

INFORMATION AND GUIDE FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ON ENTERING HUNGARY, VACCINATION AND THE IMMUNITY CARD

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(material received from the Hungarian Ministry of Innovation and Technology)

Border crossing of non-Hungarian citizens

Foreign citizens **arriving** from abroad in passenger traffic – unless otherwise specified by law or government decree – shall not enter Hungary.

The competent local police body located at the place of the planned entry into the territory of Hungary – in case of crossing the border at Budapest Liszt Ferenc International Airport the BRFK XVIII District Police Headquarters – **may grant an exemption upon request.**

The **police authority may allow entry** if the applicant proves **that the purpose of entry is meeting study or exam obligations** under student status **certified by a document issued by an educational institution.**

I. REGULATIONS ON ENTERING HUNGARY

All nationals can enter Hungary without restriction who:

- upon entry to Hungary, provide **satisfactory proof that they had contracted and recovered from the COVID-19 disease** (hereinafter “infection”) **within a period not more than 6 months prior to the date of the border crossing,**
- **hold an immunity certificate issued by a country which has concluded a bilateral agreement with Hungary** on the mutual acceptance of immunity certificates ([Decree No 7/2021 \[IV. 29.\] of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade](#))¹ and **who verify their protection against the coronavirus by presenting an official certificate issued by that country certifying protection against the coronavirus** and persons under the age of eighteen travelling with and under the supervision of persons referred to above when crossing the border of Hungary,
- **hold an immunity certificate issued by a country in respect of which Hungary** ([Decree No 17/2021 \[V. 22.\] of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade](#))² **unilaterally recognizes the immunity certificates, and who verify their protection against the coronavirus by presenting an official certificate issued by that country certifying protection against the coronavirus,** as well

¹ Mutual acceptance of immunity certificates is declared in the decree of the minister in charge of foreign policy, issued in agreement with the minister in charge of border policing. (Decree No 7/2021 [IV. 29.] of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade on the declaration of the mutual acceptance of immunity certificates).

² Romania, Swiss Confederation, Russian Federation

as persons under the age of eighteen travelling with and under the supervision of persons referred to above when crossing the border of Hungary,

- **are able to present an English or Hungarian language document containing the results of a molecular biological test (SARS_CoV-2 PCR test) not older than 72 hours, conducted in conformity with professional medical regulations in one of the countries set out in [3.§ \(2a\) – points a\)-i\) Government Decree 60/2021. \(II.12.\)](#).³**

Proof of immunity vaccination via an app providing it corresponds to the requirements set out in [Government Decree 60/2021. \(II.12.\)](#) and is considered to be equivalent to the official immunity certificate. Persons providing proof of immunity via an **app** can be requested to prove their identity with an official identification (valid passport, valid photo-ID card).

Pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2021/953 Of The European Parliament and of the Council of 14th June 2021 on a framework for the issuance, verification and acceptance of interoperable COVID-19 vaccination, test and recovery certificates (**EU Digital COVID Certificate**) in order to facilitate free movement during the COVID-19 pandemic (hereinafter: Regulation), **the EU Digital COVID Certificate shall be considered equivalent to the Hungarian immunity certificate if the person, by showing the [EU Digital COVID Certificate](#) (hereinafter: Digital COVID Certificate)**

- a) verifies that he/she has been vaccinated against the coronavirus at least once with a vaccine
 - aa) authorized by the European Medicines Agency,
 - ab) listed on the World Health Organisation’s list of vaccines authorized for emergency use, or
 - ac) authorized by Hungary and used for the vaccination of the population, and that one year from the first vaccination has not elapsed, or
- b) verifies that they are protected due to having contracted and then recovered from the infection, or
- c) verifies with a molecular biological test (SARS_CoV-2 PCR test) not older than 72 hours and conducted in conformity with professional medical regulations that SARS_CoV-2 was not detectable in their system at the time of the test.

