

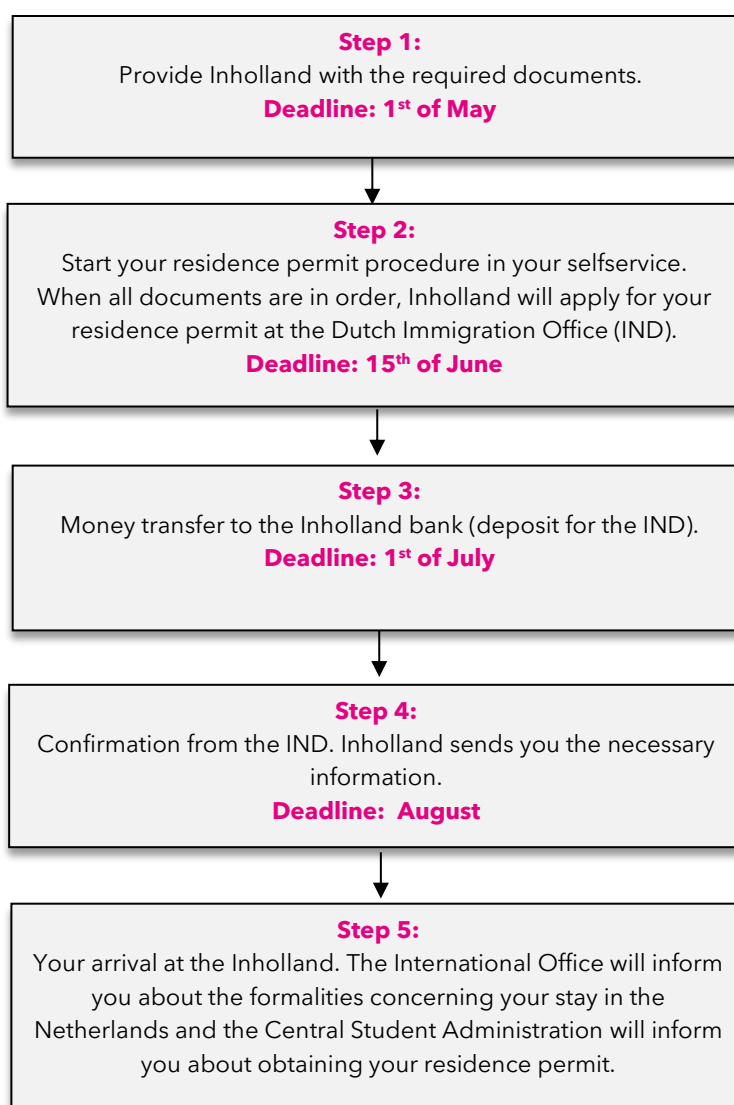
Important information on obtaining residence permit

Exchange students (starting in September 2025 academic year)

This document contains important information for international exchange students coming from US, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, and South Korea.

Students from other International countries and degree seeking students should refer to other information sheets also available through our [website](#).

Please read this information-sheet carefully.



Residence Permit without visa

If you are a national from the USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Japan or South Korea, you can enter the Netherlands without a visa. However, if you want to stay longer than three months and study, you need to apply for a *temporary residence permit (VVR)* for studying before your arrival in the Netherlands. Inholland will assist you with the application procedure.

Exchange students with the nationality of Canada, Australia and New Zealand can obtain residency through applying for the Working Holiday Scheme or Working Holiday Programme (for 1 year maximum). The main difference is the Immigration fee. You do not need to follow the requirements as set below. Please contact the International Office for more information about the Working Holiday Scheme or Working Holiday Programme.

Inholland only acts as an intermediary with the IND (Dutch Immigration Service). We have no influence whatsoever, neither on the outcome of the procedure, nor on the duration of the procedure. The residence permit will only be valid until the end of your exchange period and cannot be extended.

Conditions of residence permit (VVR)

To start the VVR application through Inholland, you must be accepted to follow the exchange programme at Inholland.

Necessary documents for a residence permit (VVR)

For the VVR application you will need to submit several documents to Inholland. After you have been accepted to Inholland and have received an email with instructions to apply for your residence permit, you will be informed about which documents you need to send us. Please note that incomplete applications will be seriously delayed or denied by the IND. As it may take you some time to gather all the necessary documents, we strongly advise you to start collecting these following documents:

1. A copy of your passport including all the pages that contain stamps and old stickers. Please note that the passport should still be valid for at least the entire period of the exchange period.
2. An original bank statement in your name or in name of your sponsor (proof of financial means for the Dutch Immigration Office).
3. The original grant statement, for example if you hold an Erasmus grant (if applicable).
4. A criminal conduct statement (if applicable).
5. In case you wish to collect your visa (MVV) in another country than your home country: a copy of your residence permit is required and must be valid for at least three months after collecting the visa (MVV).
6. A portrait photo for your residence permit. The photo must comply with certain detailed and strict legal **requirements**.

During your application process you will also be informed about other documents you need to send us. All the above mentioned documents need to be stated in English, German, French or Dutch and may not be older than 3 months. If you are submitting documents in another language, they must be original documents and must be accompanied by a certified translation.

