

RESIDENCE PERMIT DOCUMENTS

Before leaving for Hungary

In order to be able to apply for a residence permit in Hungary you will need to bring a few documents from home. They are the following:

- **Insurance documents** showing you are entitled to get emergency health care while studying in Hungary. You can also buy insurance in Szeged for HUF 34,000 (cc. USD 130) for the semester once you arrive if that is more convenient for you.
- To demonstrate **adequate financial resources** you have three options:
 - You can have a **letter from your university** stating how much scholarship / financial aid / other income you will get for the semester to demonstrate that you can live on that amount while in Hungary.
 - If this fails, you can demonstrate **parental support** with parents' bank account statement, a declaration of their financial support, a copy of their passport and proof of the parental relationship.
 - Or as a third option you can open a **bank account** in Hungary and place enough money in it for your stay here (HUF 100,000 – USD 400 per month at least).

After Arriving in Hungary

- Be sure to have **about USD 100** and convert this amount to Hungarian forints during the first few days so that the Hungarian Studies Office can help you buy the revenue stamps HUF 18,000 (around USD 70) you need to take to your immigration appointment, as well as a title deed from the Land Registry Office (to verify the owners of the apartment) – HUF 6,250 (around USD 25).
- The Hungarian Studies Office will provide you with a **letter confirming the purpose of your stay** and will set up appointments at the *Hungarian Regional Directorate of Office of Immigration and Nationality (OIN)* for all students within the first or second week of your arrival in Szeged after you have found a permanent place to stay and received all the necessary documents and signatures.
- You will decide on living arrangements during the first few days; at that point you will fill out a **housing form** from the Hungarian Studies Office.
- The Hungarian Studies Office will help you get the **title deed** from the Land Registry Office for your apartment (to verify the owners of the apartment).
- **Collect signatures** of all the people whose names are provided to you on this title deed. You will be responsible for contacting your landlord(s) and getting this signed PRIOR to the appointment made by the Hungarian Studies Office. If you need help, make sure to let one of the Hungarian students know! They can help contact landlords for you. (Everybody has a mentor – student partner who helps you with everything, so don't worry!)
- Bring the form with landlord(s)' signatures, the title deed, your **passport**, the financial letter of guarantee, and the letter from the university confirming the purpose of your stay along with the revenue stamps bought by Hungarian Studies to your appointment at the (OIN) at the designated time (you will go with someone from the Hungarian Studies Office).
- The OIN will send a letter to your apartment to verify your address. Once you receive this letter, you need to return to the OIN **within 8 days with the verification letter and your passport** to receive your Residence Permit.
- That's it! You are official!

This may sound terribly complicated but no need to worry; throughout this process the staff of the Hungarian Studies Programs at University of Szeged will be happy to help and answer any questions that arise.