



## Pre-Arrival Required Information for Accepted Visiting Students

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### Residence Permit

The application forms for the residence permit and other documents are available on the website of the Hungarian Immigration and Asylum Office ([www.bmbah.hu](http://www.bmbah.hu)).

There is an online application system, Enter Hungary (<https://enterhungary.gov.hu/eh/>) for submitting applications, notifications or announcements.

On the Enter Hungary site you can submit your application for residence permit issuance, as well as for extension.



**Opening hours and location of the Immigration Office in Pécs:**

**Address:** 7623 Pécs, Csend u. 3.

(For further information please click on the [link](#))

**Opening hours:**

Monday 08.30 - 11.30 and 14.00 – 17.30

Tuesday 13.00 - 16.00

Wednesday closed

Thursday 08.30 - 11.30 and 13.00 - 16.00

Friday 08.30 - 11.30

**Useful links for the immigration procedure:**

Consular Services: <http://konzuliszolgalat.kormany.hu/en>

Hungarian Immigration and Asylum Office:  
<http://www.bmbah.hu/jomla/index.php?lang=en>

Enter Hungary: <https://enterhungary.gov.hu/eh/>

**Student Card**

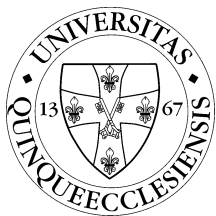
Please note, that as an Erasmus Student, you are entitled to get a temporary student card from the University. After the enrolment in the Neptun system, you need to go to the Central Registrar's Office's (KTI) customer service. If you have any questions, please contact the office via the following email address: [infokti@pte.hu](mailto:infokti@pte.hu) or the following phone number: 72/501-681.

**Address:** 7622 Pécs, Dohány u. 1-3., (Faculty of Law, "Z" building, basement)

**Customer service:** Monday - Thursday 8:00 – 15:00 (Lunch break: 12.00-12.30)

Friday 8:00 – 12:00

The card is valid for 60 days, after this period you need to prolong it at the same place above.



## Visa Information

### IMMIGRATION REGULATIONS

The description below gives you some basic information on visa and residence permit. For up-to-date and detailed information about the official procedures, please visit the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (<https://konzuliszolgalat.kormany.hu/how-to-apply-for-visa>) or contact the nearest Hungarian diplomatic mission.

**Short stay: no longer than 90 days. (E.g. in the case of summer and winter schools.)**

### 1. VISA FREE entry up to 90 days:

Visa free entry: Citizens of countries/entities listed in the regulation (EU)2018/1806 Annex II. ("positive list") may travel to Hungary without visa:

Albania (with biometric passport only), Andorra, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Bahama Islands, Barbados, Bosnia Herzegovina (with biometric passport only), Brazil, Brunei, Canada, Chile, Columbia, Costa Rica, Dominica, East Timor, Grenada, Georgia (with biometric passport only), Guatemala, Honduras, Hong Kong (only with „Hong Kong Special Administrative Region” passport), Israel, Japan, Kiribati, Macao (only with a "Regio Administrativa Especial de Macau" passport), Malaysia, Marshall Islands, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia, Moldova (with biometric passport only), Monaco, Montenegro (with biometric passport only), New Zealand, Nicaragua, North Macedonia (with biometric passport only), Panama, Paraguay, Palau, Peru, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and Grenadine Islands, Solomon Islands, Salvador, San Marino, Seychelles, South Korea, Samoa, Serbia (with biometric passport only), Singapore, Taiwan (the exemption from the visa requirement applies only to holders of passports issued by Taiwan which include an identity card number), Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tuvalu, Ukraine (with biometric passport only), United Arab Emirates, United States of America, Uruguay, Vatican, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Hong Kong (only for holders of a 'Hong Kong Special Administrative Region' passport), British nationals (Overseas), British overseas territories citizens (BOTC), British overseas citizens (BOC), British protected persons (BPP), British subjects (BS)



Please note that the latest amendment of the Article 5 (1) (a) of the Schengen Borders Code (entered into force on 19 July 2013) introduces new criteria for travel documents of third-country nationals entitling to cross the borders:

- the validity of the travel document shall last until at least three months after the intended date of departure from the territory of the Member States. In a justified case of emergency, this obligation may be waived;
- the travel document shall have been issued within the previous 10 years.

## 2. Entry conditions for foreigners under VISA OBLIGATION for up to 90 days

Hungary joined the Schengen Area on 21 December 2007. From that time visas and residence permits issued by one of the Schengen Member States are valid also for Hungary, and visas/residence permits issued by Hungarian authorities are - as a general rule - also valid for the entire Schengen Area.

