



Visa application procedure Residence in Hungary

2025 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)!
- ❖ For new visa application cases for study purpose, family unification is NOT permitted (since 01.01.2024)
- ❖ 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: within 15 DAYS (not working days!!!)



- **Student status certificate is available only from Aug 27!**
- Suggested EH-start: max. 1-5 day before your travel OR in Hungary
- Appointment for VISA-FREE MATE group will be provided later.
- 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/MISKOLC**
- Kaposvár > **KAPOSVÁR**
- Georgikon, Keszthely > **KAPOSVÁR**

Necessary documents



- Visa application form provided by the consulate/embassy
- Application form for a residence permit + **Appendix 9.13 – Pursuing studies or student mobility**
- Passport
- Legal **address** documents
 - Your **lease contract** (if you rent a flat or room)
 - **Reservation confirmation** from your dormitory
- 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 and MISP 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:** 110 EUR – issuance of 1st residence permit, applied for at an embassy
- 26.000 HUF (60 EUR) – residence permit extension, submitted in Hungary
- Flight ticket – NOT PART OF THE COMPULSORY DOCS!

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!
- Family name << given name < given name
- 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 (in an email) by the Immigration Office > consulate/embassy.
- If your accommodation has changed since you applied for the residence permit, you have to report the change to Immigration Office.



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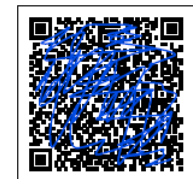
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SZÁLLÁSHELY-IGAZOLÁS


(született: ~~Kovács, Péter~~, születési ideje: ~~1999.04.30~~,
neme: férfi, anyja neve: ~~Máté, Laura-Wendy~~)

kenyai állampolgár részére

Bejelentett szálláshely adatai:
2100 Gödöllő, Páter Károly utca 1.



A harmadik országbeli állampolgár a szálláshelyének bejelentésére a beutazástól számított három napon belül akkor köteles, ha magyarországi tartózkodása a beutazástól számított harminc napot előreláthatólag meghaladja. A szálláshely megváltozását a bejelentést követő három napon belül, kizárólag elektronikus úton az idegenrendészeti elektronikus ügyintézési felületen (enterhungary.gov.hu) jelenteni be.

Help from Embassies/Consulates

- MATE informed embassies and consulates about our scholarship options (DAFM, MISP) and sent self-financing students' name list to ease visa procedures.
- MATE, however, has NO INFLUENCE on their procedures. **Information can only be asked if possessing an authorization authenticated by the consulate/embassy.**
- Ministry scholarships managed by Tempus (SH, SCYP, DFP): Tempus informed embassies and consulates > stipendiumhungaricum@tpf.hu
- FAO: Ministry of Agriculture informed embassies and consulates
- Budapest Immigration Office has been informed about the problems in Pakistan, Nigeria and Ghana. >> waiting for an answer
- ☐ Most embassies and consulates reply positively. Please, note that there are over 8000 ongoing student visa cases in this period of the year.



Mentor program

- SH and ESN mentor program; MATE Mentorprogram is being set up.
- Until MMP is created: inclusion of other program participants and self-financing students
- How to become an SH mentee (from the beginning of August):
<https://shmentor.hu/en/registration>
- <https://www.esn.hu/guide-hungary> - Erasmus Student Network Hungary
- Presentation by mentors
- Welcome letter for all MATE students will be sent
- Website is being updated
- Orientation week (08-12 Sept) – meeting with mentors

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)

- <https://en.uni-mate.hu/accommodation>

OR: Welcome information >>>
Accommodation/Dormitory

- Validity: max. 3 yrs
- No limitation on that, BUT! Buda Campus dorm: is not open during the summer! Arrival out of student hours > no fee but **signing the contract is vitally important > otherwise: sanctions will be enforced!**
- 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, Bene út 69.
- Kaposvár Campus – 7400 Kaposvár, Guba Sándor utca 40.
- Georgikon Campus – 8360 Keszthely, Festetics út 5.

<https://en.uni-mate.hu/accommodation>

- 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>



Dormitory application is on!

