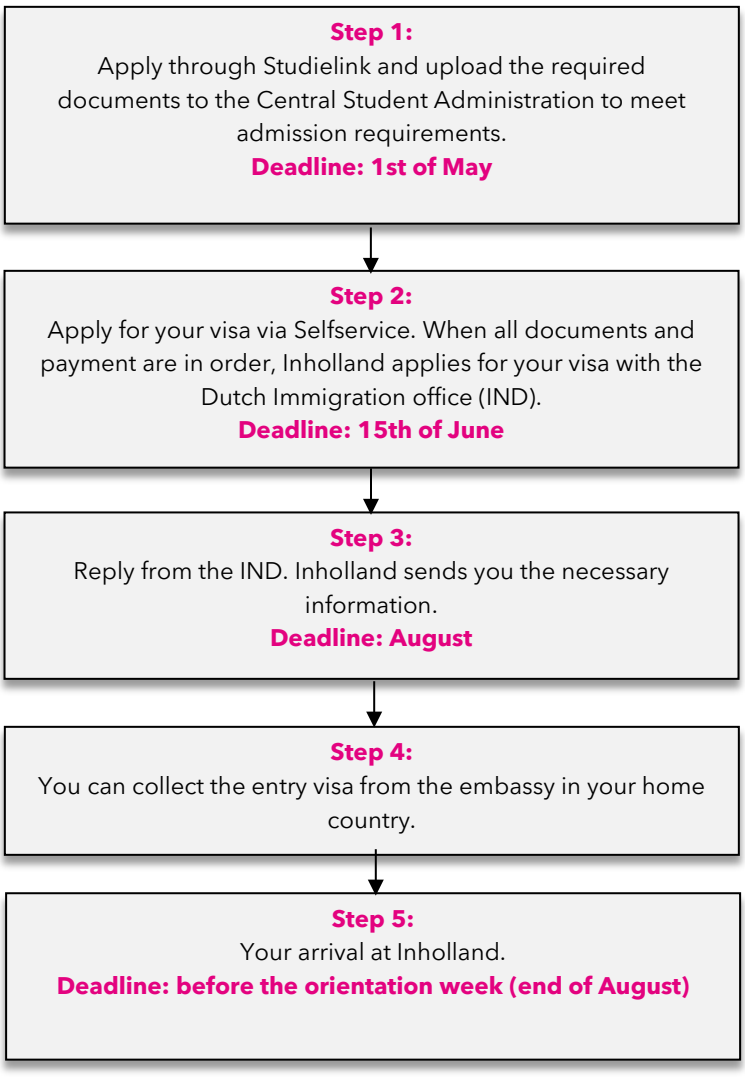
Important information on entry visa and residence permit

Bachelor students (starting in September 2027)

This document contains important information for international degree seeking students from all countries except the European Union/European Economic Area, US, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, Bangladesh, Nepal, Afghanistan 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).



Visa and Study permit

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 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.

To start the MVV and VVR application through Inholland, you must have passed all university admission requirements. Please refer to our website through the following link: enrolment. After you passed all the entry requirements, submitted all the necessary immigration documents and transferred the applicable fees and deposits to Inholland, we will submit an MVV and study permit request to the Dutch Immigration Office (IND). Please note that incomplete applications will not be sent 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. 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 practical formalities concerning your stay in the Netherlands.

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.

Necessary documents for the MVV and VVR application

For the MVV and study permit 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 provide us with.

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 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 or the name of your sponsor (proof of financial means for the Dutch Immigration Office, only applicable for students with a nationality that allows them to proof rather than transfer the financial means);
3. 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 is required and must be valid for at least three months after collecting the visa (MVV).
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.

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. During your application process you will also be informed about any other documents you might need to provide us with.

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. 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 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

Most international students may choose one of the following two methods to demonstrate sufficient financial means. Method 2 is always the preferred method and will ensure easier and faster completion of this procedure.

Due to technical difficulties with obtaining correct bank statements from these countries, Chinese, African, Indian, Pakistani students only have the option to pay via method 2, which means transferring the complete amount into the bank account of Inholland.

Payment 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.

Payment 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).

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 the 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 of your MVV and resident 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.
- As previously mentioned, it is mandatory to have adequate health insurance and liability insurance during your stay in the Netherlands. You are required to have a valid insurance coverage for the entire duration of your stay in the Netherlands. We check this once a year on behalf of the IND.

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.