

# Hungary

## Visa regimes

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## Hungary

The country of Hungary is landlocked in Europe and borders seven countries—Austria, Slovakia, Ukraine, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia, and Croatia. The Danube River divides the country and the capital, Budapest, once known as two separate cities, Buda and Pest.

Hungary's thousand years of history is only one intriguing aspect of this country in East Central Europe. Influences from other countries, the unique characteristics of the Hungarian language, and regional traditions and culture contribute to its complexity.

Hungarians speak Hungarian, although they call it Magyar.

Hungarian has more in common with Finnish and Estonian than the Indo-European languages spoken by neighboring countries. Though Hungarians used a rune script for their alphabet in days gone by, they now use a modern Latin alphabet.

**Population:** 9,673,172

**Capital:** Budapest, population = 1,756,000

**Currency:** Forint (HUF) – View Hungarian coins and Hungarian banknotes. You can use Euros in Hungary but the exchange rate at shops may not be favourable. Major credit cards are accepted and you will find ATMs throughout urban areas.

**Time Zone:** Central European Time (CET) and CEST during summer.

**Calling Code:** 36

**Internet TLD:** .hu

## **Embassy of Hungary in Islamabad**

The Diplomatic relations between the two countries were established on 26 November 1965, we have over 50 years of common history to represent. These relations are free of problems, political and economic ties between the two countries are based on peaceful and harmonic grounds.

### **Hungarian Ambassador to Pakistan: H.E. Mr. István SZABÓ**

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## **VISA SERVICES**

### **“C”-type, short term (less than 90 days) Schengen visa applications**

Schengen States issue uniform visas for short stay visit not exceeding 90 days in any 180-day period. The Schengen visa may be issued for a single entry (as a rule for the 1st time visitors of the Schengen area), for two entries, or as a multiple entry visa in case the applicant proves the need or justifies the intention to travel frequently to Hungary (or Lithuania or Estonia) as well as proves his/her integrity and reliability, in particular the lawful use of previous Schengen visas, etc. (as per Schengen Visa Code, Article 24).

If your travel destination is only Hungary, or – in case of a Pakistani citizen - Lithuania or Estonia -, the Hungarian Embassy in Islamabad will deal with your application. If your travel destination includes more than one Schengen Member State, your application must be proceeded by the Embassy/Consulate of your main destination.

The following criteria may help you to decide whether you should submit your visa application at the Hungarian Embassy:

- Hungary, (or Lithuania or Estonia) is the sole destination of your visit(s);
- Your visit to Schengen States includes more than one destination and Hungary (or Lithuania or Estonia) - is the main destination of the visit(s) in terms of the length or purpose of stay;
- If you cannot determine which is your main destination – same staying duration in each country -, but Hungary or Lithuania or Estonia is the first Schengen State you wish to enter.

### **List of supporting documents**

Your application can be accepted only if you submit the following documents:

- filled and signed application form for the Schengen territory ☐
- valid passport with the previous (old) passports (at least 2 empty pages in the valid passport is needed!)
- passport photos
- Covering letter
- Flight booking
- Hotel confirmation
- Valid insurance
- Bank statement about the last 6 months
- We accept only original documents
- Other required documents according to the purpose of your travel (see below)

For a list of the comprehensive document list please click on the link below;

<https://iszlamabad.mfa.gov.hu/assets/13/07/53/1ac6e7f6914b53df332ac23e0ab12d01a1504670.pdf>

### **“D” type, long term (planned stay exceeds 90 days) residence permit visa applications**

- For information on long term visa (residence permit) types and requirements is kindly asked to visit the site of Immigration and Asylum Office of Hungary.

For the list of required documents by purpose please click on the link below;

<https://iszlamabad.mfa.gov.hu/assets/24/05/86/7c82d07107fb6ec56b6f8139650b47b4b03689dd.pdf>

### **Appeal**

The appeal can be made at the Hungarian Embassy in Islamabad within 8 calendar days after receipt the refusal decision. Please note that personal presence is required for submit any appeal. Consular fee in PKR must be paid through bank transfer (see the bank information on the top). Your appeal is accepted only if once you paid the fee. You will get the exact information about the payment if you appear at the embassy. Please acknowledge that the payment should be transferred within the mentioned time period (8 calendar days), otherwise your appeal won't be accepted. The processing appeal time in 'C' (Schengen) visa case is 15, in 'D' (residence permit) visa case is 21 calendar days.

Previous refusal has no legal impact on your future visa applications!