Persons may be considered protected due to having contracted and recovered from the infection if the Digital COVID Certificate verifies that at least 15 days but no more than 180 days has elapsed since the last positive molecular biological test (SARS_CoV-2 PCR test) capable of detecting the coronavirus and conducted in conformity with professional

³ in one of the following countries: a) a Member State of the European Union or in a candidate state of the European Union, b) a member state of Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, c) a member state of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, d) the Russian Federation, e) the People’s Republic of China, f) the United Arab Emirates, g) the Kingdom of Bahrain, h) the member states of the Cooperation Council of Turkic Speaking States: the Republic of Azerbaijan, the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, the Republic of Turkey and the Republic of Uzbekistan,

medical regulations, or an antigen test acceptable in accordance with the Regulation.

When proving immunity, the personal ID document of the person may also be required. The authority or person checking the digital COVID Certificate may look at the data of the person included on the ID document and the Digital COVID Certificate, but these data may not be recorded in any form.

Non-Hungarian nationals may enter the territory of Hungary only in exceptional cases (eg. for the purpose of studies), and **exemption to the rules of entry may only be granted by the appropriate police agency at the point of entry into Hungary, or at the 18th District Police Station of the Budapest Police Headquarters upon entry at Budapest Liszt Ferenc International Airport.**

Handing in an equity request to enter Hungary:

<http://www.police.hu/en/content/equity-request-to-enter-hungary>

Detailed information on how to proceed with filling in the equity request to enter Hungary:

[Pls check the attached “Police equity request...” document for precise details on how to fill this in.](#)

Further official sources information on the entry of international students to Hungary:

<http://www.police.hu/en/content/information-on-general-rules-of-border-crossing>
<https://visithungary.com/category/covid-19-information> <https://www.bud.hu/en/arrivals>
<https://konzuliszolgalat.kormany.hu/en>

II. DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR ELIGIBILITY FOR COVID-19 VACCINATION

- 1) Only those are eligible for a COVID-19 vaccination who habitually and officially reside in Hungary and provide proof of this with a valid residence permit issued by the Directorate-General for Aliens Policing. Those who do not have such a document will **NOT** be eligible for the COVID-19 vaccination.
- 2) If you hold a valid residence permit as given above, you should register for the vaccination as given below. If you **DO NOT** have such a valid residence permit, please read **points 3.) or 4.)**

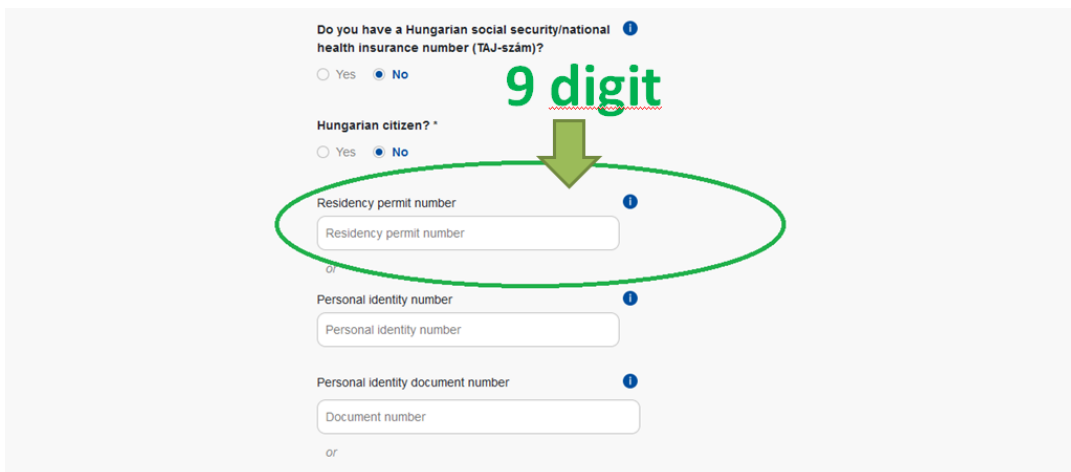


On the registration site for the vaccination, **YOU MUST GIVE YOUR NAME EXACTLY IN THE FORM AND ORDER** as it appears on the residence permit. (Pls see below.)



