



Students residing and working in Estonia

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Citizens of EU, EEA and Swiss Confederation

- ◆ You have a right to work and study from the first day of arrival without any additional applications
- ◆ Register your place of residence in the population register of Estonia
- ◆ Right of residence has been obtained
- ◆ Apply for ID card at the PBGB within 1 month

More information can be found here:

<https://www2.politsei.ee/en/teenused/elamisoigused/>





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Which base to choose?

General rule is, that if your stay lasts for up to 1 year, you apply for a long-stay (D-type) visa

If you need to stay in Estonia for longer, then you should apply for a temporary residence permit





Legal bases to stay with another EU TRP or visa

- ◆ If you are admitted to study at an Estonian university, you are allowed to stay in Estonia on the basis of a TRP or long-stay visa issued by another EU state for a period of up to 360 days for study purposes
- ◆ TRP or visa has to be issued according to EU directive 2016/801 and has to have marking „Student“ on the residence card or visa
- ◆ If Your employment will not interfere your studies, then it is allowed to work during that period



Visas



Short-term stay

- ◆ C-type or visa free regime
- ◆ Allows to stay in Schengen area for 90 days within 180 days
- ◆ Can be applied for in embassies only

Long-stay visa

- ◆ D-type visa
- ◆ Allows to stay in Estonia for up to 365 days within 12 month
- ◆ Can be applied for in Estonian embassies only or at the PBGB (Tallinn, Tartu, Pärnu, Jõhvi, Narva)





Staying in Estonia with a C- or D-type visa or visa free status

- ◆ Have a right to study in Estonia
- ◆ If your visa was issued for studying, then you are allowed to work in Estonia!

NB! But your main purpose in Estonia is to study!



How to apply for long-stay visa in Estonia



- ◆ List of documents You can find:
<https://www.politsei.ee/en/instructions/visa-and-extending-period-of-stay/long-term-visa>
- ◆ Has to be applied 10 working days before legal bases to stay ends
- ◆ Bring all the necessary documents with You!
- ◆ Keep in mind that You have to apply for long-stay visa 10 working days before Your legal basis to stay ends!





How to apply for a residence permit?

- ◆ If You are staying in Estonia with a visa free status or You have a visa, then You can apply for a residence permit at the PBGB service point:
 - ◆ <https://www.politsei.ee/en/services/services>
 - ◆ Reception: Mon-Fri
 - ◆ Prebook required: <https://broneering.politsei.ee/> or by phone 612 3000!
- ◆ Application needs to be presented personally
- ◆ Hand in the application immediately, do not wait until the end of Your right to stay, because then You will be obliged to leave the country!
- ◆ Processing time up to 2 months (from the acceptance of the application or from the last submitted documents)





Documents to apply for a residence permit for study

- ◆ **Application form + family members form** available here: <https://www2.politsei.ee/en/teenused/residence-permit/tahtajaline-elamisluba/oppimiseks/>
- ◆ **Invitation** from university (university sends it directly to PBGB)
 - ◆ University needs to check and certify Your fit for the curriculum and **language skills**
- ◆ **An identity document** of the applicant
- ◆ **Photo**
- ◆ **State fee 64 € if the application is submitted in Estonia**





Applicants' confirmations

By signing the application You confirm that:

- ◆ Data presented is not false
- ◆ You have concluded an insurance contract - (Some examples from Estonia: Inges, ERGO, Salva)
- ◆ You have sufficient legal income 300€ per month

PBGB has the right to ask additional documents (included documents about legal income and insurance contract)





Residence permit for study

- ◆ Residence permit for study can be issued for nominal study time, but not longer than 5 years
- ◆ If needed the permit can be extended until the end of your studies
- ◆ Residence permit is issued for **full time/load study!**





IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER

- ◆ **NB! Submitted application for first residence permit does not give you any legal basis to stay in Estonia!!!**
- ◆ After receiving Your residence permit, You need to register Your **place of residence** in the population registry within 1 month
 - bring passport and tenancy agreement to the population register
- ◆ **Submit application to extend Your** temporary residence permit **at least 2 months** before the end of current residence permit
- ◆ Residence permit **cards** can be issued at the PBGB and at the Estonian embassy (even when extending the permit)





Right to work for students with residence permit

- ◆ Students have the **right to work** during studies – no need for separate work permit!
 - However, students need to continue studying full time/load!
 - Primary purpose for residence is to study!
 - Residence permit can be revoked if student can't fulfill the curriculum!





Staying in Estonia after studies

- ◆ After the end of Your residence permit for study, **You have a right to stay** in Estonia for 270 days (from May 23rd 2018)
 - ◆ Does not apply when residence permit is revoked!
 - ◆ You will no longer be a resident, this is temporary stay!
 - ◆ You can work on this time of period without additional permits!
- ◆ You have the **right to apply for a new temporary residence permit** in Estonia – if possible, then do it 2 months before the end of Your current permit. Can apply:
 - ◆ For employment (issued for max 5 years)
 - ◆ For business (issued for max 5 years)
 - ◆ For settling permanently (issued for max 5 years)





If You have questions about Your right to stay and/or work,
please contact PBGB migration advisors



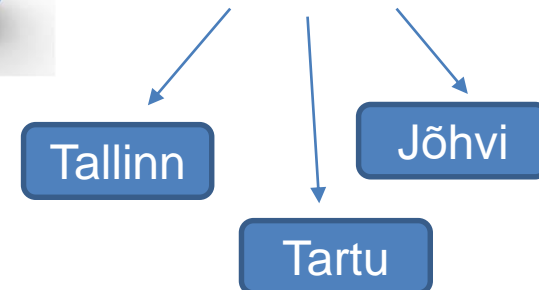
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Background about migration advice service at PBGB

- ◆ The strategic basis for migration advice service derives from Internal Security Development Plan 2015-2020 balanced citizenship and migration policy program
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