



If you are planning to study in Tallinn, Estonia, then you should be aware of which countries and nationalities are required to have visas.

Nationals of the European Union (EU), the European Economic Area (EEA) and any third-country national holding a residence permit of a Schengen State do NOT need a visa to enter Estonia. The following countries are EU and EEA States are Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Republic of Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and Switzerland.

If you are NOT a national from one of these countries e.g., US and UK citizens, then you will need to procure a long-stay D-visa. D-visas are issued for a period of stay of up to 365 days within twelve consecutive months and allows the holder of said visa to stay in other Schengen Member States for up to 90 days within a period of 180 days.

Previous to 3 January 2023, it was necessary for D-visa applicants to apply for their visas directly from the Estonian Consulate and necessitated a trip to London. To facilitate the issuance of Estonian visas, this is no longer necessary. As of 3 January 2023, all Estonian visa applications must be submitted at one of five VFS Global service centres located throughout the UK. Currently there are 5 VFS Global visa centres in the UK that accept Estonian visa applications (London, Manchester, Birmingham, Cardiff and Edinburgh).

The following webpages will prove useful:

<https://visa.vfsglobal.com/one-pager/estonia/uk/english/> Once on the page, under 'please select visa type', click on 'Long-stay (D)' for an overview of visa requirements and eligibility. From this page you will be able to review 'D-VISA Checklist-for-Studies'. For your convenience, this checklist includes the following:

1. Valid travel document,
2. Long-stay D-visa ONLINE application form,
3. Recent colour passport photograph,
4. Valid UK residence permit (applicable for non-British citizens),
5. Valid health insurance policy,
6. Proof of reserved flight ticket TO Estonia,
7. Proof of accommodation (if staying in a homestay, this will be provided for you by the school),
8. Recent, official and signed invitation letter from the school where you will be studying (this will be provided for you by the school),
9. Confirmation letter from your university where you are studying attesting to your studies abroad (this is provided by your liaison officer),
10. Proof of funds.

<https://visa.vfsglobal.com/gbr/en/est> This is the VFS Global

homepage where you can complete your application form

and find a convenient centre. Effective January 2025,

prearranged appointments are no longer required by VFS

Global for individuals submitting D-visas. That said, ‘walk-ins’ are **ONLY** accepted on Tuesdays

(excluding bank holidays) between the hours of 11:30 and 13:30 in all VFS Global Visa Application

Centres. Before submitting your documents, you may wish to contact the VFS centre nearest you to

request their current **service charge** which is separate from the **consular visa fee** (see below). VFS

agents will accept all the paperwork, take your biometrics, photo and payment.



The processing time for D-visas is up to 30 days. The Embassy keeps the applicant’s passport until a decision is made. The consular visa fee is currently 120 EUR. This is, as noted above, in addition to the VFS service charge.

Though the Estonian Consulate does not recommend it, it is also possible to apply for your Long-stay D-visa ‘after’ your arrival in Estonia. Several students found this to be particularly useful for them for various reasons: they needed their passports for other travel purposes, they were studying in another country during their first term e.g., France and Spain, where they could not apply for an Estonian visa, they simply didn’t have time to apply before their departure from the UK, etc.

To apply for your visa following your arrival in Estonia, it is necessary to book a long-stay visa appointment online at <https://broneering.politsei.ee/> (please note: you can change the language on the top-right corner to English). All the service offices addresses and details can be found at the website listed

below:

<https://www.politsei.ee/en/services/services>.

About the company where you will be studying Russian: LL SCHOOL or Language Link is an Estonia-based educational company that trades under the name Language Link Estonia (<https://languagelink.ee>). Language Link, in conjunction with its affiliate schools, has been successfully running their unique educational programmes since 1994. Language Link has been successfully partnering with RLUS UK since 2002.

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