

## Important information on entry visa and residence permit

### **Bachelor students (starting in February 2025)**

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

Students from the mentioned countries and exchange students should refer to other information sheets also available through our website (www.inholland.com). Please read this information-sheet carefully.

# Step 1: Apply through Studielink and upload required documents to

the Central Student Administration to meet admission requirements.

**Deadline: 1st of December** 

#### Step 2:

Apply for your visa by using the residence permit tile in the student portal (selfservice). When all documents and payment are in order, Inholland applies for your visa with the Dutch Immigration office (IND).

Deadline: 15th of December

#### Step 3:

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

**Deadline: beginning of January** 

#### Step 4:

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

## Step 5:

Your arrival at Inholland.

Deadline: before the orientation week (end of January)



# **Visa (MVV - Machtiging tot Voorlopig Verblijf)**

To enter the Netherlands, you need to hold a valid entry visa, a so called "MVV". In addition, following your arrival in the Netherlands with this entry visa, you will receive your resident permit for the purpose of study.

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 one of the international programs of Inholland, the Central Student Administration of Inholland will take care of the MVV application on your behalf. Inholland charges an administration fee for this. After you submitted the necessary documents and transferred all fees and deposits to Inholland, we will submit an MVV request to the Dutch Immigration Office (IND) on your behalf. Please note that incomplete applications will not be send to the IND.

If the request is approved, your MVV may be issued at the embassy in your home country within 2-6 weeks after submission. With this MVV 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 follow your course. 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 program in the Netherlands when holding a tourist visa. Moreover, during the visa application procedure you are not allowed to be in the Netherlands.

#### **Preconditions**

To start the MVV application through Inholland, you must have passed all university admission requirements. Please refer to our website through the following link: <a href="mailto:enrolment">enrolment</a>. On our website you can find all the detailed information about the <a href="mailto:diploma requirements">diploma requirements</a>.

## Necessary documents for the MVV and VVR application

For the MVV application you will need to submit several documents to Inholland. After you've been accepted to Inholland and received an e-mail with instructions to apply for your MVV, you will be informed about which documents you need to send us in your residence permit tile in the student portal (selfservice). 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 which contain stamps and old stickers. Please note that the passport should still be valid for at least 18 months after arrival in the Netherlands, preferably valid for the entire period of the study
- 2. An original bank statement in your name (proof of financial means for the Dutch Immigration Office by students other than Chinese students);
- 3. A criminal conduct statement (if applicable);
- 4. Especially for students with the Chinese nationality: a "Nuffic Certificate";
- 5. 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 <u>at least three months</u> after collecting the visa (MVV).
- 6. A copy of the money transfer receipt demonstrating the transfer of your deposit to the Inholland bank account;
- 7. A portrait photo for your residence permit. The photo must comply with certain detailed and strict legal <u>requirements</u>.

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. During the application process you will also be informed about other documents you need to send us.



## Fees and payment

### **MVV** and residence permit fees

The IND administration fee currently stands at €228. Inholland will assist you with the MVV procedure for an administration fee of €35. You need to transfer the IND fees and the administration fee of €263 into the Inholland bank account. Inholland will transfer the €228 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 MVV application. Inholland will take out a compulsory health and liability insurance on your behalf for the first half academic year (Aon insurance). The insurance will cover you from the **25<sup>th</sup> of January 2025** until the **31<sup>st</sup> of August 2025**. It will be necessary to extend the insurance each year in order to retain your residence permit. The insurance fees for the first half year are approximately €409. Inholland will pay these fees on your behalf to Aon.

**Note**: 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 years of their studies in the Netherlands. Based on these regulations you will need to demonstrate that you have an amount of at least  $\leq 14.616$ ,- (monthly  $\leq 1.218$ ,-) at your disposal at the start of your studies at Inholland to cover the first year's living expenses and  $\leq 7.308$ ,- to cover half a year of the living expenses.

Next to this amount you will need to pay for the costs of tuition fee (€5.677,-), IND and Inholland administration fees (€263) and health insurance fee (€409). This will be a total amount of €6.349,-

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

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

# Methods of payment and/or proving financial means

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

Method 1 (total amount €6.349,-)

First you need to transfer an amount of  $\leq$ 6.349,- to the Inholland bank account. This amount is to cover the following fees:

- tuition fee (€5.677)
- IND and Inholland administration fees (€263)
- Health insurance fee for half a year (approximately €409)

Evidence of the remaining amount of  $\leq$ 14.616 can be provided by sending us an original bank statement (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.



## Method 2 (total amount €20.965,-)

Alternatively, you can choose to transfer the full amount of €20.965,- (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 March 2025 in your Dutch bank account.

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

## Students with a Chinese, African, Indian, Nepalese, Pakistani or Bangladeshi nationality

Due to technical difficulties with obtaining correct bank statements from these countries, <u>Chinese</u>, <u>African</u>, <u>Indian</u>, <u>Nepalese</u>, <u>Pakistani and Bangladeshi students</u> only have the option to transfer the total amount of EUR 20.965,- into the Inholland bank account as a deposit (*method 2*). Inholland will deduct all the related expenses (tuition fee, IND and Inholland fees and one-year health insurance fee) from this deposited amount, and the final balance will be kept as a deposit until after you have arrived in the Netherlands. <u>This will be returned to you in March 2025 in your Dutch bank</u> account.

## **Payment details**

Please transfer the applicable amount to Inholland on the following bank account: Please Note: The bank always charges transfer costs. Please pay these costs separately!

#### **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 of your MVV and resident perm



### **Additional information**

If you wish to **retain your residence permit** in subsequent years, you need to fulfill several requirements yearly:

- 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 <a href="Enrolment & Deregistration Rules Inholland University of Applied Sciences">Enrolment & Deregistration Rules Inholland University of Applied Sciences</a>.
- You will need to have sufficient financial means at your disposal. This contains proving the living expenses and paying tuition fees each year.
- You need to provide a valid health insurance policy each year.

**Return of your deposit** when you **cannot come after** Inholland has applied for your MVV and resident permit: 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 study at Inholland, you will receive your deposit back in your account minus the IND and Inholland administration fees of €263.

Although there is no need to submit a copy of your **birth certificate** during the 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 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 administration. 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** of a document means that this document 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,-).

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 obtaining your resident permit and the therefore needed requirements;
- Assistance 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 if you have any 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>.