



## Documentation of Finances for Exchange Students to Norway

In order to stimulate a smooth immigration process for exchange students to Norway, the Ministry of Education and Research in cooperation with the Norwegian Directorate of Immigration (UDI) has set out to define a more flexible set of routines for documenting subsistence.

Exchange students must have financial means to cover living expenses during their stay in Norway, which currently amounts to NOK 90 800 for an academic year (10 months), and NOK 45 400 per semester, according to the updated rates by UDI (the Norwegian Directorate of Immigration). For further information, please refer to UDI's web site: <http://www.udi.no/Norwegian-Directorate-of-Immigration/>

### 1. Students who need a visa to enter Norway

Students who need a visa to enter Norway, as well as students from Hong Kong and Macau, must transfer money into the deposit account established by the Student Welfare Organisation in Bergen (SiB):

Name of bank	DnB NOR Bank ASA
Swift address	DNBANOKKXXX
IBAN	NO 37 5210 0537 524
Account number	5210.05.37524
Account owner	Studentsamskipnaden i Bergen
Account title	Deposit account foreign students
Address	Villaveien 10, 5007 Bergen, Norway

#### Conditions for depositing money in SiB's deposit account for international students:

- Only students accepted to studies at the University of Bergen may deposit money in this account. The money must be deposited in the student's own name and write on your transfer that you are admitted to the University of Bergen.
- There is no interest on deposit money (in accordance with Norwegian legislation).
- Please note that a banking fee may be deducted from the money deposited.
- **A confirmation of the deposit/receipt from the bank must accompany the University of Bergen's Letter of Acceptance when applying for a residence permit.**

### 2. Students who do not need a visa to enter Norway

Students who do not need a visa to enter Norway have a confirmation in their Letter of Acceptance from the University of Bergen (UiB) verifying that the student has sufficient funding. We will need a statement from the student's home university confirming that the student has access to sufficient funding, according to the amount above. The statement must include information on the source of funds, the exact amount and whether the student will access the funds in monthly allowances or a single payment.

Should the student's home institution be unable to write such a statement, students can still fulfil the formal requirements by depositing the full amount into the above-mentioned deposit account as per instruction above.

List of countries exempt from visa requirements: <http://udi.no/templates/Tema.aspx?id=7403>

**To be granted a residence permit in time for semester start, we advise you to start your application process as soon as possible.**

**Students from non-visa countries have the opportunity to complete their application process after arriving in Bergen by contacting the Hordaland Police Immigration Office, should their application not be concluded at the time of departure from home.**

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