

Brief Guide

- Lodging Study Visa Applications for Romania -

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I. General Visa Information – Do I Need an Entry Visa for Romania?

TO THE ATTENTION OF ALL VISA APPLICANTS:

→ My travel document (passport): All aliens who wish to travel to Romania must be in possession of a valid travel document accepted by Romania, on which, should it be necessary, a visa can be affixed.

The validity of the travel document must exceed the validity of the visa you apply for, or, depending on the case, the period of your stay without the visa requirement, by at least 3 months, and must have been issued no later than 10 years ago.

→ Applying for a study visa: With the exception of nationals of Canada, of Japan and of the United States of America, all aliens who are accepted for carrying out studies in Romania and intend to travel to Romania for this purpose must apply for a Romanian long-stay visa for studies (marked D/SD).

The long-stay visa (for studies included) allows for the subsequent application for the extension of the temporary residence in Romania. Further details thereby can be consulted at <http://igi.mai.gov.ro/en>.

→ Visa fee: The long-stay visa fee is in amount of 120 EURO, or the equivalent in convertible currency. Please note that no other fees must be paid when applying for a visa. In this respect, visa applicants are informed that any fees requested by potential so-called intermediaries, are not regulated through the legal framework and it is recommended that cooperation with such intermediaries not be used.

→ On your way to Romania: Irrespective of whether you obtain a Romanian study visa, before travelling to Romania, please make sure you obtain all necessary airport transit visas for the international areas of the airports you will transit, should you be required to do so. It is the responsibility of each applicant or visa holder to find out whether they need visas for any other countries they will transit on their way to Romania.

→ Conditions of entry into Romania: Please note that holding a visa does not grant you an automatic right of entry into Romania and consult the conditions that must be fulfilled in order to be allowed entry into Romania, here: <http://eviza.mae.ro/ConditionsofEntry>.

II. Visa Application Procedure – How Should I Apply?

- ❖ We recommend the use of the **eVisa portal** (<http://evisa.mae.ro/>), by all visas applicants, in order to be able to submit online visa applications and obtain online appointments for the subsequent submission of applications, in person, at the premises of the competent Romanian Diplomatic Mission or Consular Post (DM/CP).
- ❖ The list of Romanian DM/CPs abroad and their contact details are available at <http://www.mae.ro/en/romanian-missions>.
- ❖ Long-stay study visas must be requested at least **two months** before departure.
- ❖ In line with legal provisions, visas must be requested at the DM/CP of Romania that is competent for the state of origin of the applicant, depending on consular jurisdiction.
- ❖ In order to lodge an online visa application, make sure you follow all the steps described on <http://evisa.mae.ro/home>, the "Get informed" section – useful links "How to apply for a visa for Romanian, online". This section contains information regarding the steps you must undertake in order to submit your visa application online (<http://evisa.mae.ro/HowTo>).
- ❖ Please bear in mind that visa applications can be lodged only individually and all attached supporting documents must be presented in original and copy when you visit the Romanian DMCP. It is the responsibility of each visa applicant to make sure all documents are valid and duly legalized or apostilled in order to be recognized by the Romanian authorities.

III. The Romanian long-stay visa for studies (marked D/SD):

In order to study in a Romanian university for more than 3 months, you are required to apply for a long-stay visa for studies (marked D/SD).

→ Under which conditions can I apply for a D-SD type of visa? The D/SD-type of visa is granted to third-state nationals who intend to travel to Romania either for pre-graduate, graduate and postgraduate studies - depending on the case, or in view of obtaining academic degrees within state or accredited private institutions. This type of visa is also granted to third-state nationals who apply for such a visa as students, trainees, pupils, or to those who partake in a pupil exchange scheme or in an educational project. In addition, this type of visa is also granted to third-state nationals accepted for studies based on international documents to which Romania is party.

→ Who is considered to be a student? Categories of third-country nationals considered as students: third-state nationals accepted for full-time course of studies by a state or private higher education institution that is accredited or temporarily authorized according to law, including for participation in a license programme (Bachelor's degree), in a postgraduate programme (Master's degree), in a PhD or postdoctoral studies programme.

→ Who is considered to be a pupil? A "pupil" is a third-country national admitted for a pupil exchange scheme or educational project, by a state or private, accredited or temporarily authorised secondary education establishment. Third-state nationals who partake in a pupil exchange scheme or in an educational project must be between 13 and 19 years of age.

→ Who is considered to be a trainee? A "trainee" is a third-country national who holds a degree of higher education or pursues a course of study that leads to a higher education degree and who is admitted for a training programme for the purpose of gaining knowledge, practice and experience in a professional environment.