On the vaccination registration site, you must **ENTER THE RESIDENCE PERMIT NUMBER EXACTLY IN THE FORM**, exactly as it appears on the residence permit. (Pls see on the next page.)

The number given must in all cases be the **9-digit number** on the residence permit.
The residence permit **can contain only numbers**, it CANNOT contain any letters.

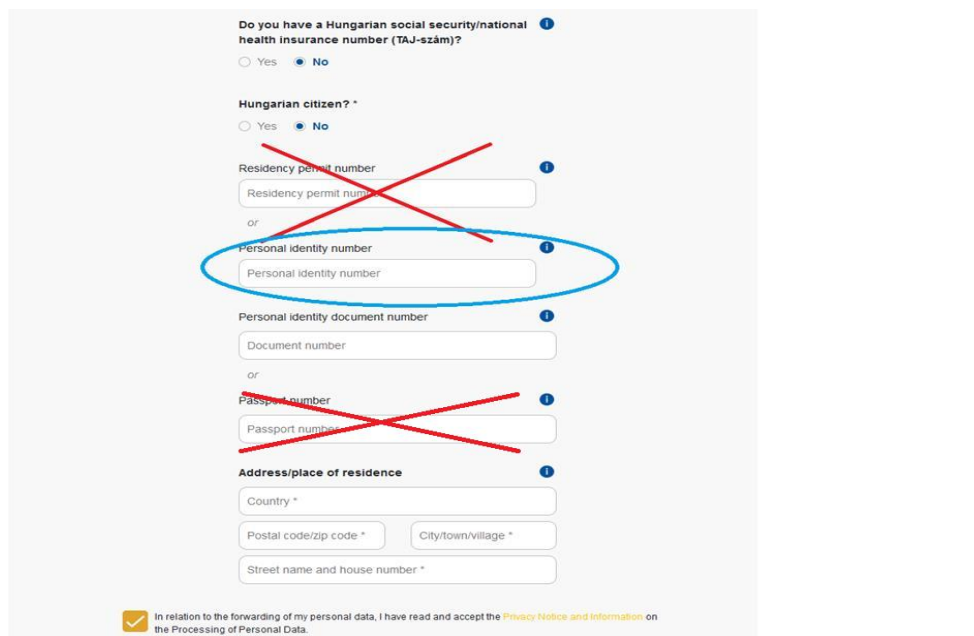


3. Registration certificate of residence in Hungary can be issued to all citizens of the EEA (European Economic Area), except Hungarians, and to citizens of countries, who based on the EEA agreement, are members of the European Economic Area (EU member states, Switzerland, Norway, Iceland and Lichtenstein).

Registration certificate:



If you have the above document, on the vaccination registration site you should give **NOT** the number of your residence permit or your passport, but your **PERSONAL IDENTITY NUMBER** (see below).



Do you have a Hungarian social security/national health insurance number (TAJ-szám)?
 Yes No

Hungarian citizen? *
 Yes No

~~Residency permit number
 Residency permit number~~

or

Personal identity number
 Personal Identity number

Personal identity document number
 Document number

or

~~Passport number
 Passport number~~

Address/place of residence
 Country *
 Postal code/zip code * City/town/village *
 Street name and house number *

In relation to the forwarding of my personal data, I have read and accept the [Privacy Notice and Information on the Processing of Personal Data](#).

You will find your **personal identity number** on the back of your address card.



4) Temporary residence certificate

In certain cases, a 3rd country national may receive a temporary residence certificate until the official residence permit is issued.



If you have a temporary residence certificate **you are not eligible to register for vaccination**, as this certifies only temporary residence until the residence permit given in point 2) is issued (in a few days).

When **applying for a residence permit you will have to appear at the relevant [Regional Directorate of the National Directorate-General for Aliens Policing in person](#)** for the taking of your photo and your fingerprint for the issuing of the residence permit containing the holder's biometrical data. All 3rd country national are required to give these biometrical data.

