



Residence Permit Extension Instructions - Current Leiden University Students

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Do I need to extend my student residence permit?

Do you need more time to complete your study programme at Leiden University? Or are you going to start another study programme at Leiden University directly after completing your current programme? If so, you must ask Leiden University to request an extension of your student residence permit from the Dutch Immigration Department (IND).

Do you have accompanying family members who also need a permit extension? This must be arranged directly with the IND (not via Leiden University). See the [IND website](#).

What is the deadline and how long does it take?

The deadline for submitting your extension request to Leiden University is:

- 3 months before your current student residence permit will expire

Upon receipt, Leiden University will submit your request to the Dutch immigration department (IND). You will generally have to wait about *4 to 8 weeks* for the IND to approve your request.

If you submit your request after the deadline, the university can generally still request an extension for you. However, there is a risk that your request will only be processed by the IND *after* your current permit has expired. This will result in a so-called residence gap, which can have an impact on subsequent immigration procedures, such as applications for permanent residency or naturalisation.

How do I request a residence permit extension?

Follow the steps below to request a residence permit extension:

1. Remind yourself of the [obligations for residence permit holders](#) before starting your request.
2. Inform Leiden University that you need a residence permit extension via the [Visa contact form](#).
3. Leiden University will send you an email, directing you to the uSis visa portal where you can submit your extension request.
4. Log into uSis and provide/upload the required documents (see next section).
5. Pay the visa/residence permit fee of €243 (2025)*:
 - online within uSis
 - or by bank transfer - see [Appendix: Bank transfers to Leiden University](#)
6. After receiving your application, Leiden University will submit your request to the [Dutch immigration department \(IND\)](#)

**Fee set by the Dutch immigration department (IND) and subject to annual change.*



Required documents

Provide the following in uSis:

- Copy of your valid passport (pages with personal data)
- Copy of both sides of your current residence permit
- Copy of your current health insurance policy
- Signed [Antecedents Certificate](#)
- Proof of sufficient funds for tuition fee and living expenses (see section below)

Proof of sufficient funds for tuition fee and living expenses

For tuition fee

Upload the following items as applicable:

- a. If you will pay your own tuition fee: a bank statement in your name that meets all the [criteria for bank statements/scholarship letters](#).
- b. If a scholarship provider will pay your tuition fee: a scholarship letter that meets all the [criteria for bank statements/scholarship letters](#).
- c. If another third party will pay your tuition fee: a bank statement in their name that meets all the [criteria for bank statements/scholarship letters](#) AND a written statement confirming that they will pay your tuition fee, preferably using [this template](#).

For living expenses

How much is sufficient?

You must demonstrate that you have sufficient funds for the upcoming 12 months of studies (or for the duration of your studies if less than 12 months).

The official amount, as determined by the Dutch Ministry of Justice, is:

- Student: €1150 per month / €13,800 for one year (2025)*

**Subject to annual change*

There are three ways of demonstrating that you have sufficient funds for living expenses. Select one of the following methods:

a. Transfer of funds to Leiden University (quickest/preferred method)

Transfer sufficient funds for your living expenses to Leiden University. See instructions in the [Appendix: Bank transfers](#). After you have done so:

- Upload a copy of the bank transfer receipt in uSis
- After your extension request has been submitted to the IND, [request a refund of funds](#) into your Dutch bank account



b. Bank statement in your own name

Upload a copy of a bank statement in your own name in uSis. Your statement must show sufficient funds and meet all the requirements listed under '[Criteria for bank statements/scholarship letters](#)'. Note that if someone else is sponsoring you, they must transfer the funds into your account.

c. Scholarship letter

Upload a copy of a scholarship letter in uSis. Your letter must show sufficient funds and meet all the requirements listed under 'Criteria for bank statements/scholarship letters' (see below).

Criteria for bank statements/scholarship letters

Your bank statement must meet all the following criteria:

- On letterhead paper and bearing an official stamp or the signature of a bank representative
- In English, Dutch, French or German
- States the account holder, number, balance and currency type
- Funds are readily available, i.e. not shares, investments or trust funds
- Less than three months old, with the date of issue clearly stated
- States the bank's address, phone number and a contact person (preferably one who speaks English)
- Chinese 'certificates of deposit' cannot be accepted

Your scholarship letter must meet all the following criteria:

- Issued by a government ministry or organisation, or an accredited scholarship provider
- On letterhead paper
- States the name, address and telephone number of the scholarship provider
- In English, Dutch, French or German
- States your full name and date of birth
- States the amount of money you will receive per month, or the total amount of the scholarship - plus currency type
- States the exact start and end date of the scholarship (day/month/year)
- If the scholarship amount is not sufficient: demonstrate you have sufficient funds to make up the shortfall, either by transferring funds to Leiden University's bank account and submitting a copy of the bank transfer receipt (see [Appendix: Bank transfers](#)), or by submitting an additional bank statement (see criteria for bank statements above)

If your bank statement or scholarship letter does not meet all requirements, you will be asked to submit a new one. As this can be very time consuming, we advise students to demonstrate sufficient funds by way of bank transfer if at all possible. Note that in certain circumstances, you may be asked to send a hardcopy of your bank statement or scholarship letter by post at a later date.



What happens after I submit my request?

Leiden University will let you know by email once the IND approves your residence permit extension request. This will generally take about 4 to 8 weeks.

Next steps

- The visa team will send you an email instructing you to sign up for a biometric data appointment. During this appointment, the Dutch immigrations department (IND) will again record your photo and fingerprints. Your new residence permit cannot be issued until your biometric data has been recorded again.
- Two to four weeks after your appointment, you will receive an email inviting you to collect your residence permit.

Further information?

- On the [student website](#) you can find extensive information for student residence permit holders. For example, working with your student permit, what to do if you lose your permit, your continuing obligations and extending your stay.
- You are also welcome to contact the visa team via their [contact form](#), or by dropping by during their weekly consultation hours. See the visa team's contact information on the [student website](#).



Appendix: Bank transfers to Leiden University

When transferring funds to Leiden University, always state the nature of the transfer, followed by your seven digit student number and name, as follows:

- When paying the residence permit fee: **VVR fee Sooooooo First name Family name**
- When transferring living expenses: **Living Expenses Sooooooo First name Family name**

Bank account details:

Account holder: Leiden University
Account number: 1606.32.285
Bank name: Rabobank
Address: Schipholweg 105, 2316 XC Leiden, Netherlands
Account holder: Leiden University
BIC/SWIFT: RABONL2U
IBAN: NL95RABO0160632285

Be aware that you are liable for any bank charges incurred.

Disclaimer

Leiden University retains the right to refuse to apply for a student visa/residence permit if there are significant concerns about the applicant's intended purpose of stay in the Netherlands. The Dutch immigration authority may impose additional requirements for visa/residence permit applications, which may result in a longer processing time. Leiden University cannot be held responsible for delays of this nature.