



Students residing and working in Estonia

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TOPICS



- ◆ European Union (EU) citizens;
- ◆ Students outside of EU:
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 - II. Long-stay D-visa;
 - III. Residence permit for study;
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- ◆ Recognizing scams in Estonia





STUDENTS FROM EUROPEAN UNION (EU)



Students from EU



- ◆ Right to stay up to 3 months without any additional registrations
- ◆ You have the right to work and study from the first day of arrival without any additional applications.
- ◆ For stays longer than 3 months, you should obtain the right of residence, which is issued for 5 years.
- ◆ Register your place of residence at the Estonian Population register to obtain the right of residence.





ID-card for an adult

- ◆ For applying for the document (ID-card) which certifies the right of temporary residence, you need to address within the period of one month from the registration of your place of residence **in person** at the [Service Office](#). Please note that it is not required to book an appointment for this procedure, but we recommend booking an appointment in order to avoid long waiting lines.





ID-card for an adult

- ◆ To apply for an ID-card, please choose a suitable client service office and take an identity document with you.
- ◆ All client service offices (except for Keila) are equipped with photo booths where you can take a document photograph free of charge.
- ◆ The ID card will be ready within a maximum of 30 days after the application was accepted for processing.





STUDENTS OUTSIDE OF EU



Different legal bases to stay in Estonia:



- ◆ [visa-free regime](#) stay for up to 90 days in last 180 days period (depends on your citizenship)
- ◆ C-type visa stay for up to 90 days in last 180 days period (can be applied for in Embassies only)
- ◆ D-type visa for up to 365 days (can be applied for in specific [Estonian Embassies](#) or at the PBGB)
- ◆ Other country temporary residence permit or visa





Which basis to choose?

General rule is, that if your stay lasts for up to 1 year, you need to apply for a long-stay (type D) visa.

If your studies last longer than a year, you need to apply for a temporary residence permit (TRP) for studying.

For the degree students often used in combination, a D-visa is applied before arrival to Estonia at the Estonian Embassy and a residence permit while already here.



Legal basis to stay with another EU TRP or visa



- ◆ It is allowed to stay on the basis of TRP or D-visa issued from another EU country for **up to 360 days** with the purpose of study in Estonia if a person is ***accepted to study in Estonian educational institution (but no longer that the visa or residency is valid for).***
- ◆ TRP has to be issued according to **EU directive 2016/801** and has to have marking „student“ on the residence card or visa.
- ◆ Within this stay it is allowed to work, ***if your employment does not interfere the studies***





Applying for the Estonian long-stay (D-type) visa





Where to apply for the Estonian long-stay (D-type) visa?

A long-stay visa must be applied for in person:

- ◆ at an Estonian representation (Embassy), which handles visa applications or
- ◆ at a service office of the Police and Border Guard Board in Estonia (PBGB).





How to apply for a long-term (D) visa in Estonia?

- ◆ Bring all the necessary documents with you.
- ◆ Keep in mind that you have to apply for a long-term (D) visa **at least 30 days** before your legal basis to stay ends **but not earlier than 2 months** before your legal basis to stay ends.
- ◆ The PBGB shall review the submitted application **within 30 days** of the acceptance of the application.
- ◆ Documents must be in **Estonian** or in **English**.



Documents required for applying long-stay visa part I:



- completed and signed [long-term visa application form](#)
- [one colour photograph](#)
- valid travel document (passport)
- a valid insurance contract ensuring payment of treatment costs incurred through illness or injury of the applicant for the period of validity of the visa being applied for, unless set forth otherwise in legislation or treaty
- the purpose of the stay and documents substantiating the reason (for example, university invitation)



Documents required for applying long-stay visa part II:



- document certifying the payment of state fee (120 euros)
- bank account statements/documents proving your legal income (within the three months prior the submission of the application)
- [Data concerning close relatives and family members](#)
- [Biographical data](#)
- [Additional form](#) (citizens from NATO member states are exempted)

The proceedings officer may request additional information or documents if necessary.





Applying for the temporary residence permit for study (TRP)





Important to note:

- ◆ You need to apply for your residence permit **in person**. Reserve a time slot here:
<https://broneering.politsei.ee/>
- ◆ Start the application process immediately, do not wait until the end of your right to stay, otherwise you may be obliged to leave the country.
- ◆ Processing of your application may take up to 90 days (from the acceptance of the application or from the last submitted documents) or even longer.
- ◆ Your residence card will be available to pick up within 30 days of the issue of the residence permit.





