungary are probably necessary.
- **If you stay, you do NOT need to apply for a temporary RP, too.**
- **However, if your extension is ongoing and your RPcard expires >>**
 - Visit the IO 1-2 days prior to expiry OR on the expiry date

If the student is **not subject to visa**, there is **no need to apply** for a temporary residence cert. (Brazilian, Mexican students!)

List of visa-free countries: Visa exemption for entry to Hungary | Consular Information

<https://konzinfo.mfa.gov.hu/en/visa-free-travel-hungary>

- **The decision (=Tájékoztatás) and a temporary RP is good for TAJ extension procedures.**

BUT! NOT good for leaving the country and coming back!



When and how to start?

- Ideally: 45 days prior to the expiry or before BUT
- ... later to meet the missing document requirements in time
- >>> Letter of Apology (within 45 days) = Declaration by student why you are late with the application
- „I declare that the procedure is exempt of fee.” – YES (for ministry scholarship holders) even if you are between study cycles!
- <https://oif.gov.hu/factsheets/exemption-from-payment-of-application-procedure-fees>
- Starting the extension (new issued under the new law!)
- „Extension of the residence permit”
- ❖ Is your card issued in 2023? „NO”
- ❖ Is your card issued in 2024 or later? „YES”
- **Issue** = first application since 1st Jan 2024) vs. **Extension** = not the first application since 1st Jan 2024

First application/extension of residence permit

I declare that the procedure is exempt of fee.*:

yes no

Extension of the residence permit*:

yes no

place of entry:

date of entry:

We would like to inform you, that a **third country national, who possesses a residence permit issued before 01.01.2024., can apply for the issuance of new residence permit**, under one of the legal titles of the new aliens policing law (Act XC. of 2023), based on the transitional provisions.

Please note, that

- the application must be submitted **via the Enter Hungary** system,
- **only the issuance of a new residence permit* can be applied for,****
- the application can be submitted **no later than 45 days before the expiry of the**



Timing – Winter 2026



- Expiry date: last **work** day! (31 January, 2026 – Saturday! ☹️)
- EH-start: at least 2 days before biometric data recording (SUBMIT BUTTON!)
- Biometric data recording: 15 DAYS (not working days!!!) > this is the start of your case >> 15 days prior to the expiry date; Go automatically!
- Within 45 days all missing documents are to be submitted otherwise your case is cancelled!
- Suggested EH-start for study purpose
 - exp. 31 Jan: first/second week in January, 2026 >> I'll contact the IO in your cases!
 - exp. 15 Feb: mid January, 2026
- Purpose document attached is needed to make 'SUBMIT' button active!
- Suggested biometric data recording: 2 days after EH-start.

MATE appointments: soon published

Necessary documents

- **Student Status Certificate** (by your Registrar's Officer/Erasmus coordinator at MATE)
- **Credit transcript** (by your Registrar's Officer/Erasmus coordinator at MATE)
- **Full copy of passport**
- **E-certificate of accommodation / old address card** (in case there is no change) by the dorm coordinator or by the owner of the flat you rent **AND**
 - IF from MATE dormitory: a **reservation confirmation**
 - **IF from a rented flat: your lease contract**
 - **Notification of Accommodation** – generated by the system, signed by the landlord/coordinator and YOU
- **Application form** ("Application for Residence Permit") **ONLINE**
- **Appendix 9.13** (for pursuit of studies or student mobility!)
- If you start the procedure within 1 month: **Letter of Apology**

For **self-sponsored students** also:


- a **bank account statement** (proving that you have enough money to live on)
- **health insurance**

If you **extended your scholarship**: **Letter of Extension** issued by Tempus Public Fund

If you graduated from MATE but pursue your studies as PhD:

- **Letter of Acceptance** from MATE
- **Letter of Award** from Tempus

**3 system-generated docs,
downloadable from the
yellow folder under your
case!**

EH12345678_Application for
studies and student mobility_ 



Template(s) for Letter of Apology

Aim

- to give reasons why you are late with the application
- to request for an extended deadline for their missing documents' request >> give your reasons (facts, dates, names of documents properly named)

How it looks?

- formal style
- include all data (personal, educational – scholarship / company and your case number(s))

Address change

- **Not a separate procedure** but PART of the extension case!
- Info: Current students >> Residence & Administration>> Residence permit >> Address change procedure

<https://en.uni-mate.hu/web/hungarian-university-of-agriculture-and-life-sciences/residence-permit>

- Those with OLD address – new *Reservation confirmation / Lease contract* with new dates + old address certificate + new „Notification of Accommodation” document (signed)
- Those with NEW address – new *Reservation confirmation / Lease contract* with new dates + new „Notification of Accommodation” document (signed)



TAJ extension!

