

Applying for Your Residence Permit: Hungary

What is a residence permit?

A residence permit allows you to stay in a foreign country to work, live, or study there for a specific period of time. Non-citizens of Hungary are able to enter the country as a tourist, and then must apply for a residence permit in order to stay for longer than 90 days. Residence permits are issued by immigration offices in the host country.

Do I need a residence permit to go to Hungary?

You must apply for a residence permit if you are going to Hungary to study full time for longer than three months. A US student studying abroad can *enter Hungary as a tourist*, and then must apply for a residence permit *within 30 days of entry*.

What do I need to apply for a residence permit?

You will need the following to apply for your residence permit:

- **A valid passport.** Make sure that your passport is valid for 3 months *past* your program end-date.
 - ◆ See page 1 in the Study Abroad Handbook for passport application information.
 - ◆ Apply early for your passport! It may take 6-8 weeks to process your application.
 - **A completed residence permit application.** This form is available at:
www.bmbah.hu
 - **Two passport-sized photos** with your full name written on the back taken not longer than six months previously.
 - **Letter of acceptance from host university.** Bring with you the letter of acceptance from your host university and your nomination letter from International Programs.
 - **Proof of accommodation in Hungary.** This could be a copy of a lease agreement or student housing confirmation.
 - **Proof of sufficient funds.** A bank statement covering living expenses; if you are paying tuition to UM, receiving financial aid or a scholarship, provide proof.
 - **Contact information in the US.** Provide a separate sheet with your US phone, address, and email.
 - **Proof of health insurance.** Bring the appropriate health insurance documents with you.
 - **Residence permit application fee of US\$80,** payable in cash (USD only), money order, or cashier's check
- ▶ In general, the regional directorate processes the application within 30 days.
- ▶ **Attention:** This list may not be all-inclusive! Verify this information with the embassy, as the application process can change. This website may be helpful:
http://www.huembwas.org/Consul/ENG/visa/Long_stay_EN.htm

How do I obtain a residence permit?

You must apply for your residence permit in person, in Hungary. In specific cases you may be granted permission to apply by mail.

- Apply for your residence permit within 30 days of entering Hungary.
- Take your documents to the appropriate Immigration Office. The Immigration Office in Pécs can be reached by phone at: (72)518-720; and is located at: 7623. Pécs, Csend u. 3. Call the office before you visit to verify hours of operation and location.
- Call the embassy before you visit to verify hours of operation and location.

By Mail:

Student resident permit applications may occasionally be submitted by mail. *You must receive permission from the Embassy or Consulate General to submit your application by mail.*

- Enclose a prepaid and self addressed envelope for certified mail.
- You must assume the risk of sending your passport by mail, and not hold the Hungarian Foreign Ministry responsible for a passport lost in the mail.

If you have any questions about obtaining a residence permit consult:

Embassy of the Republic of Hungary

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