TRP for study. Documents, part I:

- ◆ [Application for temporary residence permit, completed in block letters](#)
- ◆ [Data concerning close relatives and family members, completed in block letters](#)
- ◆ [Biographical data](#)
- ◆ [Additional form](#)
- ◆ an identity document (copy of your passport)
- ◆ Documents certifying legal income (income during the six months preceding the application, showing at least the amount, regularity and sources of the income)
- ◆ Criminal record certificate (must be issued within six months before arrival to Estonia. A certificate must be submitted from every foreign country where the applicant has resided for at least three consecutive months during the past three years)
- ◆ [digital photo](#) (can be done on spot at the Service Office)
- ◆ [a document certifying payment of the state fee](#), e.g., a payment order in the amount of 225 euros.





TRP for study. Documents (part II)

- ◆ By signing the application form you are confirming that:
 - ◆ you have enough monetary substance (minimum 880 euros per month)
 - ◆ you are insured. The requirements regarding the medical insurance policy are listed in section 120 (“Insurance cover”) of the Aliens Act.
- ◆ The case handler of the application may ask you to submit additional information or documents (including insurance policy), if necessary.

An educational institution submits a digitally signed [invitation form](#) by e-mail to ppa@politsei.ee.





Useful links

- ◆ <https://www.politsei.ee/en/instructions/residence-permit-for-study>
- ◆ [Student guide](#)





Important to note:

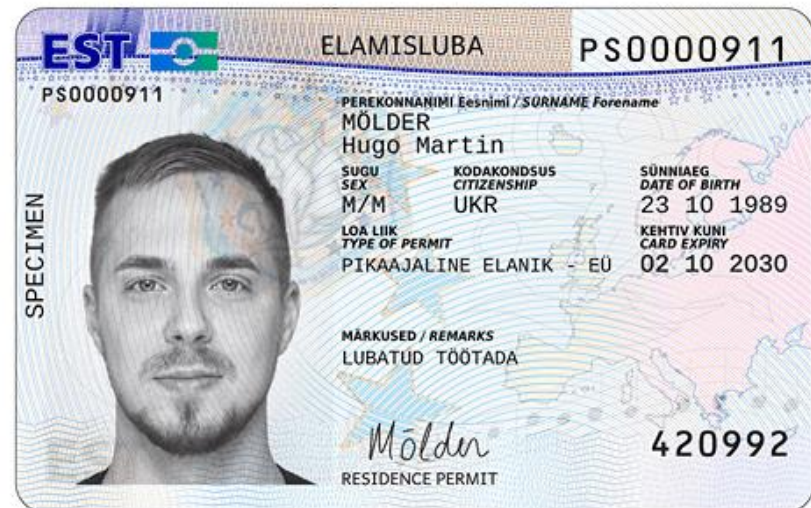
- ◆ NB! The first time application for the TRP does not grant you a legal basis to stay in Estonia!
- ◆ Therefore, until you await for your residence permit, you must make sure that you can stay in Estonia based on the visa-free regime or based on the visa.
- ◆ If necessary, apply for a D-type visa to fully cover the time until you await for your TRP.





Right to work for students with the residence permit (TRP)

- ◆ Students have a **right to work** during studies if work does not interfere studies
- *However, students need to continue studying for a full-time load.*
- *Primary purpose for this residence is to study.*





Be aware, that:

- ◆ If a foreigner holds a temporary residence permit for study and has failed to complete the study program to the extent required to hold a residence permit for study or has interrupted studies, the validity of their temporary residence permit expires **30 days** after failure to complete the study program to the required extent or interruption of studies (Aliens Act § 173¹).



Inviting a family member

- ◆ From the 1st of September 2022 there were changes in Estonian Aliens Act and with this change the spouses can not apply for a long-stay (D) visa with the same requirements as a student. Spouse has to show monetary subsistence for full as in general requirements. It means the monetary subsistence has to be at least 70 euros per visa day. The same applies for the minor children.
- ◆ From the 1st of January 2023 the Estonian Aliens Act changed again and with this change student has to live at least 2 years based on temporary residence permit in Estonia before he/she can invite the spouse to join him or her in Estonia and obtain the residence permit for settling with the spouse.