Working hours for submission of an appeal:

**Monday-Thursday 10:00-16:00, on Friday 10:00-12:00**

### **Consular fees:**

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| Schengen visa fee above the age of 18              | 9.507 PKR |
| Schengen visa fee between age of 6-12              | 5.546 PKR |
| Appeal fee (Schengen visa):                        | 4.754 PKR |
| Fee of 'D' (national) residence permit:            | 9.507 PKR |
| Appeal fee ('D' visa)                              | 3.169 PKR |
| Attestation of signature:                          | 4.754 PKR |
| Attestation of copy                                | 3.169 PKR |
| Attestation of translation into Hungarian language | 5.546 PKR |

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| Attestation of translation into foreign language: | 7.130 PKR |
| Emergency Travel Document                         | 4.754 PKR |

## **Study in Hungary**

### **Plan your studies**

If you are considering to get your degree in Hungary, this article will guide you through some tips that will give you an insight into the application process from searching and finding your university to submitting your documents.

#### **1. Get familiar with what we offer**

Take the first step towards planning your studies and get familiar with our higher education's system, our degree programmes to find what suits you the best and browse universities throughout the country to get a basic overview about how and where you could obtain your degree exactly.

#### **2. Choose your study programme**

Our **Study Finder** database can help you with finding the programs you like by browsing through study fields, institutions, cities and levels of study. At the moment this database provides information on **500+ programmes** in English, French, German and several other languages.

#### **3. Contact the chosen institution**

If you managed to choose your future institution visit the university's website to get more detailed information about the university itself and the course you want to apply for. Contact your institution to know what's next, ask for details about deadlines, and set the appointment for a Skype interview if needed by the school.

#### **4. Keep up to the deadlines**

Institutions may have their own specific deadlines for the application period that is why contacting your school is essential. Application timeline can help you with general timing but it does not give you the deadlines of each institution.

#### **5. Read about funding options**

If you will fund your studies by yourself it's worth to consider from the start how you will finance the tuition fees for years. As scholarships can't be awarded to all applicants you may need to cover living expenses and your university's tuition fees on your own. Fortunately, in

Hungary we offer several funding options for self-financed students to fund their university years. See Tuition fees and Funding options to help you planning your budget consequently.

## **6. Prepare your application**

Generally, you need to have some basic documents such as a language proficiency test or your obtained diplomas to apply for the chosen course. See Entry and admission requirements to know what should be submitted. Please note that we listed these requirements in general so the chosen institution's expectations may vary.

## **7. Good luck!**

*Kéz és lábtörést!* (*Break a leg! in English*) is the Hungarian way to wish someone good luck. If you apply for the Autumn semester you have to get a notification by July, in case you wish to start your studies in the Spring semester from February you will get your final results until the end of January. Good luck for your future studies here in Hungary!

## **Higher Education in Hungary**

### **Education system**

- Hungarian higher education has been representing academic excellence for more than 650 years. The first university was founded in 1367 in Pécs, the Southern region of Hungary. Today, there are 65 higher education institutions in Hungary, ranging from minor universities of applied sciences to top research universities.
- We offer 26 ecclesiastic, 11 private and 28 public institutions to choose from. As a result of our institutions' internationalisation process all students can find what fits their interests the best: 550 courses in English, German, French and other languages. The foreign language programmes are of a high standard and tuition fees are very favourable when compared to its competitors.

### **The range of study fields students can choose from is wide:**

- Agricultural Science
- Computer Science and Information Technology
- Legal Science
- Economic Science
- Medical and Health Science
- Arts, Arts and Humanities, Arts Education
- Engineering Science
- Social Science
- Teacher Training
- Sport Science
- Natural Science

- The largest institutions offer courses in all study fields while smaller institutions have programmes in a few specific areas. Students can earn double degrees at many universities through joint degree programmes in which the Hungarian university works together with another European higher education institution. In case of applying for these programmes students enrol in both universities and obtain a double degree from both institutions.
- Higher education studies are offered at two types of higher education institutions, egyetem (university) and főiskola (college), both of them may offer courses in all three training cycles: Bachelor course, Master course and Doctoral course.
- Although the degree structure is divided in most courses, there are some integrated (one-tier) programmes where the Bachelor level and the Master level is unified: veterinary medicine, architecture, dentistry, pharmaceuticals, law and medicine. These one-tier programmes consist of 10-12 semesters (5-6 years) and by the end of the last year you must have 300 to 360 credits completed.
- Within a Doctoral programme, you need to complete 240 credits within 4 years of study. At the end of the fourth semester, a final examination must be taken. After a successful examination, the last 2 years of the doctoral programme are about conducting the research and writing your dissertation, which can be extended with one more year.