- Possible with the decision / temporary residence certificate / new residence permit
- Student status cert.: not older than 30 days!
- Passport
- Address certificate
- Application form
- If it is Judit (actually, in most cases, it is Judit even if you start it in Teve utca, Budapest) > authorization

Q&A – Suggestions



- **New passport?** When you submit your Letter of Apology, explain that your early start was hindered by the fact that you needed to travel home for your new passport and **you were waiting for necessary documents and that you can meet the expected deadlines for missing documents within the procedural time.**
- In case you **travel during winter holidays:** it is possible to come back **BEFORE** the expiry date **AND** start the procedure here. It is advisable to postpone your longer travel home!
- Experience: you have to **upload a currently available stud. status cert. to be able to SUBMIT your documents** and start your application online.

Q&A 2 – Suggestions



- **How much should be the savings?**

Try to be realistic and add up costs of living (accommodation, food) and insurance costs /month. Multiply it by 5-6. OR in case you have some regular income /sponsor from home (their bank statements)

- **Ms.Judit's role:** Should any support documents (like a student status certificate) from the academic coordinator? Or will every supportive docs be collected from Ms. Judit?

It is your responsibility to collect education-related docs from your ed. coord. Judit is responsible for institutional communication on students' behalf **as a group** towards Imm. Off.

- Coordinator's support letter is for **winning time only** and it is not a substitute for your active student status certificate!

Errors on IO's EH-website

Comprehensive health insurance

- Other
- Based on employment
- I have funds to cover the costs
- I have a comprehensive health insurance

the fields of this section can be saved for later usage

Details of the applicant's accommodation in Hungary

postcode*:	1077	town*:	Budapest
district:	7	name of public place*:	BETHLEN GABOR
type of public place*:	utca	house number*:	19
building:		staircase:	
floor:	02	door:	17
legal title of residence*:	Tenant		

copy field values of section

Conditions of comprehensive health insurance

Do you have comprehensive health insurance for the time of your stay in Hungary?*

--please select--

- please select--
- Egyéb
- Foglalkoztatási Jogviszony Alapján
- Rendelkezem Anyagi Fedezettel A Költségek Fedezetére
- Rendelkezem Teljes Körű Egészségbiztosítással

Conditions of returning or travelling onward

Upon the expiry of your lawful stay, which country will you return or travel to?*

--please select--

By what means of transport? *

Do you have the valid, necessary passport?

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Levels of spoken languages:

It should be A1, A2, B1, B2, C1, C2...



The screenshot shows a web form with several fields. The top section includes fields for 'country*' (Hungary), 'postcode' (3200), 'name of public place*' (Matrai), 'house number' (26), 'staircase', and 'door'. To the right, there are fields for 'name of educational institution', 'town*' (Gyöngyös), 'type of public place' (ut.), 'building', 'floor' (--please select--), and 'type of training*' (középfokú képzés). Below this is a section titled 'What languages do you speak, level of knowledge' with three rows. The first row has 'language:' (English) and 'level:' (Tertiary). The second row has 'language:' (French) and 'level:' (Tertiary). The third row has 'language:' (Hungarian) and 'level:' (--please select--). A dropdown menu is open for the third row's level, showing options: --please select--, None, Primary, Secondary, and Tertiary. Below this is a section titled 'Details related to the applicant's subsistence in Hungary' with a field 'your livelihood is provided for by*' (--please select--). The bottom of the image shows a Windows taskbar with various application icons.

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Previous education level:

„Type of training” – it is a programme
„Tertiary - BSc”
„Secondary education”



Details of the host institution

name of the institution*: Magyar Agrár- és Élettudományi E
town*: Gödöllő
type of public place*: Utcája
building*: --please select--
floor*: Undergraduate Training
type of training*:
postcode*: 2100
name of public place*: Pater Karoly
house number*: 1.
staircase*:
door*:
type of training*: Tertiary Graduate Education

Previous education level

country*: Hungary
name of educational institution*: Magyar Agrár- és Élettudományi E
town*: Gyöngyös
type of public place*: ut.
building*: --please select--
floor*: --please select--
type of training*: --please select--
door*:
felsőfokú alapképzés
középfokú képzés

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Details of the host institution:

The screenshot shows a web form with the following fields and values:

- type of public place*: Utcája
- building: [empty]
- floor: --please select--
- house number*: 1.
- staircase: [empty]
- door: [empty]

Details of the host institution

- name of the institution*: Magyar Agrár- és Élettudományi E
- town*: Godólló
- type of public place*: Utcája
- building: [empty]
- floor: --please select--
- type of training*: --please select-- (dropdown menu open showing: --please select--, Preparatory Training, Undergraduate Training)
- postcode*: 2100
- name of public place*: Pater Karoly
- house number*: 1.
- staircase: [empty]
- door: [empty]
- type of training*: --please select--