Staying in Estonia after TRP for studies

- ◆ After the end of your residence permit for studying, **you have a right to stay** in Estonia for 270 additional days:
 - ◆ Does not apply when residence permit is revoked or ended!
 - ◆ You will no longer be a resident, this is a temporary stay!
 - ◆ You can work during this time of period without any additional permits!
- ◆ You have the **right to apply for a new temporary residence permit** in Estonia. The most common of them are:
 - ◆ For employment (issued for max up to 5 years)
 - ◆ For business (issued for max up to 5 years)
 - ◆ For settling permanently – **for PhD holders only** (issued for max up to 5 years)





Visa sticker to formalize your stay during 270 days.

- ◆ A free-form application, including the applicant's forename or forenames, surname or surnames, citizenship/citizenships, date of birth, contact information, the date of application and signature;
- ◆ a digital photograph;
- ◆ a travel document (your passport);
- ◆ a document that confirms the payment of state fee (30 €); the state fee can be paid at the service office in cash or by card.



Migration advisers



Background about migration advice service at PBGB



- ◆ Service launched on **01.03.2017**
- ◆ Projekt AMIF.1.02.23 0001 „Migratsiooninõustamine“



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If you have questions about your right to stay and/or work, please contact PBGB migration advisers



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Online meetings



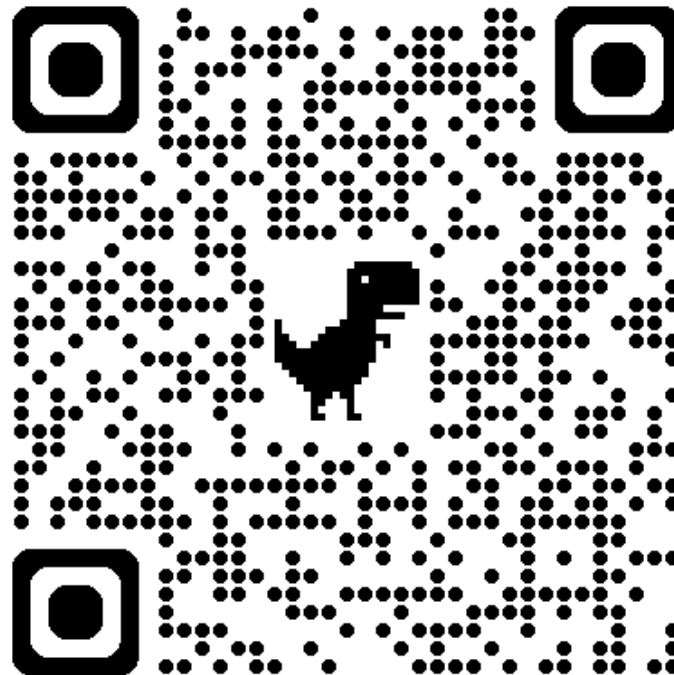
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ESTONIAN MIGRATION ADVICE OFFICIAL FACEBOOK PAGE





Recognizing scams in Estonia



How can you tell if someone is a scammer?



Estonian Police and Border Guard Board:

- ◆ Will not ask you to hand over money, documents, or a bank card for an investigation.
- ◆ Will not instruct you to take your money, documents, or bank card to a parcel locker.
- ◆ Will not punish you for keeping cash at home.
- ◆ Will not come to count, declare, or take custody of your savings.
- ◆ Will not pressure you to sell your home or car and hand over the proceeds from the sale in cash.
- ◆ They will not ask you for PIN codes or ask you to confirm them.
- ◆ They will not ask you to download any programs or apps.
- ◆ Will not send you an email from any other email address that does not end in @politsei.ee





What should you do if you encounter a phishing attempt?

- ◆ Do not open attachments or click on links in emails from unknown or suspicious email addresses. These may contain malware or collect data about you.
- ◆ Report phishing attempts to both the police and the RIA CERT'EE team at cert@cert.ee
- ◆ Report phishing attempts, fake websites, fake posts, and fake ads circulating on social media to the virtual community policing officers. Contact information can be found here: <https://www.politsei.ee/et/veebipolitseinikud>





Scammers may also try to recruit you as a call centre or courier employee

- ◆ To do this, they offer you lucrative jobs either in Estonia or abroad.
- ◆ Scammers make these job offers by messaging you directly on social media, calling you, or through various posts.
- ◆ The most common platforms used for this are Telegram, Viber, WhatsApp, and Facebook.
- ◆ In the Republic of Estonia, accomplices to fraud and scammers are quickly apprehended and deported from the country, and a ban on re-entry is imposed for several years.
- ◆ When looking for a job, we recommend using official channels such as the Estonian Unemployment Insurance Fund's Career Centre and thoroughly checking the background of the company that is hiring.





Thank you!

QUESTIONS PLEASE