### **Credit System**

The European Credit Transfer System (ECTS) in Hungary ensures the transparency of the learning, teaching and assessment processes by facilitating recognition of your learning achievements and qualifications in many countries throughout the European Higher Education Area. The ECTS ensures that the grades you have achieved can be accepted by other European institutions in other countries.

For incoming international students, a Transcript of Records must be issued that contains a table of completed courses, credits, the Hungarian grade and the ECTS grade. The number of credits you have to achieve might differ from one institution and course to another in an academic year or semester therefore you may need to approach your local international coordinator to obtain the exact information about this.

At the end of each semester, the student's study achievement is evaluated with a grade in the Hungarian credit system (5-excellent, 4-good, 3-medium or satisfactory, 2-sufficient or pass, 1-fail).

## **Scholarships in Hungary**

### **Erasmus+**

If you are from the European Union, you are entitled to apply for Erasmus+ that provides opportunities for education, training, youth and sport.

You can also combine your study period in Hungary with a traineeship to gain work experience as Erasmus+ also offers internships. Opportunities to study in Hungary with Erasmus are available to students at Bachelor's and Master's levels, as well as Doctoral candidates. Students with physical, mental or health-related conditions may apply for additional funding after they have been selected to study. You can also gain some volunteer experience in Hungary through this programme for periods of 2 - 12 months or 2 - 8 weeks.

### **Partner countries:**

- countries of the European Union
- + Iceland, Liechtenstein, Macedonia, Norway, Turkey

### **Stipendium Hungaricum programme**

- The Stipendium Hungaricum Scholarship Programme was launched in 2013 by the Hungarian Government with the mission to increase the number of foreign students in Hungary and to encourage our education institutions to attract foreign students.
- Study fields supported by the Stipendium Hungaricum Programme
- Agriculture, Natural Resources
- Arts (visual and performing)
- Business, Management and Public Administration
- Medicine and Health Sciences
- Humanities, Education, Behavioural Sciences
- IT, Computer Sciences, Mathematics

- Law, Social Sciences
- Natural Sciences
- Technology, Engineering, Architecture
- Tourism, Recreation

For more information on the Stipendium Hungaricum Scholarship Programme please click on the link below'

<http://www.studyinhungary.hu/study-in-hungary/menu/stipendium-hungaricum-scholarship-programme>

### **Full time studies:**

- BA/BSc (undergraduate, 3-3.5 years)
- MA/MSc (graduate, 1-2 years)
- PhD studies (doctoral, 3 years)
- One-tier programme (5 years)
- Part-time studies
- Non degree programmes (professional and language preparatory courses, specialisation courses)
- *How does the SH programme contribute to your professional development?*
- no tuition fee
- monthly stipend: for Bachelor or Master: EUR 130, for Doctoral programmes: EUR 325
- free dormitory places or contribution to private accommodation: EUR 100
- medical insurance
- *Some of the expanding network of sending partners:*
- Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cambodia, China, Colombia, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Georgia, India, Iraq, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Korea, Kurdistan Regional Government/ Iraq, Laos, Lebanon, Macedonia, Mexico, Moldova,

Mongolia, Morocco, Myanmar, Namibia, Nigeria, Palestine, Philippines, Russia, Serbia, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uruguay, Vietnam, Yemen.

### **CEEPUS (Central European Exchange Programme for University Studies)**

- If you are from Central Europe or the South-Eastern part of Europe, you are eligible to apply for the CEEPUS Programme that aims to promote teacher and student mobility in Central and South-East Europe. Students can spend a study period abroad and teachers can undertake a teaching period at a partner university. These opportunities are designed to strengthen professional and personal relationships among Central European scholars. In Hungary the programme is managed by the Tempus Public Foundation.
- Period of mobility:
  - 1 semester (3-5 months)
  - 1-2 months
  - 3-6 days (short term excursion)
- Member countries:
  - Albania, Austria, Bulgaria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Czech Republic, Hungary, Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia, Slovakia and Kosovo.
- Funding
  - The funding of the programme is provided by the CEEPUS partner countries. Students receive their CEEPUS grant from the host country; therefore, the amount is tailored to local living standards.

### **Tourism in Hungary**

If you wish to travel to Hungary for tourism please click on the link below for a list of destinations;

<https://hellohungary.com/en>

## **Investment in Hungary**

For detailed investment opportunities in Hungary, please click on the link below;

<https://hipa.hu/main>

**NB: The source of information is the Hungarian Embassy in Islamabad's official website.**