If you hold only a temporary residence permit, you must wait to receive the residence permit shown under point 2) before registering for the vaccination (in keeping with the process given in point 2).

III. REGISTERING FOR A COVID-19 VACCINATION IN HUNGARY

Registration for vaccination is possible with a valid residence permit for more than 90 days at the link below in English and in Hungarian:

<https://vakcinainfo.gov.hu/>

When registering, you will have to provide the following data:

- a) your name
- b) your age
- c) the number of your personal identification document
- d) the number of your passport
- e) the number of your residence permit
- f) your personal identity number
- g) your address (in Hungary) or your notification address (in Hungary) – to which your immunity certificate can be sent.

IMPORTANT: THE UNIVERSITY'S ADDRESS CANNOT BE GIVEN AS YOUR NOTIFICATION ADDRESS!!!

- h) e-mail address and telephone number where you can be reached.

After you have registered, you will be able to book a date and time for the vaccination at the link below:

- in Hungarian, if you have a TAJ card:
<https://www.eeszt.gov.hu/hu/web/guest/covid-oltas-idopontfoglalas>
- in English: <https://www.eeszt.gov.hu/hu/covid-vaccination-booking>

When booking an appointment for the vaccination, you can choose the date and time for the vaccination, the vaccination point you will go to and the type of vaccine you wish to have (subject to the vaccines available at the given vaccination points).

IV. REQUESTING AN IMMUNITY CARD

Types of immunity cards:

- 1) Hungarian immunity card
- 2) European Union Covid Certificate (DCC)

A) REQUESTING A HUNGARIAN IMMUNITY CARD

An immunity card can be issued to a person, who has received a vaccine authorized in the European Union and in Hungary **and who was vaccinated with a vaccine used for vaccinating the population against COVID-19 in Hungary** – in keeping with the relevant legal regulations and decrees in Hungary – or in one of the countries listed under point 1.

1) Who is eligible to be issued the immunity card?

- A person who received the **first COVID-19 vaccination in Hungary** or **who is not a Hungarian national, but is legally residing in Hungary for more than 90 days within a 180-day period, or is a citizen of one of the countries below:**

European Union member states: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxemburg, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Spain, Sweden, Slovakia, Slovenia, The Netherlands

European Union candidate countries: Albania, Montenegro, North-Macedonia, Serbia, Turkey

Member states of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD):

Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Chile, Columbia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Japan, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxemburg, Mexico, New-Zealand, Norway, Italy, Poland, Portugal, South-Korea, Spain, Switzerland, Sweden, Slovakia, Slovenia, The Netherlands, Turkey, United Kingdom, United States of America

Member states of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO): Albania, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxemburg, Hungary, Montenegro, North-Macedonia, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Spain, Slovakia, Slovenia, The Netherlands, Turkey, United Kingdom, United States of America

Member states of the Cooperation Council of Turkic Speaking States (Turkic Council): Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkey, Uzbekistan

Furthermore, in the Russian Federation, People's Republic of China, United Arab Emirates, Kingdom of Bahrain and in the countries designated in the decree issued by

the minister the minister in charge of foreign policy in agreement with the minister in charge of border policing.

Non-Hungarian citizens who received the coronavirus immunity vaccine in one of the above listed countries can request to receive the immunity card either in person in one of the Government Customer Service offices (kormányablak) or electronically.

Decree No 7/2021 [IV. 29.] of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade on the declaration of the mutual acceptance of immunity certificates contains the list of those countries with whom an agreement was reached on the mutual acceptance of immunity certificates. The list of these countries has also been published on the following website: www.konzuliszolgalat.kormany.hu

2) How can the immunity certificate be requested if the vaccine was administered in Hungary?

Foreign citizens who do not have a TAJ number, but who registered on the www.vakcinainfo.gov.hu website and received the vaccine in Hungary are provided with the immunity certificate automatically, ex officio.

