

## ENTRY TO HUNGARY (COVID-19)

### Rules for entry of students into Hungary during the current Covid-19 situation (as of 21 September 2020)

Given the continued increase in Covid-19 cases across the world, as well as the uncertainty about the course of the pandemic, the Hungarian government introduced new incoming travel restrictions /Government Decree 408/2020. (VIII. 30.)/ as of 1 September 2020.

Due to the worsening statistics, the Hungarian Government has decided to reintroduce border control regulations. As a main rule, non-Hungarian citizens may not enter the country unless they fall into one of the categories of persons that are treated equally to Hungarian citizens or are granted an entry permit. For prospective students entry may be allowed with a permit issued by the Hungarian Police.

#### Entrance to Hungary for non-Hungarian students:

- permit from the Hungarian Police (online form)
  - certificate issued by the educational institution attesting full-time student's status
  - mandatory medical examination at the border
- a) infection suspected: entry to Hungary will be refused.  
b) no infection is suspected: 10-days\* of self-isolation is mandatory.  
*\*Time to be spent in quarantine was reduced from 14 to 10 days starting from 21 September.*

#### PRIOR ENTRY

Students are asked to apply for a prior entry permit („On lodging an **Equity Request** to cross the state border”, in Hungarian: „Államhatáron történő beutazáshoz méltányossági kérelem”) before their planned departure. Granting such a permit is at the sole discretion of the **Hungarian Police** and it usually takes 2 working days to get it. The request must be submitted electronically in English or Hungarian. The exact form to be filled in is: **COVID-02**.

[document1: Leniency application guide](#)

[document2: Equity request form](#)

Once the police permission is granted to the student, it will be mailed to her/him (only in Hungarian).

#### AT THE BORDER

The student has to present police entry permission together with all other documents at the border of Hungary. After crossing the border and after a brief medical examination, the police will issue a decree of quarantine order, and the student is obligated to travel to the address indicated in the decree. Incoming students might be asked by the Police to install a quarantine tracking app that will automatize checking up on them.

In order to support a smooth entry procedure, passengers arriving at **Budapest Airport** are asked to fill in the quarantine form that can be downloaded in advance, and to hand it over to authority personnel when checked at the border.

[document3: Quarantine form](#)

## QUARANTINE OBLIGATIONS

Incoming students are asked to arrange their arrival to happen at least 10 days before the start of the semester, since they may only visit the educational institution after completing the 10-day self-isolation, unless the quarantine is waived by the pandemic authority.

Calculating quarantine: with regards to the mandatory 10-days isolation period, kindly note that the date of travel (entry to Hungary) is considered day 0, the 10 days start on the day after.

Requirements for **exemption** of the above quarantine obligations:

The quarantine may be shortened by the competent epidemic authority in case of 2 negative COVID tests (taken within 5 days with a 48-hour difference between them). It is also acceptable if the first of the two tests is performed in one of the Schengen countries, the United States of America or Canada. The current restrictions do not apply to individuals who can prove at the border that they have recovered from COVID-19 over the last 6 months before entering Hungary.

*The summary above is intended to serve as general information; detailed rules and requirements are included in the relevant government decree.*

*Useful links:*

*Government Decree 408/2020. (VIII. 30.):*

<https://net.jogtar.hu/jogszabaly?docid=A2000408.KOR> /in Hungarian/

[https://njt.hu/translated/doc/J2020R0408K\\_20200902\\_FIN.pdf](https://njt.hu/translated/doc/J2020R0408K_20200902_FIN.pdf) /in English/

*Detailed information on entering Hungary (Budapest Airport):*

[https://www.bud.hu/en/covid\\_19/information\\_on\\_entering\\_and\\_leaving\\_hungary](https://www.bud.hu/en/covid_19/information_on_entering_and_leaving_hungary)

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