Important information on obtaining a residence permit

Bachelor students (starting in September 2027 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.

Due to applicable regulations students cannot directly apply for a Dutch study permit, but must do so through the Dutch host university. The Central Student Administration of Inholland will take care of this application on your behalf, we charge an administration fee of € 35 for this.

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 sent to the IND. For further information please refer to the enrolment 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 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 or in name of your sponsor (proof of financial means for the Dutch Immigration Office).
3. Having a sufficient health and liability insurance for the time of your stay in the Netherlands is a prerequisite for the MVV application. If you don't have this type of insurance, or if your insurance does not cover your stay in the Netherlands, we can apply for a Dutch insurance on your behalf.
4. A portrait photo for your residence permit. The photo must comply with certain detailed and strict legal requirements. You will receive this in-depth information when you are in your Residence Permit application tile in your Selfservice (student portal).

All the above-mentioned documents need to be stated in English or Dutch and may not be older than 3 months when uploading. 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.

Fees and payment

Applying for your residence permit involves various costs. Below, you'll find an overview of these costs. It's important to note that the costs mentioned for health insurance and administrative fees are indicative and may be subject to change. The final amounts will be communicated to you during your residence permit application.

Administration fee

The IND administration fee currently stands at € 254. Inholland will assist with your procedure for an administration fee of € 35. You need to transfer the IND fees, and Inholland administration fee of € 289 into the Inholland bank account. Inholland will transfer the € 254 to the 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 permit application. Inholland will take out a compulsory health and liability insurance on your behalf for the first academic year (Aon insurance).

The insurance will cover you from the 25th of August 2027 until the 31st of August 2028. If you arrive to the Netherlands before the 25th of August, please make sure that you are properly insured. Please also remember to take out sufficient travel insurance, if desired.

It will be necessary to extend the insurance each year in order to retain your residence permit. After the first year, this will be your own responsibility, Inholland does not assist in this matter after the first year. The insurance fees for one year are approximately € 692. After transferring these fees into the Inholland bank account, we will transfer these fees on your behalf to AON.

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. Based on these regulations you will need to demonstrate that you have an amount of at least € 13,570 (monthly € 1,131) at your disposal at the start of your studies at Inholland to cover the first year's living expenses.

Besides the €13,570 for living expenses, you will need to pay for the tuition fee (€ 10,665), IND and Inholland administration fees (€ 289) and, if applicable, the health insurance fee (€ 692). This brings the total needed amount to € 25,216.

Note: As stated before, 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.

1. *Method 1 (total amount to transfer € 11,646)*
   You need to transfer an amount of € 11,646 to the Inholland bank account. This amount is to cover the following fees:
   - Tuition fee (€ 10,665)
   - IND and Inholland administration fees (€ 289)
   - One-year health insurance fee (approximately € 692)

   Evidence of the remaining amount of € 13,570 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 to transfer € 25,216*)*
   Alternatively, you can choose to transfer the full amount of € 25,216 (fees + living expenses 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, IND and administrative 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. This deposit will be returned to your Dutch bank account in two terms (September and December 2027).

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

Return of your deposit

When Inholland has already send in the application for your residence permit to the immigration office and for whatsoever reason you are not able to start your study at our 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 € 289 in total.

Please be aware that in the event of a refund due to cancellation of your studies, we are obliged to refund the amount paid to the same account number from which it was paid to us. This means that paying from an account that is not in your name and/or not under your control entails many risks. In addition, Dutch banks have additional requirements for international refunds to third parties. This can seriously delay and complicate the refund process. We therefore strongly advise you to only make payments to Inholland from accounts in your name and under your control. Should you nevertheless choose to pay via a third party, you are at all times personally responsible for any consequences of this decision.

Payment details

Please transfer the applicable amount to Inholland on the following bank account. Please note that your bank may 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 for your residence permit.

Additional information

Retaining your residence permit

As your referent under the Dutch Immigration Law, we need to verify each year if you still meet the requirements to retain your residence permit. You will need to fulfill these requirements each year:

- 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 Rules on Enrolment and Deregistration.
- You will need to have sufficient financial means at your disposal. Living expenses, tuition fee and health insurance, each year.

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 and to open a Dutch bank account. For that reason, you will need a legal address in the Netherlands.

Housing

Inholland can only offer accommodation to a limited number of students. This means you'll likely have to find housing yourself, which isn't easy in the Netherlands. We recommend beginning your search at least four months before arrival. If you haven't found housing one month before your studies begin, we strongly advise postponing your travel.

The good news is that with an early start and the right guidance, many students successfully find a place. You can find more information about housing, organizations and websites that can help you, and other tips and tricks here.

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:

- Assistance with and information about registration at the City Council;
- Assistance with and information about 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:

incoming@inholland.nl	incoming exchange and degree 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.