



Visa application procedure Residence in Hungary

2026 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)!**
- ❖ **Connected to 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 in Hungary!



- **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 31!**
- Suggested EH-start: max. 1-5 day before your travel OR in Hungary
- Appointment for VISA-FREE MATE group will be provided later. 
- Registration will be necessary LATER



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**. Destination: Hungary!
- Visa is valid for 30 days **AFTER ENTRY**
- <https://konzinfo.mfa.gov.hu/en/how-apply-visa>
- Buda, Gödöllő >> **BUDAPEST AND PEST COUNTY REGIONAL DIRECTORATE, Client Service 2**
- Károly Róbert, Gyöngyös > **MISKOLC**
- Kaposvár > **KAPOSVÁR**
- Georgikon, Keszthely > **ZALAEGERSZEG**

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!

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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kenyai állampolgár részére

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



Help from Embassies/Consulates

- MATE informs 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
- Most embassies and consulates reply positively. Please, note that there are over 8000 ongoing student visa cases in this period of the year.



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



Dormitory application

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

- **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. – https://kollegium.uni-mate.hu/english_gc

Application is available soon until July 15, 2026.

Those who have already sent it DO NOT RE-SEND it, PLEASE!!!

- It is really time-consuming to process all emails and issue the **Reservation confirmation** >>> Dorm coordinators' contact details are on **Accommodation** page.
- Dorm fee can only be paid in **Hungarian forints (HUF)**



Rent a flat – if dorm option is not available

Here are some links where you can find Budapest accommodation:

- [Móricz Student Living](#)
- [Commercial rentals in Hungary](#)
- [Housing rentals in Hungary](#)
- [Dean's Budapest](#)
- [Erasmusu.com - Budapest, University dorm](#)
- [Housing anywhere](#)
- [Student room for rent Budapest, Student Accommodation Diáklakás Diákszállás](#)
- [Budapest flats and apartments for rent](#)
- [SRS Budapest](#)
- <http://huniversity.hu/>
- [FLATS FOR ERASMUS IN BUDAPEST](#)
- [BudapestApartmentLets](#)
- [Erasmus Rooms and Flats in Budapest](#)
- [Budapest Rent](#)
- [Hostelbookers](#)
- [Bdhotel.hu](#)
- [VISIT Kollegium](#) (in Hungarian but they'll reply you in English)



Mentor program

- SH and ESN mentor program; MATE Mentorprogram is being set up.
- 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
- Orientation week - dedicated website will be updated by summer
- Arrival > 1 Sept, orientation programmes are being organised



Q&A

- How much time does it take to issue a visa (visa interview)?
 - How much does it take to get my residence permit (decision)?
 - 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, max. 1 month
 - Validity: max. 3 yrs but(!) duration of studies and passport expiry date effects it.
 - No limitation on that but(!) Buda Campus dorm has limitations! Arrival out of student hours > **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> - updates are coming during the summer



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 online during the enrolment week and contact your edu. coord and professors to ask for permission. Subject registration from home!**
- **Yes, for self-financing applicants!**

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



Useful links

- Immigration Office for Students' cases:
 - [National Directorate-General for Aliens Policing](https://oif.gov.hu/index.php) - <https://oif.gov.hu/index.php>
 - <https://oif.gov.hu/students> - **Residence of students: Residence Permit for the Purpose of Studies, the student mobility residence permit, 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/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 Virtual Open Days webpage!



<https://en.uni-mate.hu/virtual-open-days>



Welcome to



See you in Hungary soon!