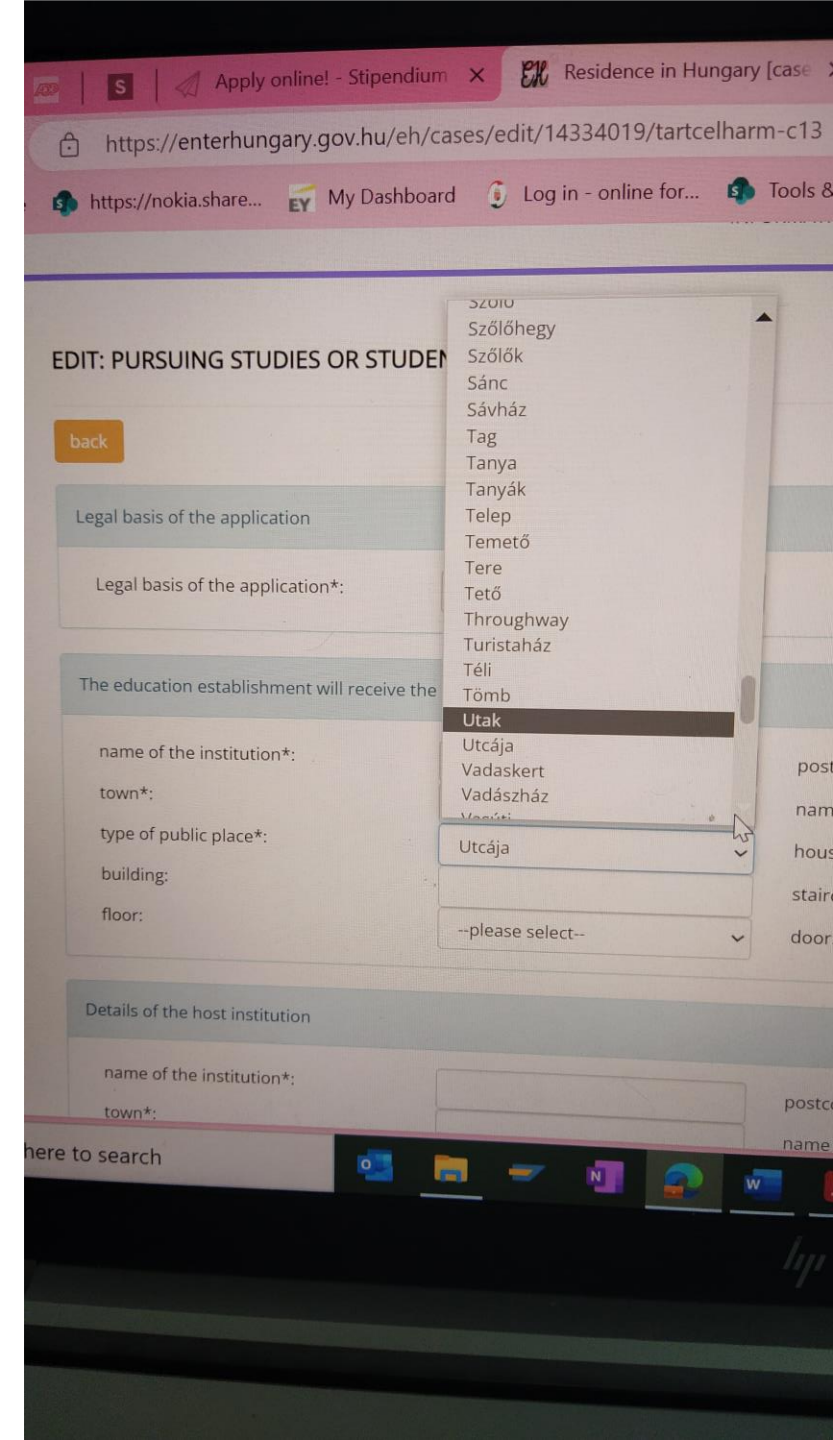
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- town*: [empty]
- type of public place: [empty]
- building: [empty]
- floor: --please select--
- type of training*: --please select--

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Type of public place:

This should be „utca” or „út” but they are missing and cannot be typed in any way. So, choose „utcája” which is a possessive form.



Visit in the Immigration Office



Details and location:

- Client Service II. (Budapest) IMMIGRATION OFFICE (Országos Idegenrendészeti Főigazgatóság - OIF) <http://oif.gov.hu/index.php?lang=en>
- **Address: 1135 Budapest, District XIII, 35-37 Szegedi út (Twin Office Building, Ground floor)**

Meeting at the front gate at 9:00 on the given day – later published! - where you can see the **TWIN BUILDING** script on the building and **not** where the bus stop is.

- **How to get there:** Buses start from Keleti Railway Station. Take any of the buses of No.20E, No.30, No.30A and No.32. Get off at "Szegedi út" bus stop.
- Please, bring your personal documents and **PASSPORT** with you.



**Let's open doors
to new
opportunities.
There IS a way
out!**

