Important information on residence permit for the purpose of study

Bachelor students (starting in September 2027)

This document contains important information for international degree seeking students who are staying in the Netherlands already, but want to change their residence permit for study, because they want to enroll for a fulltime course at Inholland University

Students who still need a visa and/or residence permit and exchange students should refer to other information sheets also available through our website.

Please read this information sheet carefully.

Step 1:
Apply through Studielink and send the required documents to the Central Student Administration to meet admission requirements.
Deadline: 1st of May

Step 2:
Apply for your visa in your Selfservice. When all documents and payment 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:
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 August)

Change of purpose

If you are already living in the Netherlands with a residence permit based on another purpose of stay then study and you now want to start a fulltime programme at Inholland University of Applied Sciences, you might need to change the purpose of your residence permit (VVR). Please read the following information carefully as it contains important information about the requirements on how to change the purpose of your residence permit.

All applications for residence permits with the purpose of study must be submitted via the educational institution in question. 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.

Restrictions for a change of purpose to Study

A change of purpose is bound to certain restrictions. A VVR for study purpose is restricted to a number of years. The nominal study years is basic principle added with one extra year by exception. The bachelor programmes at Inholland have a nominal study time of four years. This means you are restricted to a total of five years (4 + 1). By exception only you can use the extra one year.

Necessary documents for a study VVR

For the change of residence permit 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 the change of residence permit, you will be informed about which documents you need to send us. As it may take you some time to gather all the necessary documents, we strongly advise you to start collecting the following documents:

- 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
- Copy of your current residence permit
- Original bank statement or bank transcript in your own name, or the name of your sponsor, demonstrating an amount of € 13,570 in your bank account with a signature and stamp from a bank employee
- Copy of your health insurance document
- Recent portrait picture (not older than 3 months, taken at qualified Dutch photographer, not used at another residence card);
- You need to have submitted the authorization for payment of the tuition fee through Studielink (if you have a Dutch bank account). If you don't have a Dutch bank account, you must pay the tuition fees via direct payment.

During your application process you will 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.

Retaining your residence permit each year

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 to prove you meet the living expenses and tuition fee requirements each year.
- During your stay in the Netherlands, it is compulsory to have valid health and liability insurance. You must prove this each year by uploading a valid insurance policy sheet.

Fee and payments

Inholland will take over your current residence permit and inform the immigration office about your transfer to our university. For this procedure we do ask an administration fee of € 35. You need to transfer this amount, the IND leges (€ 254) and the entire amount of tuition fees (€ 10,665) into the Inholland bank account.

Account details

Account holder's 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 allocate the transfer, and this will delay or obstruct the transfer of your residence permit at the Dutch immigration office.

Additional information

For questions or additional information, please contact the Admissions office of Inholland:

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