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Ministère des Affaires étrangères
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Direction de l'immigration

Authorisation to stay for a third-country national for purposes of study (« student »)
(articles 55 to 59 of the modified law of 29 August 2008 on the free movement of people and immigration)

The third-country national who wishes to reside on Luxembourg territory for more than three months to study in a higher education institution in Luxembourg, must be holder of an authorisation to stay for purposes of study. The application must be made and favourably advised **before entering on Luxembourg territory**. An application made after the entry on the territory is inadmissible.

1. Requirements

To be considered a « student », the applicant must be admitted in a higher education institution in Luxembourg to follow, as main activity, a cycle of full time studies leading to a higher education diploma issued by this institution.

Are considered higher education institutions:

- the University of Luxembourg
- the educational institutions that propose study cycles leading to the vocational training certificate according to the law of 4 September 1990 reforming the higher technical education and continuous professional learning;
- the higher education institutions authorised by the law of 19 June 2009 on organisation of higher education.

Is also considered a « student » the researcher in doctoral training. For further information, please refer to the internet site www.guichet.lu

2. Application for authorisation to stay

The student submits an application to the minister in charge of immigration.¹ The applicant must disclose his/her identity (names, first names) as well as his/her exact address in the country of residence. He/she must also enclose the following documents in the application:

- a copy of his/her valid passport, in its entirety (all pages);
- if applicable: a copy of the residence permit in another Member State of the European Union, if the student already resides in the Schengen Area;
- a recent extract from his/her police record or an *affidavit* issued in the country of residence;
- proof that he/she has been admitted in a higher education institution in Luxembourg and, if applicable, the proof of participation in a programme of the European Union or a multilateral programme which foresees mobility measures, or a convention between two or more higher education institutions ;
- a parental authorisation for the case that the student has not yet reached the age of 18;
- proof of a health insurance covering all risks on the territory of Luxembourg (travel insurance);
- proof that he/she disposes of enough resources during the studies covering residence charges and return charges. Resources must be at least 1.161,60 EUR (80% of the actual social inclusion income in Luxembourg)². Proof can be brought :

¹ The application can be submitted by sending it to the Immigration Directorate (see address below) or by handing it in to a diplomatic or consular representation of Luxembourg or the diplomatic or consular mission representing Luxembourg.

² The social inclusion income is 1.452,00 EUR according to the current scale since January 1st 2019. 80% of the social inclusion income is then 1.161,60 EUR as of January 1st 2019. The amount of the social inclusion income is however adapted regularly. Please check the actual amount on the internet site http://www.mss.public.lu/publications/parametres_sociaux/index.html

- either by the original scholarship certificate or student loan indicating the allocated amount and the duration;
- or by an original bank certificate and a bank statement for the past 6 months
 - attesting that the student has enough financial resources on his/her own account;
 - or attesting that the parents of the student, in case they are supporting their child during his/her studies, have enough financial resources and that they are financially solvent and capable to cover subsistence costs, medical and study cost for one year (12 months) as well as return travel costs ;
- or by a financial statement of support from a sponsor staying legally in Luxembourg (see form « financial statement of support for a third-country national in the context of an application for an authorization to stay as a student or an application for renewal of a residence permit as a student », available on the internet site www.guichet.lu);

Material advantages, such as free accommodation or the remuneration from a work contract (maximum 15 hours per week), are taken into account.

- if need be, a mandate/proxy³.

In case the documents are not in German, French or English, a conforming translation by a sworn translator must be enclosed.

The decision on the complete application shall be taken within 60 days. Where the information or documentation supplied in support of the application is incomplete, the Ministry shall notify the applicant within a reasonable period of the additional information that is required and set a reasonable deadline for providing it. The period of 60 days shall be suspended until the Ministry has received the additional information required. If additional information or documents have not been provided within the deadline, the application may be rejected.

3. Remark

Information on access to labour market during the studies, on internships of students as well as on the stay in Luxembourg after studies are available on the website www.guichet.lu

If granted, the third-country national receives a “temporary authorisation to stay” (“*autorisation de séjour temporaire*”). This temporary authorisation to stay is valid for a period of 90 days. During this time, the third-country national must :

- either request a visa to enter the Schengen area, if subject to visa obligation;
- or, if not subject to visa obligation, enter on the territory of Luxembourg and make his/her declaration of arrival at the municipality (“*administration communale*”) of the chosen place of residence.

After entering Luxembourg, the third-country national has to follow the procedure to apply for the residence permit (“*titre de séjour*”).

For further information (in English, French and German), please visit the web site www.guichet.lu

Information note on the protection of personal data

The Directorate of Immigration of the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs collects and uses your personal data in the context of its public interest mission in implementation of the amended law of 29 August 2008 on the free movement of persons and immigration, and in compliance with the legal provisions on data protection. More detailed information on the processing of your data, as well as on your rights in the matter, are available on the website: <https://maee.gouvernement.lu/en/services-aux-citoyens/visa-immigration.html>

³ The third-country national may confer mandate to a third person so as to submit the application in his/her place. In this case, the appointed person, except for juridical consultants, must present a duly signed and dated mandate from the third-country national. The signature must be preceded by the handwritten phrase « good for power of attorney ». You can find a model of a mandate/proxy on the internet site www.guichet.lu