3) How can foreign citizens vaccinated abroad, who are residing in Hungary legally for more than 90 days within a period of 180 days request the immunity certificate?

From June 28, 2021, foreign citizens vaccinated in one of the countries listed under point 1) who are residing in Hungary legally for more than 90 days within a 180-day period can request the immunity card **free of charge in person in one of the Government Customer Service offices (kormányablak) or electronically.** Requesting the immunity certificate electronically is possible by filling in the request form on the www.magyarorszag.hu website.

Important: Foreign nationals vaccinated outside of Hungary cannot use the Immunity card application.

4) What are the documents to be attached in the case of non-Hungarian citizens vaccinated outside of Hungary?

A Hungarian or English language certificate issued by a foreign authority or the medical service performing the vaccination must be attached. If this is not available, then an officially certified Hungarian translation of the certificate issued in a foreign language can be accepted if it contains the type of the COVID-19 vaccination, as well as the date and place when the vaccine was administered.

5) How long does it take to issue the immunity certificate?

As of March 1, 2021, the immunity certificate for vaccines administered in Hungary are issued ex officio within 8 days of the vaccination by post. In the case of immunity certificates for vaccines administered outside of Hungary, the immunity certificate is issued within 15 days of submission of the request.

6) How will I receive the immunity certificate?

In all cases, the immunity certificates are posted to the applicant's officially registered address in Hungary or to the address of notification given at the time of the application, or, if neither are available to the applicant's official address.

IMPORTANT: THE UNIVERSITY'S ADDRESS CANNOT BE GIVEN AS YOUR NOTIFICATION ADDRESS!!!

7) Till when is the immunity certificate valid?

Based on the current legal regulations in effect, the immunity certificates do not have a date of expiry.

B) APPLYING FOR THE EUROPEAN UNION COVID IMMUNITY CERTIFICATE (DCC)

From July 1, 2021 onwards, it is possible to request the European COVID Immunity Certificate within the frame of Regulation (EU) 2021/953 (*hereinafter: EUr*) *the issuance, verification and acceptance of interoperable COVID-19 vaccination, test and recovery certificates (EU Digital COVID Certificate - DCC) to facilitate free movement during the COVID-19 pandemic.*

1) Who can be issued a digital Covid-certificate (DCC)?

The Digital Covid-certificate (DCC) can be issued to those who have:

- been inoculated with a coronavirus immunity vaccine – Vaccination certificate

2) What data are required for the issuing of the digital Covid-certificate?

The digital Covid-certificate can be issued based on the data of the requesting person as registered in the EESZT database.

3) How is the digital Covid-certificate be issued?

Foreign citizens who do not have a TAJ number, can request the issuing of the digital Covid-certificate in person at one of the Government Customer Service offices (Kormányablak). In this case, the DCC is issued in a printed form and is sent by post.

4) What data are required when handing in a personal request for the issuing of the DCC?

The request must contain the personal identification data of the applicant, and – if applicable – the TAJ number. If the applicant does not have a TAJ number, the request must contain the data of the official identification document given to the healthcare service that had provided the healthcare based on which the applicant requests the EUr-based digital Covid-certificate.

5) Of the DCC applicants who do not have an immunity vaccination registered in the EESZT database (i.e., who were not vaccinated in Hungary), who is eligible to hand in a request for the issuing of the vaccination certificate?

- Based on Government Decree 60/2021 (II.12) persons are eligible for an immunity certificate based on vaccination received outside of Hungary.
- Persons who have an immunity certificate issued by a country designated in the decree issued by the minister in charge of foreign policy in agreement with the minister in charge of border policing.
- Persons who received a vaccine officially approved in Hungary.

Those who fall into one or more of the above categories can apply for the immunity certificate ONLY in person at one of the Government Customer Service offices.

The immunity certificate will be issued upon request to those eligible to receive it. If requested, the relevant health care provider with the required authority shall enter the vaccination related information in the EESZT.

6) What information/data must the application of those to whom point 5) is applicable contain?

