

Important information on obtaining a residence permit

Bachelor students (starting in September 2025 academic year)

This document contains important information for international students coming from US, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, and South Korea. Degree seeking students from other countries should refer to other information sheets also available through our website.

Please read this information-sheet carefully.

Step 1:

Apply through Studielink and upload the required documents to the Central Student Administration to meet admission requirements.

Deadline: 1st of May

Step 2:

Apply for your visa via Selfservice. When all documents and payments are in order, Inholland applies for your visa with the Dutch Immigration office (IND).

Deadline: 15th of June

Step 3:

Reply from the IND. Inholland sends you the necessary information.

Deadline: August

Step 4:

Your arrival at Inholland.

Deadline: before the orientation week (end of August)



Residence Permit without visa

If you are a national from the USA, Canada, United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand, Japan or South Korea, you can enter the Netherlands without a visa. However, if you want to study longer than three months 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 for an administration fee of € 35. 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 is valid for the duration of the course. Please read this information carefully as it contains important information on the conditions you will need to meet.

Preconditions

To start the VVR application through Inholland, you must have passed all university admission requirements. Incomplete applications will not be send to the IND. For further information please refer to the enrollment page on our website.

Necessary documents for a residence permit (VVR)

For the VVR application you will need to submit several documents to Inholland. After you've been accepted to Inholland and received an email with instructions to apply for your residence permit, you will be informed about which documents you need to upload to us. As it may take you some time to gather all the necessary documents, we strongly advise you to start collecting the 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 <u>at least 18 months</u> after arrival in the Netherlands, preferably valid for the entire period of the study.
- 2. An original bank statement in your name or in name of your sponsor (proof of financial means for the Dutch Immigration Office).
- 3. A criminal conduct statement.
- 4. A portrait photo for your residence permit. The photo must comply with certain detailed and strict legal <u>requirements</u>. You will receive this in-depth information when you are in your Residence Permit application tile in your Selfservice (student portal).
- 5. In case you wish to collect your visa (MVV) in another country than your home country: a copy of your residence permit for that country is required and must be valid for at least three months after collecting the visa (MVV).

All the above-mentioned documents need to be stated in English, German, French or Dutch and may not be older than <u>3 months</u>. If you are submitting documents in another language, they must be original documents and must be accompanied by a certified translation.

During the application process of your residence permit, you will also be informed about other documents you need to provide us with.

<u>Note</u>: to retain your residence permit in subsequent years, you need to fulfill several requirements:

- Each year you will need to obtain 50% of your credits for one year. Excluding the extra requirement to not receive a Binding Study Recommendation in the first year of your study. Please read the <u>Rules on Enrolment and Deregistration</u>.
- You will need to have sufficient financial means at your disposal. Living expenses, tuition fee and health insurance, each year.



Fees and payment

Administration fee for residence permit

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

Health Insurance

Having a sufficient health and liability insurance for the time of your stay in the Netherlands is a prerequisite for the MVV application. Inholland will take out a compulsory health and liability insurance on your behalf for the first academic year (<u>Aon insurance</u>). The insurance will cover you from the 25th of August 2025 until the 31st of August 2026. It will be necessary to extend the insurance each year in order to retain your residence permit. The insurance fees for one year are approximately €692. Inholland will pay these fees on your behalf to Aon.

Note: 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 degree seeking students must demonstrate that they have sufficient financial means to cover all the study and living expenses in the first year of their studies in the Netherlands. Based on these regulations you will need to demonstrate that you have an amount of at least €13.200 (monthly €1.100) at your disposal at the start of your studies at Inholland to cover the first year's living expenses.

Next to this amount you will need to pay for the costs of tuition fee (€9.999), IND and Inholland administration fees (€278) and health insurance fee (€692). This will be a total amount of €10.969,-

The total amount you will need to show the Dutch immigration Service is:

 Living expenses
 €13.200

 Fees
 €10.969

 Total
 €24.169

Note: The above mentioned amounts are indicative amounts and may be subject to future changes.

Methods of Payment

International students may choose one of the following two methods to demonstrate sufficient financial means. The following amounts are indicative amounts and may be subject to future changes:

- 1. Method 1 (total amount €10.969)
 - First you need to transfer an amount of €10.969 to the Inholland bank account. This amount is to cover the following fees:
 - Tuition fee (€ 9.999)
 - IND and Inholland administration fees (€278)
 - One-year health insurance fee (approximately €692)

Evidence of the remaining amount of €13.200 can be provided by uploading an **original** bank statement to us (including name, address and telephone number of the bank on it) demonstrating that the amount is freely available at your disposal in your bank account or the bank account of your sponsor.



2. Method 2 (total amount € 24.169)

Alternatively, you can choose to transfer the full amount of € 24.169 (fees + deposit) into the Inholland bank account. Inholland will provide a copy of the bank statement demonstrating receipt of this amount to the Dutch Immigration office together with your MVV application materials. Inholland will then deduct all the related expenses (tuition fee, visa and initial residence permit fee and one-year health insurance fee) from the deposited amount. The remaining balance will be kept as a deposit until after you have arrived in the Netherlands and will be returned to you in two terms (September and December 2025) in your Dutch bank account. You will have to apply for the Dutch bank account in order to receive the deposits back.

Method 2 is the preferred method and will ensure easier and faster completion of this procedure.

Return of your deposit when you cannot come after Inholland has applied for your residence permit. When Inholland has already send in the application for your residence permit to the immigration office and for what so ever reason you are not able to start your study at the University, you will receive your deposit back in the account from which the amount was paid, minus the IND fee and the Inholland administration fees of €278 in total.

Payment details

Please transfer the applicable amount to Inholland on the following bank account. <u>Please note that the bank may charges transfer costs. Please pay these costs separately!</u>

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, student number** and the code **920.** Without these details Inholland will not be able to locate the transfer, and this will delay or obstruct the application for your residence permit.

Additional information

Birth Certificate

You will need to bring an original, legalised birth certificate with you to the Netherlands. Some City Councils may require your birth certificate to register you in their personal record database (BRP). Registration at City Council is necessary to be able to receive your VVR. For that reason you will need a legal address in the Netherlands.

Extra services

Apart from the VVR application on your behalf, we can provide you with the extra services of the "Welcome to Inholland Programme", including the following services:

- Pick-up service from the train station or airport upon arrival in the Netherlands;
- Assistance with 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:

<u>incoming@inholland.nl</u> incoming exchange and degree students.

<u>outgoing@inholland.nl</u> outgoing exchange students.

housing@inholland.nl international students looking for accommodation.

<u>agreements@inholland.nl</u> Erasmus+ IIAs and non-EU agreements.

Further information

For more general information about the Dutch immigration procedures you may also want to check <u>here</u>.