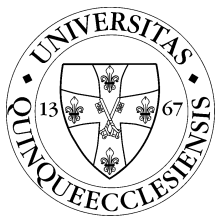
As of December 19th 2011, 26 states are part of the Schengen Area: 22 states of the 28 members of the European Union (Austria, Belgium, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain and Sweden) as well as Norway, Iceland, Switzerland and Lichtenstein. (For the time being 6 member states of the European Union, i.e. Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Ireland, Romania and the United Kingdom do not issue Schengen visas.)

Basic rules for the issuance of Schengen visas:

Short stay visa (C): authorizes the bearer to single, double or multiple entries and, in case of an uninterrupted stay, to a stay of maximum 90 days, while in case of an interrupted stay, to a stay of altogether maximum 90 days within the 6 months counted from the date of the first entry.

The Schengen regulations are only applicable for a stay not exceeding 90 days. Rules for a stay longer than 90 days are laid down by the national law of the member states concerned.

Which of the Hungarian consulates is responsible for issuing a visa?



Once it has been established that a Hungarian consulate is responsible for issuing a Schengen visa, it has to be chosen which one of them. The general rule is that an application can be handed in to the consulate which is in the country

- where the applicant has a habitual residence
- whose citizen the applicant is.

If there is no Hungarian consulate in the country where the applicant has his/her habitual residence the visa application can be handed in at any Hungarian consulate.

The documents needed for visa applications:

General requirements:

- a valid passport the validity of which has to exceed that of the requested visa by at least 3 months;
- 1 passport-size colour photo (not older than 6 months);
- a wholly and legibly completed, signed application form:

The application form may be acquired free of charge at the consulates or downloaded from the website of the Hungarian Ministry of Foreign Affairs <http://konzuliszolgalat.kormany.hu/visa-application-forms>. Schengen application forms are uniform; therefore, any application form used by any of the Schengen Member States can be used for applying at Hungarian consulates.

- a travel medical insurance (a travel insurance providing cover for at least 30.000 € for financing urgent health services and homeward transportation due to medical reasons, valid for the whole period of stay and for the territory of every Schengen State);
- a certificate proving lawful stay, if the applicant is not a citizen of the country where he hands in his application.

Besides meeting the above general requirements, the applicant shall also supply a certificate of the financial coverage of his/her expenses, and a certificate of the purpose of the visit.

The purpose of the entry can be certified with the following documents: In the case of an entry with an educational purpose: the certificate of the receiving institution, the certificate of the envisaged place of accommodation in Hungary.

Visa fees:



General exemptions from visa fees: students travelling for educational purposes: free of charge!

### 3. Entry conditions for foreigners under VISA OBLIGATION for longer than 90 days

Regulations on a stay exceeding 90 days fall within the competence of national authorities, therefore there is no uniform routine among the Schengen Member States. Foreign nationals requesting entry to Hungary with a purpose of a long stay may submit a residence permit application. In case of successful application, s/he will get a visa authorizing him/her to a single entry for receiving a residence permit and to stay for maximum 30 days in Hungary. The decision on the residence permit falls within the competence of the regional directorates of the Office for Immigration in Hungary.

Concerning the regulation (EU) No 265/2010 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 March 2010 amending the Convention Implementing the Schengen Agreement and Regulation (EC) No 562/2006 (Schengen Borders Code) as regards movement of persons with a long-stay visa, a person who possesses a long-term stay (D) visa issued by any of the Member States Representations may travel in the Schengen Area 3 months in every 6 months period under the same conditions regarding holders of a residence permit.

Third-country nationals who are exempted from visa requirement (listed in Annex II of 539/2001/EC Council Regulation) may lodge their applications for a residence permit in Hungary, directly at the regional directorate of the Office for Immigration and Nationality in Hungary.

#### The documents needed for visa applications:

General requirements:

- a wholly and legibly completed, signed “residence permit” application form (can be downloaded from the website of the Hungarian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (<http://konzulizsolgalat.kormany.hu/visa-application-forms>));
- valid passport (the validity of which has to exceed that of the requested visa by at least 3 months);



- 1 passport-size (35-40 mm in width) colour photo (not older than 6 months, colour, sharp and of good quality, entire face, with bright background, shawl is not allowed except for religious purposes, photo made in the face of the camera)
- supporting documents of the purpose of stay;
- justification of the permit of return or further travel;
- supporting documents of the accommodation;
- the documents certifying subsistence in Hungary;
- health insurance or equal financial means.

