Important information on entry visa and residence permit

Exchange students (starting in February 2027)

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:
Your arrival in the Netherlands.
Deadline: before the orientation week (middle to end January)

Visa and study permit

Visa (MVV – Machtiging tot Voorlopig Verblijf)

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

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 Inholland, the central student administration will take care of the visa and residence permit 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.

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. After your arrival in the Netherlands the Central Student Administration will inform you about collecting your study permit. The International Office on campus will be able to inform you about all other formalities concerning your exchange programme and stay in the Netherlands.

Note**:** it is not permitted under any circumstances to enrol 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 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 email with instructions to apply for your MVV, you will be informed about which documents you need to provide us with.

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 to proof financial means for the Dutch Immigration Office.
3. If applicable, the original grant statement, for example if you hold an Erasmus grant.
4. 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).
5. 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.

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 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.

Fees and payment

Applying for your MVV and 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 visa application.

MVV and residence permit fees

The IND administration fee currently stands at € 254. Inholland will assist you with the study permit procedure for an administration fee of € 35. You need to transfer the IND fees and the administration fee, a total of € 289, into the Inholland bank account. Inholland will transfer the € 254 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. If you don't have a valid health insurance for the Netherlands, Inholland can apply for a health and liability insurance on your behalf with AON insurance.

Inholland will pay the fees on your behalf, if you have made a timely and sufficient deposit. The insurance will cover you from the 25th of January 2027 until the 31st of July 2027 (one semester) or 31st of January 2028 (two semesters). If you arrive to the Netherlands before the 25th of February, please make sure that you are properly insured. Please also remember to take out sufficient travel insurance, if desired.

If you decide to extend your exchange period, it will be necessary to also extend your health insurance. This will be your own responsibility, Inholland does not assist in this matter. The insurance fees for one semester are approximately € 296 and for two semesters approximately € 573. After transferring these fees into the Inholland bank account, we will transfer these fees on your behalf to Aon.

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.

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. Based on these regulations you will need to demonstrate that you have an amount of at least € 5,655 for one semester or € 12,440 for two semesters (or the equivalent in the currency of your home country) at the start of your exchange period at Inholland.

This means that you will need to demonstrate that you have a net amount of at least € 1,131 (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.

Note: As stated before, the above-mentioned amounts are indicative amounts and may be subject to future changes

Methods of Payment

You need to transfer an amount of € 289 to the Inholland bank account. This amount is to cover the IND fee of € 254 and the administrative fee of € 35. 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 € 1,131 per month into your bank account during the time of your stay 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.

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 exchange period at Inholland, 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 account 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 the bank may charge 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.

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

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.

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.

More information for exchange students can be found on our website here.

Further information

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