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 Bangladesh, Nepal or Afghanistan.

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 send required documents to the Central Student Administration to meet admission requirements. Payment of tuition fees and additional costs must also be fulfilled.
Deadline: Before the 2nd of April

Step 2:
Completion of your Visa application procedure and possible service call with the programme. When all is in order, Inholland applies for your visa with the Dutch Immigration office (IND).
Deadline: 15th of May

Step 3:
Reply from the IND, Inholland provides you with the necessary information.

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)

Visa and study permit

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

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 one of the international programmes of Inholland, the Central Student Administration of Inholland will take care of the MVV application on your behalf. Inholland charges an administration fee of € 35 for this. After you submitted the necessary documents, transferred all fees and deposits to Inholland and complete all other requirements on time, we will submit a MVV request to the Dutch Immigration Office (IND) on your behalf. Please note that incomplete applications or applications that do not meet the set deadlines, 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 other 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.

Preconditions

To start the MVV application through Inholland, you must have passed all university admission requirements. Also, a Service Call with the programme might be part of the admissions procedure. Please refer to our website through the following link: enrolment. On our website you can find all the detailed information about the diploma requirements.

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 have received an e-mail with instructions to apply for your MVV by using the residence permit tile in the Selfservice, 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 these following documents in advance:

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. In case you wish to collect your visa (MVV) in another country than your home country: provide us with a copy of your residence permit of that country valid for at least three months after collecting the visa (MVV).
3. 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. 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 other documents you need to send us.

Fees and payment

Applying for your MVV and residence permit involves various costs. Below, you will 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.

Administrative fee and IND leges

The IND administration fee currently stands at € 254. Inholland will assist you with the MVV procedure for an administration fee of € 35. You need to transfer the IND fees and the administration fee 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 (AON insurance). The insurance will cover you from the 25th of August 2027 until the 31st of August 2028. 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. Inholland will pay these fees on your behalf to AON.

Proof of 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 years of their studies in the Netherlands. 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 the tuition fee (€ 10,665), IND and Inholland administration fees (€ 289) and health insurance fee (€ 692). This will bring the total needed amount for transfer to € 25,216.

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

Method of Payment

You must transfer the full amount of € 25,216 (fees + deposit) into the Inholland bank account before the **2nd of April**. 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, visa and initial residence permit 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 and will be returned to you in two terms (September and December 2027) in your Dutch bank account.

Refund in case of cancellation

When your application cannot be completed, you will receive a refund of the transferred fees. If a cancellation occurs before Inholland has sent your application to the IND you will receive a full refund on the account from which you have transferred the funds. If a cancellation is needed after Inholland has applied for your MVV and resident permit, you will receive your deposit back, minus the IND and Inholland administration fees of € 289.

Please be aware that in the event of a refund, 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:

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: The bank always charges transfer costs. Please pay these costs separately! 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

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.

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

Although there is no need to submit a copy of your birth certificate during the MVV application, you will need to have an original, legalized birth certificate and an authorized translation in English or Dutch of this certificate before you come to the Netherlands. The reason for this is that the Dutch Embassy may ask for it when you collect your Dutch visa in your home country. In addition, the Dutch municipal government of the municipality where you will reside will require this certificate for registration in the municipal administration. You will need to inquire in your home country where to obtain your birth certificate. Please note that it may take several weeks to obtain your birth certificate, have it legalized and have it translated.

Legalization

Legalization of a document means it has received an official stamp and been signed by the competent authorities. In many countries, this is done by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. This signature and stamp must be validated by a signature and stamp from the Dutch embassy in your home country. The cost at the Dutch embassy may vary by country.

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.

Further information

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