IV. What documents no I need to show, in order to apply for a long-stay visa for studies?

Supporting Document

Description

The photographs and the conditions of validity of the travel document (passport) are valid regardless of the situation in which you find yourself (student, researcher, third-country national who partakes in a pupil exchange scheme or educational project, trainee who partakes in an unpaid training programme).

PHOTOGRAPHS

Two recent 3 x 4 cm coloured photographs

VALID TRAVEL DOCUMENT

A valid travel document accepted by Romania, on which a visa can be affixed. The validity of the travel document must exceed the validity of the visa you apply for, by at least 3 months, and must have been issued no later than 10 years ago.

FOR STUDENTS (see above)

PROOF OF ACCEPTANCE FOR STUDIES

Proof of acceptance for studies issued by the Romanian Ministry of Education, attesting that the visa applicant will attend a full-time course of study at a state or private higher education institution, accredited or provisionally authorized according to law;

PROOF OF PAYMENT OF FEES

Proof of payment of the tuition fee for at least one academic year;

MEANS OF SUPPORT

Proof of means of support at the level of the minimum guaranteed gross salary, monthly, for the entire period specified in the visa;

CRIMINAL RECORD

Criminal record or any other document of equivalent legal value;

TRAVEL MEDICAL INSURANCE

Travel medical insurance that covers the entire duration of the requested period of stay, with a coverage of at least 30 000 EUR;

CONSENT OF THE LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE

If you are underage, the consent of your parents or of your legal guardian for the purpose of residing in Romania for studies;

Supporting Document

Description

ACCOMMODATION

Proof of accommodation;

PROOF OF APPROPRIATE LANGUAGE KNOWLEDGE

Proof of knowledge of the language of the study programme to be attended, with the exception of the preparatory year in Romanian for foreign nationals.

FOR THIRD-COUNTRY NATIONALS WHO PARTAKE IN A PUPIL EXCHANGE SCHEME OR IN AN EDUCATIONAL PROJECT (see above)

PROOF OF ACCEPTANCE FOR STUDIES

Proof of acceptance for studies issued by the Romanian Ministry of Education, attesting that the visa applicant will attend a full-time course of study;

PROOF OF PARTICIPATION IN A PUPIL EXCHANGE SCHEME OR IN AN EDUCATIONAL PROJECT

Proof of participation in a pupil exchange scheme or in an educational project, conducted by an organisation/entity established in line with legal provisions and thereby recognized for this purpose;

DOCUMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE ORGANISATION/ENTITY THAT CONDUCTS THE PUPIL EXCHANGE PROGRAMME OR EDUCATIONAL PROJECT

Proof on behalf of the organisation/entity that conducts the pupil exchange programme or the educational project, that attests that the organiser will ensure the means of support, including education costs, as well as the possible costs for the execution of return measures;

TRAVEL MEDICAL INSURANCE

Travel medical insurance that covers the entire duration of the requested period of stay, with a coverage of at least 30 000 EUR;

ACCOMMODATION

Proof of accommodation with a family selected by the organisation that implements/conducts the pupil exchange scheme or the educational project, who hold a dwelling space that is considered as normal for a Romanian family, or in a special accommodation establishment selected by the above-mentioned organisation;

CONSENT OF THE LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE

If you are underage, the consent of your parents or of your legal guardian for the purpose of residing in Romania for studies.

FOR TRAINEES WHO PARTAKE IN AN UNPAID TRAINING PROGRAMME (see above)

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING AGREEMENT

The professional training agreement shall contain at least the following elements:

(i) a description of the training programme, including the educational objective or learning components;

Supporting Document

Description

- (ii) the duration of the traineeship;
- (iii) the placement and supervision conditions of the traineeship; (iv) the traineeship hours;
- (v) the legal relationship between the trainee and the host entity.

WRITTEN UNDERTAKING ON BEHALF OF THE HOST ENTITY

Written undertaking on behalf of the host entity that, in the event that a trainee remains illegally in the territory of Romania, that host entity is responsible for reimbursing the costs related to the stay and return incurred by public funds;

EVIDENCE OF HAVING OBTAINED A HIGHER EDUCATION

Documentation that provides evidence of having obtained a higher education degree within the two years preceding the date of application or of pursuing a course of study that leads to a higher education degree;

MEANS OF SUPPORT

Proof of means of support at the level of the minimum guaranteed gross salary, monthly, for the entire period specified in the visa;

ACCOMMODATION

Proof of providing accommodation conditions by the host entity.

V. Can I Obtain a Romanian Visa at the Border?

- ❖ Romanian visas **cannot** be obtained at Border Crossing Points!
- ❖ Given the above, please carry out all the necessary procedures, in order to be able to apply for a visa at a Romanian DM/CP.
- ❖ Please note that third-state nationals who are required to hold a Romanian entry visa and, however, decide to travel towards Romania without such a visa, risk not being embarked either at their point of departure, or on the way.