

Important information on entry visa and residence permit

Exchange students (starting in February 2025)

This document contains important information for international exchange students from all countries except the European Union/European Economic Area, US, UK, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, and South Korea.

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

Please read this information-sheet carefully.

Step 1:

If you have been accepted and registered by Inholland as an exchange student, you can apply for your visa by using the residence permit portal. When all documents and payments are in order, Inholland applies for your visa with the Dutch Immigration Office (IND).

Deadline: 15th of December

Step 2:

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

Deadline: beginning of January

Step 3:

You can collect the entry visa from the embassy in your home country.

Deadline: beginning of January

Step 4:

You arrival in the Netherlands.

Deadline: before the orientation week (middle to end January)

Visa (MVV - Machtiging tot Voorlopig Verblijf)

To enter the Netherlands, you need to hold a valid entry visa. In addition, following your arrival in the Netherlands with this entry visa, you will need to obtain a residence permit for the duration of your exchange programme (no extension possible). Due to applicable regulations, students cannot directly apply for a Dutch study visa, but must do so through the Dutch host university. If you enroll in the international programmes of Inholland, the central student administration of Inholland will take care of the visa application on your behalf.

After you submitted the necessary documents and transferred all fees and deposits to Inholland, we will submit a visa request to the Dutch Immigration Office on your behalf. If the request is approved, your entry visa may be issued at the embassy in your home country within 2-6 weeks after submission. With this visa you can travel to the Netherlands. Within three days after arrival in the Netherlands you will have to make an appointment with the Inholland International Office of the location where you will do your exchange. They will inform you about the formalities around your stay in the Netherlands and obtaining your resident permit.

Note: it is not permitted under any circumstances to enroll in a programme in the Netherlands when holding a tourist visa. Moreover, during the visa application procedure you are not allowed to be in the Netherlands.

Preconditions

Before Inholland can start the MVV application on your behalf, you first must make sure that you satisfy all the exchange programme application requirements of Inholland. We can only proceed with your visa application if you fulfil all the requirements, you have been accepted and registered by Inholland as an exchange student and have transferred all the relevant fees and deposits.

Necessary documents for visa

For the MVV 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 MVV by using the residence permit portal, you will be informed about which documents you need to send us. 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.
2. An original bank statement in your name or in name of your sponsor (proof of financial means for the Dutch Immigration Office by students other than Chinese students (Chinese student please see page 3).
3. The original grant statement, for example if you hold an Erasmus grant (if applicable).
4. For students with the Chinese nationality: a "[Nuffic Certificate](#)".
5. A criminal conduct statement (if applicable).
6. In case you wish to collect your visa (MVV) in another country than your home country: a copy of your residence permit of that country valid for at least three months after collecting the visa (MVV).
7. 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 three months. If you are submitting documents in another language, they must be original documents and must be accompanied by a certified translation.

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 €1.218 (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.

Example:

One semester	01-02-25/31-07-25:	€7.308 (6 months x monthly €1.218)
Two semesters	01-02-25/31-01-26:	€14.616 (12 months x monthly €1.218)

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 proving financial means

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 €1.218 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.

Fees and payment

The following costs must be paid for Inholland to be able to apply for a residence permit on your behalf:

Visa and residence permit fees

IND administration fee	€ 228,-
Inholland administration fee	€ 35,-

You need to transfer the IND and Inholland administration fees of €263,- into the Inholland bank account. Inholland will transfer the €228,- fee to IND on your behalf.

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 with [Aon insurance](#). Inholland will pay these fees on your behalf, if you have made a timely and sufficient deposit. The insurance will cover you from the **25th of January 2025** until the **31st of July 2025** (one semester) or **31st of January 2026** (two semesters).

<i>Health insurance fees</i>	€352,- for one semester
	€692,- 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. Please also remember to take out sufficient travel insurance, if desired.

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 these details, Inholland will not be able to locate the transfer, and this will delay or obstruct the application of your MVV.

Additional information

Birth certificate

Although there is no need to submit a copy of your birth certificate during the visa (MVV) application, you will need to have an original, legalized birth certificate and an authorized translation in English, German, French or Dutch of this certificate before you come to the Netherlands. The reason for this is that the Dutch Embassy may ask for it when you collect your Dutch visa (MVV) in your home country. In addition, the Dutch municipal government of the municipality where you will reside will require this certificate for registration in the municipal registry. You will need to inquire in your home country where to obtain your birth certificate. Please note that it may take several weeks to obtain your birth certificate, have it legalized and have it translated.

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 (usually around €50,-).

Extra services

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

Apart from the visa (MVV) 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 the application of the residence permit and registration at the City Council;
- Assistance with opening a bank account in The Netherlands;

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

incoming@inholland.nl	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

Further information

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