Fees and payment

Residence permit fees

The IND administration fee currently stands at €243. Inholland will assist you with the study permit procedure for an administration fee of €35. You need to transfer the IND fees and the administration fee, a total of €278, into the Inholland bank account. Inholland will transfer the €243 on your behalf to IND.

Health Insurance

Having a sufficient health and liability insurance for the time of your stay in the Netherlands is a prerequisite for the IND application. If you don't have a valid health insurance for the Netherlands, Inholland can apply for a health and liability insurance on your behalf with [Aon insurance](#). Inholland will pay the fees on your behalf, if you have made a timely and sufficient deposit. The insurance will cover you from the 25th of August 2025 until the 31st of January (one semester) or 31st of July 2026 (two semesters).

<i>Health insurance fees</i>	€295,- for one semester
	€635,- for two semesters

Note: Cancelling your existing health insurance in your home country may result in acceptance problems on your return, so it may be wise not to cancel this insurance. The above mentioned costs for health insurances are indicative and may be subject to changes. The final amount will be communicated to you during your visa application. If you arrive before the 25th of August, please make sure that you are properly insured. Please also remember to take out sufficient travel insurance, if desired.

Proof of financial means

Due to Dutch laws and regulations, international exchange students must demonstrate that they have sufficient financial means to cover all the study and living expenses during their studies in the Netherlands. This means that you will need to demonstrate that you have a net amount of at least €1.100 (or the equivalent in the currency of your home country) at your disposal for each month of your studies at Inholland to cover the living expenses during your stay in the Netherlands.

<i>One semester</i>	01-09-2025 / 31-01-2026	€5.500,- (5 months x monthly €1.100)
<i>Two semesters</i>	01-09-2025 / 31-07-2026	€12.100 (11 months x monthly €1.100)

These amounts are set forth by the Dutch Student Finance Act and are subject to regular change. The amounts can be adjusted every six months.

Methods of Payment

Exchange students may choose one of the following methods to demonstrate sufficient financial means. For each of the below methods, the financial statements may not be older than 3 months.

Method 1

Evidence of the relevant amount can be provided by sending us an **original** bank statement demonstrating:

- The balance and that it is freely available at your disposal;
- Name, address and telephone number of the bank;
- Your full name and account number.

Method 2

Evidence of the relevant amount can also be provided by sending us each of the following documents:

- An **original** bank statement on the name of your sponsor demonstrating that your sponsor (for instance one of your parents) has the relevant amount freely available at his/her disposal in his/her bank account. (Make sure the name, address and telephone number of the bank is visible on the statement!)
- A signed statement from your sponsor that he/she will transfer €1.100 per month per month into your bank account during the time of your stay in the Netherlands
- An original statement from the bank that they have a payment order to transfer the relevant amount into your account during your period of exchange in the Netherlands.
- A copy of the sponsor's passport.

Method 3

Holders of certain grants (i.e. Erasmus grant) can provide evidence of the relevant amount by sending us each of the following documents:

- An original statement indicating the awarding of the, for example, Erasmus grant and the amount of the grant;
- And (if the grant is not sufficient to cover the full amount needed:) any of the above methods to demonstrate that you have sufficient means to provide for the remaining amount not covered by the grant.

Payment Details

Please transfer the applicable amount to Inholland on the following bank account, mind that no transfer costs are deducted:

Account details

Account holders name:	Hogeschool Inholland
Account number:	16.09.30.510
BIC:	RABONL2U
IBAN number:	NL 87 RABO 0160 9305 10

Bank details

Name:	Rabobank
Address:	Croeselaan 18
Postal code:	3521 CB
City:	Utrecht
Country:	The Netherlands

Note: When transferring the amount to Inholland, you must specify on the transfer your first name + surname and the code 920. Without this reference, Inholland will not be able to trace your transfer, which will delay your application.

Return of your deposit: When Inholland has already sent in the application for your MVV and resident permit to the immigration office and for any reason whatsoever you are not able to start your programme at Inholland, you will receive your deposit back in the account from which the amount was paid, minus the IND and Inholland administration fees of €278.

Additional information

Birth Certificate

You need to bring an original, legalised birth certificate with you to the Netherlands. Some City Councils may require your birth certificate for registration in their personal record database (BRP). Registration at City Council is necessary for receiving your residence permit. To do so you also need a legal address in the Netherlands.

Legalization

Legalization of a document means that this has been given an official stamp and has been signed by the competent authorities. In many countries this is done by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. This signature and stamp will need to be validated by a signature and stamp from the Dutch embassy in your home country. The cost at the Dutch embassy may vary in different countries.

Extra services

Apart from the MVV application on your behalf, we offer the following additional services of the "Welcome to Inholland Programme" free of charge, to make you feel welcome at Inholland University of Applied Sciences:

- Pick-up service from the train station or airport upon arrival in the Netherlands
- Assistance with the registration at the City Council;
- Assistance with opening a bank account in The Netherlands;

For more information about the Welcome to Inholland Programme and questions regarding accommodation, please contact the International Office for questions regarding:

incoming@inholland.nl	incoming exchange and degree students.
outgoing@inholland.nl	outgoing exchange students.
housing@inholland.nl	international students looking for accommodation.
agreements@inholland.nl	Erasmus+ IIAs and non-EU agreements.

More information for exchange students can be found on our website [here](#).

Further information

For more general information about the Dutch immigration procedures you may also want to check [here](#).