

## Brief Guide

### - Lodging Study Visa Applications for Romania -

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#### 1. 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://evizamae.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.