



Visa application procedure Residence in Hungary

2024 Intake

All scholarshipholders and self-financing students
(Visa-free information included!)

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Stricter rules

- ❖ **Visa is valid only for 3 months after decision-making (not from the receipt)!**
- ❖ **Family unification with study purpose res.card is only permitted for those who have done this before under the old law and family member is already unified.**
- ❖ **Exception: a baby born in Hungary.**
- ❖ **Residence permit can be obtained for max. 3 years! 😊**





Visa-free countries and application for a residence permit

If the student is **not subject to visa**, there is **no need to apply** for a visa BUT application for a residence permit is necessary within 90 days. (e.g.: Brazilian students!)

- List of visa-free countries: Visa exemption for entry to Hungary >> Consular Information
- <https://konzinfo.mfa.gov.hu/en/visa-free-travel-hungary>

Option for applying for a visa at home is **possible** and it makes processes quicker in Hungary.



Visa-free application for a residence permit

- **Students without a visa** have to start their application using [Enter Hungary](#)
- EH-start: at least 2 days before biometric data recording
- Biometric data recording: 15 DAYS (not working days!!!) > this is the start of your case
- Within 45 days all missing documents are to be submitted otherwise your case is cancelled!
- Suggested EH-start: max. 1 day before your travel (?) OR in Hungary
- Appointment for VISA-FREE MATE group - register here (Aug 31): <https://forms.gle/mFfa1VRNeoStZ4Jw7>





Application for a visa type D = Application for a residence permit

- Member State of the Schengen Agreement > **visas/residence permits** issued by Hungarian authorities are also **valid for the entire Schengen Area**.
- <https://konzinfo.mfa.gov.hu/en/how-apply-visa>
- Buda, Gödöllő >> **BUDAPEST AND PEST COUNTY REGIONAL DIRECTORATE, Client Service 2**
- Károly Róbert, Gyöngyös > **EGER**
- Kaposvár > **KAPOSVÁR**
- Georgikon, Keszthely > **KAPOSVÁR**

Necessary documents



- **Visa application form**
- **Passport**
- Your **lease contract** (if you rent a flat or room)
- **Reservation confirmation** from your dormitory
- **Notification of Accommodation** (issued by the dormitory coordinator or by the owner of the flat you rent);
- **a passport-size photo**
- **Letter of Award** from TPF or the Ministry of Agriculture, OR **Certificate of Scholarship (Erasmus)**
- **Letter of Acceptance** from MATE (MISP & Self-financed students – only this doc)
- **Verification of transfer** of tuition fee for 1 academic year – for self-financing applicants
- **Proof of insurance coverage** (not equal to travel insurance) - for Ministry scholarship holders, the **Letter of Award** replaces this document
- Immigration Office requires a **proof of regular income** OR saved money enough for the full time of staying in Hungary. max. 3 years at a time. How much? > Difficult to specify.
- **Documentation about your sponsors** (birth certificates / marriage certificate)
- **Fees:** 160 EUR – issuance of 1st residence permit, applied for at an embassy
- 23.000 HUF (60 EUR) – residence permit extension, submitted in Hungary

How to avoid administrative difficulties

- Passport = Basis of your name in Hungary
- Family name(s) first! (all name(s) in front of <<)
- Given name(s) second
- Mother's MAIDEN name
- 2 names!
- Check your DreamApply profile > Ask for correction! (stipendiumhungaricum@tpf.hu)
- Check your Neptun account after enrolment! Ask for correction!



What happens in Hungary?

How to get your residence permit?

- **Students without visa** have to start their application using Enter Hungary
- Students do not need to visit the Immigration Office in person but **come to the International Relations Coordinator of their campus to collect their residence permit**. It is posted to the central address of MATE University by law.
- No documents but a confirming signature is needed upon the receipt of your residence permit.
- Your e-certificate of accommodation will be sent to you electronically by the Immigration Office.
- If your accommodation has changed since you applied for the residence permit, you have to report the change to Immigration Office.