The request must contain the personal identification data of the applicant, the number of the official document suitable for proving the applicant's identity and a Hungarian or English language certificate issued by a foreign authority or the medical service performing the vaccination must be attached. If this is not available, then an officially certified Hungarian translation of the certificate issued in a foreign language can be accepted if it contains the type of the COVID-19 vaccination, as well as the date and place when the vaccine was administered. The data fields to be included in the vaccination certificate must adhere to point 1 c)-j) of Annex 1 of Regulation (EU) 2021/953 of the European Parliament and of the Council as given below:

- (c) disease or agent targeted: COVID-19 (SARS-CoV-2 or one of its variants),
- (d) COVID-19 vaccine or prophylaxis,
- (e) COVID-19 vaccine product name,
- (f) COVID-19 vaccine marketing authorization holder or manufacturer,
- (g) number in a series of doses as well as the overall number of doses in the series,
- (h) date of vaccination, indicating the date of the latest dose received,
- (i) Member State or third country in which the vaccine was administered,
- (j) certificate issuer

If the issuer certifies the administration of a vaccine approved and used for the vaccination of the population in Hungary, the European Union COVID immunity certificate shall be issued.

Requests for the EU COVID immunity certificate can be submitted from August 9, 2021.

7) The issuing of the DCC immunity certificate for those vaccinated outside of Hungary can be requested from August 9, 2021 onwards

The request for the issuing of the DCC immunity certificate can be requested in person at any of the Government Customer Service offices. The proof of vaccination must be attached in Hungarian or English.

Based on the submitted document, the Government Customer Service office shall contact the “healthcare provider designated with the task and scope of authority”. After the healthcare provider has recorded the date, the DCC will be issued in printed form and will be posted to the foreign citizen not holding a TAJ number.

8) Who can be considered to be immune as a result of having received a Covid-19 vaccine?

Persons who have been vaccinated at least once with vaccine approved and used for the vaccination of the population in Hungary and if a period of less than a year has passed since the date of the first vaccination. **The validity of the vaccination certificate is 1 year.**

9) Does the type of vaccine administered influence the issuing of the vaccination certificate?

All vaccinated persons are eligible to receive the vaccination certificate irrespectively of the type of coronavirus vaccination administered. Member States must accept the vaccination certificates issued by other Member States certifying vaccination with a vaccine that has been granted marketing authorization in the EU, thus the holders of such vaccination certificates shall be waived restriction of free movement based on grounds of public health. Member States can decide to waive the restriction of free movement based on grounds of public health for those travelling within the EU to those, who received another type of vaccination that has been granted a marketing authorization by the competent authority of a Member State.

10) Covid-19 certificates issued by 3rd countries

Where a vaccination certificate has been issued in a third country for a COVID-19 vaccine that corresponds to one of the COVID-19 vaccines referred to Article 5(5) and the authorities of a Member State have been provided with all the necessary information, including reliable proof of vaccination, those authorities may, upon request, issue a vaccination certificate as referred to in point (a) of Article 3(1) to the person concerned. A Member State shall not be required to issue a vaccination certificate for a COVID-19 vaccine that is not authorised for use on its territory.

Based on the above, the digital COVID certificate can be requested by those who were vaccinated outside of Hungary and who, based on 60/2021 (II. 12.) Government decree on the proof of protection against coronavirus are eligible for the immunity certificate, as well as those who hold an immunity certificate issued by a country whose certificate is accepted by Hungary and this fact has been determined in the decree issued by the minister the minister in charge of foreign policy in agreement with the minister in charge of border policing.

IMPORTANT: THE HUNGARIAN IMMUNITY CERTIFICATE AND THE DCC CAN BE APPLIED FOR AT THE SAME TIME AT A GOVERNMENT CUSTOMER SERVICE OFFICE, HOWEVER, THE APPLICANTS WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR

THE APP, BUT WILL BE ISSUED A PRINTED DCC AND HUNGARIAN IMMUNITY CERTIFICATE BY POST, TO THE ADDRESS GIVEN IN THE APPLICATION.