Furthermore, in the case of a residence permit for educational purposes the following documents are also necessary:

- a certificate of school attendance,
- a document certifying occupancy in Hungary (the document certifying accommodation in a student hostel or the tenancy contract with a duplicate of the title deed), and
- the documents certifying subsistence in Hungary (bank account statement; or the declaration of the parents that they assume coverage of all costs of the stay in Hungary; or the document certifying the scholarship).
- Attestation of the school that the applicant is exempt from the payment of school fees or that he/she has already paid the tuition fees.

+ The consul may request further documents in addition to those listed above.

## Transportation

### By Airport Shuttle

After landing in Hungary, Budapest Franz Liszt Airport, you'll find an Airport Minibus office at the terminal. We advise you to take an Airport Minibus shuttle which rides to Pécs directly. This is the most convenient way of travelling and it costs approx. 10,000 HUF (≈ 28 EUR / 33 USD). Normally they accept bank card payments, too. There are two main companies which offer airport shuttle from Budapest to Pécs:

- [Travel4You Airport Shuttle](#)
- [Mistral Intercity Airport Shuttle](#)



### By train

Another option for travelling from Budapest to Pécs is the train. Ask the taxi or the Airport Minibus driver to take you to the Keleti Pályaudvar (it means Eastern Railway station in Hungarian) from where you can travel to Pécs by an Inter-City (IC) train. On the website: <https://www.mavcsoport.hu/en> you can find the IC timetable. The full fare 2nd class ticket with seat reservation will cost about 4,500 HUF (approx. 13 EUR/ 15 USD). You are advised to take an IC instead of the regular train because IC's are much faster and more comfortable than regular trains.

### Getting around

One of the great things about being a student in Pécs is that you can easily explore the city on foot. Riding a bike is also popular especially among the youth. Many of our international students pedal back and forth to campuses.

It is easy to approach the campus and the clinics by the efficient and inexpensive bus service. Single tickets are available for HUF 350 (≈ 1 EUR) at [ticket offices](#) and [small shops](#) and recently a [mobile ticket app](#) has also become available. If you buy your single ticket on the bus from the driver, it is much more expensive: HUF 500. When you buy a monthly bus pass you are entitled to get a student discount showing your Hungarian Student ID card. The discount is 50%. Pécs also has many taxis so getting around late in the evening is safe and easy.

### Useful links:

[Daytime bus services in Pécs](#)

[Night bus services in Pécs](#)

[How to reach university buildings and campuses by bus](#)

[Reaching the Medical School and most of the Clinics](#)





### Accommodation

off-campus: STUDENT HOUSING: free apartment finding service for students

<http://www.studenthousing.hu/fooldal&lang=en>

on-campus: As an Erasmus student, together with your online application, you are asked to apply for dormitory places:

[https://international.pte.hu/erasmus\\_application\\_and\\_dates](https://international.pte.hu/erasmus_application_and_dates)

more information: [erasmus@pte.hu](mailto:erasmus@pte.hu)

Mostly, our incoming students are located in Szántó Dormitory- 7633, Pécs Szántó-Kovács János u. 1/d

Phone: 72/501-500/28101,

<http://pte.hok.hu/en/dormitories/dormitories/szanto>

### Student organizations

#### **HUMSIRC Office-Medical School**

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Homepage: <https://aok.pte.hu/en/egyseg/700>

#### **English-German Student Council /EGSC/-Medical School**

Address: H-7624 Pécs, Szigeti út 12. 2nd floor

Mailing address: H-7624 Pécs, Szigeti út 12.

E-mail: [egsc@aok.pte.hu](mailto:egsc@aok.pte.hu)

Homepage: <https://aok.pte.hu/en/egyseg/1790>

EGSC president, English Programme: Nick Alkhouri

EGSC vice president, English Programme: Amber Martinez

ESN Pécs



The community is a non-profit group of volunteer students studying at the University of Pécs. By organising various international events for exchange/Erasmus students like country presentations and sightseeing, their aim is to create convenient conditions for better cultural understanding of various nations and national customs and to contribute actively to European integration.

For more information, please consult their website: <https://pecs.esn.hu/>.

## Holidays

### Public holidays in Hungary:

1 January	New Year's Day
15 March	National Holiday, commemorating the Hungarian Revolution of 1848
Easter	Good Friday (the Friday before Easter), Easter Sunday and Easter Monday in March or April
1 May	Labour Day
Whit Monday	May or June
20 August	St. Stephen's Day, commemorating the first king of Hungary
23 October	Day of the Republic, commemorating the revolution of 1956
1 November	All Saints' Day
25-26 December	Christmas

**Good to know:** On national holidays and on all public holidays most businesses, including shops and restaurants, are closed in Hungary. Also, the metro, buses, streetcars, trolley buses, ect. are on holiday schedule and run less frequently.