

Information on the changes of the rules of the foreign students' residence in Hungary effective from January 1, 2018

I. In case of procedures started after January 1, 2018 the administrative fees of the applications can be paid through the POS-terminals in the customer services of the Immigration and Asylum Office, with electronic payment device or with bank transfer. The installation of the POS-terminals is currently in progress. Until the POS-terminals are not installed the administrative fees can be paid by cheque that can be taken from the customer services of the Immigration and Asylum Office. In case of cheque payment the application can be submitted only after the cheque payment is completed. After January 1, 2018 the administrative fees of the applications cannot be paid with fee stamp.

II. The applications for the issuing and the extension of the residence permit of Ukrainian citizens are free of charge.

III. The applications forms have also been modified. You can get information on the updated forms at the customer services of the Immigrations and Asylum Office or you can download the forms from the homepage of the Immigration and Asylum Office on the following links:

Forms to be filled out electronically, optimized for Word 2007:

<http://bmbah.hu/images/formanyomtatvanyok-teljes/ENG/doc/2018%20Application%20for%20Residence%20Permit.docx>

<http://bmbah.hu/images/formanyomtatvanyok-teljes/ENG/doc/2018%20Residence%20permit%20inset%2014%20-%20purpose%20of%20study%20or%20student%20mobility.docx>

<http://bmbah.hu/images/formanyomtatvanyok-teljes/ENG/doc/Application%20to%20Replace%20Residence%20Document%20010716.doc>

<http://bmbah.hu/images/formanyomtatvanyok-teljes/ENG/doc/Application%20to%20Substitute%20Residence%20Document%20010716.doc>

PDF forms in English to be filled out manually:

<http://bmbah.hu/images/formanyomtatvanyok-teljes/ENG/pdf/2018%20Application%20for%20Residence%20Permit.pdf>

<http://bmbah.hu/images/formanyomtatvanyok-teljes/ENG/pdf/2018%20Residence%20permit%20inset%2014%20-%20purpose%20of%20study%20or%20student%20mobility.pdf>

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Certain applications are currently available only in Hungarian. If necessary, the customer services of the Immigration and Asylum Office can help the applicants to fill out the forms available only in Hungarian.

IV. The change in case of the application form for the residence permit is that besides the generally used (for all residence purposes) residence permit application form, the applicant must also fill out the insets according to the certain residency purposes (in case of the purpose of studies Inset 14. has to be filled out as well).

V. In case of citizens with the right of free movement and residence only the application form has been changed, the procedure for the registration certificate has not been altered besides the changes of the application form.

VI. The already issued permits do not need to be renewed due to the modifications, those are still valid until the expiry dates indicated on them or until withdrawal.

VII. The applications for the extension of the residence permit can be submitted at latest 30 days preceding the expiry date of the previous permit. After 5 days delay the applications cannot be submitted. After the expiration of the residence permit there is no possibility to submit the application for the extension of the permit even with referring to an obstacle that is through no fault of the applicant. I would like to call your attention that **in case you would like to extend your residence permit, please submit your application at latest 30 days before the expiry date of your current residence permit.** The unlawful residence without valid permit may result in the expulsion from the territory of the European Union.

VIII. Following January 1, 2018 in case applications for the residence permits for the purpose of studies shall contain the below documents and the confirmation of the completion of the following requirements:

- student status certificate or admission certificate issued by the educational institution,
- certificate on the language knowledge necessary for the completion of the training programme,
- **certificate on the payment of the tuition fee of the given semester.**

Furthermore, in case of applications for the extension of the residence permit for the purpose of studies the applicant shall also attach the educational institution's certificate on the academic progress that shall contain the length of the training programme (in semesters), the number of the active semesters the foreign person has had in the given training programme and the exact naming of these semesters. The certificates in accordance with the legal regulations shall be provided by the Registrar's Offices of the University of Pécs.

An important change is that the extension of the residence permit for the purpose of studies shall be denied in case the applicant has not been granted the degree certificate (diploma)

within a time and a half of the academic period determined in the programme completion and exit requirements.

IX. In case of third country applicants under 18 (underage) commencing their higher-educational studies the application shall always contain the declaration of the parent or the legal guardian of the foreign person that he/she allows the Hungarian residence of the underage person for the planned period. In the lack of this declaration of consent is not attached to the application, the authority shall deny the issue or the extension of the residence permit.

If the legal guardian of the underage person is not present during the procedure, it is necessary for the underage applicant to have a person authorized by the parent or the legal guardian to represent the underage person on behalf of the parent during the procedure. The authorisation shall be attached to the application.

X. In case the foreign students already have residence permit for the purpose of studies in another member state of the European Union, they can also apply for the following permits in accordance with the new regulations:

- residence permit for the purpose of student mobility,
- certificate of student mobility.

The residence permit for the purpose of student mobility and the certificate of student mobility – with the validity of maximum 360 days – are permit types serving primarily the lawful residence of exchange students in Hungary in case the applicants have already been pursuing studies in the territory of the European Union previously and have been possessing the necessary residence permit for the purpose of studies.