

Visa and Residence permit

Dear prospective students, below mentioned requirements may vary! Please make sure that you discuss with the university all the details and read carefully all the information that university provides you.

- ✓ Copies of previous education document and transcript of records (grades/final exam marks. If education documents are) and documents that confirm your previous education is recognized as suitable for the continuation of studies in Latvia.
N.B. If the documents are in any other language than English, notarized copy in English with approval of the documents authenticity should be provided.
- ✓ Signed study agreement and proof of acceptance at the university (provided by university).
- ✓ Valid travel document (e.g. passport).
- ✓ A photo.
- ✓ Filled in Application form for a residence permit:
https://www.pmlp.gov.lv/en/assets/images/Uztur%C4%93%C5%A1an%C4%81s/UA_ank_eta_2016.pdf.pdf
- ✓ A letter from the bank (stamped and signed by the bank) on student's name (the same as in passport!) that you have a sufficient financial means for living in Latvia 5 160 EUR per year (430 EUR per month).
- ✓ A bank issued debit or credit card with the account that can be used abroad.
- ✓ A document/agreement confirming place of residence in Latvia (if a student stays in university's dormitory, it is a confirmation letter from the university).
- ✓ A document confirming state duty payment:
<https://www.pmlp.gov.lv/en/home/services/residence-permits/state-fee-for-issuing-the-residence-permit.html>
- ✓ A statement on punishability issued by a competent institution of the citizenship or the host country, it is valid for 6 months (legalized with APOSTILLE, if applicable).
- ✓ Statement on fluorography or x-ray examining results (upon arrival in Latvia).
- ✓ Health insurance for the whole validity period of the residence permit (upon arrival in Latvia).

From some countries students can enter Latvia without visa and reside for 90 days: <https://www.mfa.gov.lv/en/consular-information/countries-and-territories-whose-citizens-may-enter-latvia-without-a-visa>. **Even if a student can enter Latvia with visa or without visa, one must make sure that all the required documents for visa and/or residence permit are gathered.**

For some countries there are additional requirements, please make sure you have all the necessary document before visa and/or residence permit application and make sure if the documents (public documents issued in a foreign country intended for use in Latvia) education, are legalized: <https://www.mfa.gov.lv/en/consular-information/document-legalisation>

The list of countries of which students have an additional assessment and students from these countries have to apply for both visa and residence permit at the embassy of Latvia in their country of origin or at the embassy of other country entitled to issue visas of Latvia. University has no such authority: <https://likumi.lv/ta/en/en/id/212364-regulation-regarding-states-for-the-citizens-of-which-in-issuing-a-visa-or-a-residence-permit-an-additional-assessment-shall-be-performed>.