- **Szent István Campus** – 2100 **Gödöllő**, Páter Károly utca 1. - https://kollegium.uni-mate.hu/english_szic
- Buda Campus – 1118 Budapest, Szüret utca 2–18. - <https://kollegium.uni-mate.hu/english-bc>
- **Károly Róbert Campus** – 3200 **Gyöngyös**, Bene út 69. - <https://kollegium.uni-mate.hu/english-krc>
- Kaposvár Campus – 7400 Kaposvár, Guba Sándor utca 40. - <https://kollegium.uni-mate.hu/english-kc>
- Georgikon Campus – 8360 Keszthely, Festetics út 5. – under "Kaposvár"

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- **Application deadline: July 15, 2025**
- Where can I get attestation (**Reservation confirmation**) for being resided in the dormitory? >>> Dorm coordinators' contact details are on **Accommodation** page.
- **Rent a flat in Budapest** options are on **Accommodation** page!



Arrival form for everybody SOON!

- Fill it to inform dorm coordinators and international coordinators + taxi driver, Mr. Károly Hódi.
- Tel: +36 20 3831 832. (apps.: whatsapp, viber, facebook messenger)
e-mail: csoma1971@gmail.com
- Taxi drive is free for Gödöllő students with ministry scholarship (SH, SCYP, HDS, FAO) but in case others (Erasmus, MISP, self-financing) can join in, they do not need to pay.
- To Budapest centre: bus 100E, 2200HUF,
<https://bkk.hu/en/visiting-budapest/247-connection-between-the-airport-and-the-city-centre/>
- Students towards Gödöllő OR Gyöngyös > direct train from Keleti Railway station (Gödöllő > Gyöngyös)





Q&A 2

- An already existing private insurance > Can I use the existing insurance policy for visa?
- What do the interview questions focus on?
- When is the last date it is possible to join education & enter Hungary?
- Ministerial or diplomatic attestation (authentication) of your degree certificate?
- If applicant is among the beneficiaries, and it is an international insurance with realistic coverage, YES.
- 4 basic topics: purpose of stay (basic facts about your studies - motivation, language skills) insurance, financial background, accommodation
- 30 Sept – without a request; 15 Oct – only with a request that has some procedural fee + support documents; **Enrolment is obligatory (Aug 27 – Sept 7) online and contact your edu. coord and professors to ask for permission. Subject registration from home! (Aug 27 – Sept 14; for a fee Sept 15-21)**
- Yes!

Tuition fee refund policy

1. If a student could not arrive in Hungary due to visa rejection or other force majeure, and they want to cancel their student status, the **paid tuition fee can be reclaimed**. (Reduced by transfer fee) **VISA refusal document will be double-checked by the Immigration Office Hungary!**
2. For reclaiming the paid amount, student shall submit 2 requests in Neptun:
 - a. ***Request for student status termination*** (Administration menu > Requests)
 - b. ***Claimer for fee refund*** (Finance > Payment menu, mark + symbol at the end of item you choose > ***Submit request*** option > ***Claimer for fee refund***)
3. Student shall provide a valid bank account (**NOT**: Revolut or Wise) with euro account in an e-mail to educational administrator with the details listed below:
 - a. bank account holder's name (Name of beneficiary)
 - b. bank account number
 - c. IBAN code
 - d. SWIFT or BIC code
 - e. Bank Name
 - f. bank address



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 after payment of the tuition fee, 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: mid-July, will be confirmed.
- Spelling mistakes on official documents: Contact the issuer of the document asap. (Tempus – stipendiumhungaricum@tpf.hu / Uni!)(Data is from DA/your application!)
- Academic year starts on 8th Sept with the orientation for first year students, on 15th Sept – classes. Some programmes start earlier but students involved get information about it privately.



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

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#
 - <https://oif.gov.hu/students> - Residence of students: Residence Permit for the Purpose of Studies, the student mobility residence permit, the student mobility certificate
- 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:
 - <https://oif.gov.hu/factsheets/d-type-visa-picking-up-the-first-residence-permit>
- 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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Slides and link are/will be available on *Welcome Information* webpage!

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Upcoming sessions

1 July, Tuesday at 11:30 am CET

9 July, Wednesday at 11:30 am CET

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Welcome to



See you in Hungary soon!