Help from Embassies/Consulates

- MATE informed embassies and consulates about new types of our scholarship options (DAFM, MISP) and sent self-financing students' name list to ease visa procedures.
 - MATE, however, has NO INFLUENCE on their procedures.
 - Ministry scholarships managed by Tempus (SH, SCYP, DFP): Tempus informed embassies and consulates > stipendiumhungaricum@tpf.hu
 - FAO: Ministry of Agriculture informed embassies and consulates
- ☐ Most embassies and consulates replied positively. Please note that there are over 8000 ongoing student visa cases in this period of the year.



Q&A

- How much time does it take to issue a visa (visa interview)?
 - Contact details and the address of the campus dormitories
 - As a PhD SH scholarship holder, when do I have to extend my resident permit?
 - When is the earliest time I can arrive in Hungary?
 - Causes of visa rejection?
- 1-2 months; permit > 2-3 weeks (decision)
 - Welcome information >>> Accommodation/Dormitory
 - Validity: max. 3 yrs
 - No limitation on that, BUT! Buda Campus dorm: from 8th Sept!
 - Unreliable source of financial background, lack of appropriate language skills, fake documents, missing documents



<https://en.uni-mate.hu/en/welcome-information>

Dormitory addresses for visa application

- Szent István Campus – 2100 Gödöllő, Páter Károly utca 1.
- Buda Campus – 1118 Budapest, Szüret utca 2–18.
- Károly Róbert Campus – 3200 Gyöngyös, Mátrai út 36.
- Kaposvár Campus – 7400 Kaposvár, Bajcsy-Zsilinszky u. 6.
- Georgikon Campus – 8360 Keszthely, Festetich út 5.
- Where can I get attestation (**Reservation confirmation**) for being resided in the dormitory?
>>> Dorm coordinators' contact details are on **Welcome information** page.
- <https://en.uni-mate.hu/en/welcome-information>



Q&A 2

- An already existing private insurance > Can I use the existing insurance policy for visa?
- If applicant is among the beneficiaries, and it is an international insurance with realistic coverage, YES.



Q&A – PLoA, LoA, Neptun

- How much time does it usually take to issue the preliminary and the final acceptance letter after paying the fees? Lack of capacity, 1-2 weeks, responsible colleagues are constantly working on issuing these documents
- Where to get Neptun account information?
 - ☐ Self-financed/MISP: PLoA contains basic data, educational coordinator receives the email, too and replies by sending payment and Neptun info (Important: PAY VIA NEPTUN!!!)
 - ☐ SH/Diaspora/SCYP: After Aug. 8, after the missing doc. deadline + institutional check
 - ☐ FAO: already have the access
- Spelling mistakes on official documents: Contact the issuer of the document asap. (Tempus – stipendiumhungaricum@tpf.hu / Uni!)(Data is from DA/your application!)



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Useful links

- Immigration Office for Students' cases:
 - http://oif.gov.hu/index.php?option=com_k2&view=item&layout=item&id=2068&Itemid=2320&lang=en#
- Application for a VISA type "D"
 - <https://konzinfo.mfa.gov.hu/en> >>> Visa for Hungary >>> How to apply for a visa >>> Entry for long stay (exceeding 90 days)
 - competence of national authorities
 - issuance of a visa valid for a single entry (3 months) and a stay of 30 days in Hungary >>> collection of residence permit card for study purposes
- Visa process and residence permit collection in brief:
 - http://oif.gov.hu/index.php?option=com_k2&view=item&layout=item&id=2059&Itemid=2331&lang=en#
- MATE website – constantly updated
 - <https://en.uni-mate.hu/en/welcome-information>
 - <https://en.uni-mate.hu/practical-matters>
 - <https://en.uni-mate.hu/web/hungarian-university-of-agriculture-and-life-sciences/residence-permit>



Contacts

Check our [website](#) and
[FB page](#) (International students at MATE (former SZIU) regularly.
<https://en.uni-mate.hu/>
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1680505468842111>

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Online consultation on visa application and residence via MS Teams:

24th July at 13:00 CET

Slides are/will be available on Welcome Information webpage!

<https://en.uni-mate.hu/en/welcome-information>





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See you in Hungary soon!

