

The Hungarian Student Card: Things to Know about the Application

Foreign students' opportunities to get temporary certificate for cheaper travel fares:

1. Students who stay one-year or shorter period are entitled to get the temporary certificate without permanent student card application.
2. Students who stay longer than one year have to apply for permanent student card. Without student card application they are not entitled to get the temporary certificate.

All students must be registered in ETR that is the University's online system. Students whose status is active can get their special OM identification number. The Central Registrar's Office is responsible for foreign students' OM numbers. This office applies for this identification number at the Educational Authority. It takes only a few days but in case of incomplete student registration in ETR it could last weeks.

The following personal data must be registered in ETR: student's surname and given name, student's birth name, mother's maiden name, place of birth (city and country), date of birth, citizenship, permanent address and residential address.

1. temporary certificate without permanent student card application

Only those foreign students are eligible for temporary certificate whose semester is active in ETR and who already has his/her OM identification number. The Central Registrar's Office is responsible for the student card application and temporary certificate for the students of the following faculties: Faculty of Adult Education and Human Resources Development (FEEK), Faculty of Business and Economics (KTK), Faculty of Humanities (BTK), Medical School (ÁOK)

The temporary certificate is valid for 60 days from the date of issue and it is free of charge. It can be requested and renewed at the customer service of the Central registrar's Office.

The temporary certificate entitles students to 50 % discount on public transportation within Hungary. Student status certificates from the Registrar's Office of the Faculties are not entitled students to get cheaper travel fares.

2. Application for permanent student card

Students who stay longer than one year should apply for permanent student card. Only those students are eligible for permanent student card

whose semester is active in ETR and who already has the OM identification number.

Here are the steps of applying for the first student card:

1. To obtain a student card, students must first have an official photo taken and provide their official signature in Document Office. (Pécs, Kossuth square 1-3) There students will be given a NEK (Nemzeti Egységes Kártyarendszer) datasheet. This form has a 16-character identification number in the upper right corner. (NEK number) This is essential for the next part of the application.
2. After students received the NEK document, they can arrange their administrative matters electronically: log on MODULO site, then go to PTE and click „Application for the first student card”. URL: <https://modulo.tr.pte.hu/modulo>.

They have to fill in the application form according to the following:

- Choose the major which determines the type of student card (full time).
- Choose the postal address. The student card will be sent to this address
- After fill in the application form click „save and finalize”(middle)

The student card application will be forwarded to the Educational Authority (OH).

Please submit only proper data which appear in your official documents, since during the process of application the Educational Authority (OH) compares the application data to the database of the national address registry system. They also compare students' ETR data and NEK document data. Their registered personal data must be the same from character to character.

In case any of your data differs from the ones in your official documents, please ask your Registrar's Office to correct it in ETR.

Students can arrange their administrative matters in person, too.

In this case they have to visit the proper customer service that is concerned for their student card application. The Central Registrar's Office is responsible for the student card application and temporary certificate of the students of the following faculties: Faculty of Adult Education and Human Resources Development (FEEK), Faculty of Business and Economics (KTK), Faculty of Humanities (BTK), Medical School (ÁOK).

At the customer service of the Central Registrar's Office student will receive a datasheet printed from ETR. NEK document is needed to finalize this process.

The student card application will be forwarded to the Educational Authority (OH). After the OH accepts the application students receive their temporary student certificates that which are valid for 60 days from the date of issue and it is free of charge. It can be requested and renewed at the Central Registrar's Office and the Registrar's Office of the Faculties. Students can use their temporary student certificates until their student card arrives by post.

The plastic card takes about 60-90 days to be produced after being ordered. The Educational Authority will post the student cards to the Document Office where students NEK datasheet were printed previously. Only those students can receive their plastic card to their residential address by post who have official Hungarian address and address card.

The permanent student card costs 1400 HUF. After sending in the application the fee automatically appears in ETR. Students have to pay it within two weeks by cash payment at the Faculty Cashiers or bank transfer.

Feel free to make inquiries about the status of your student card in the office that is responsible for the application.