

Modern Migration Policy Act

The Modern Migration Policy Act is a change to the immigration law of the Netherlands, which has gone into effect on 1 June 2013. This law has two important changes for students holding or needing a residence permit for the purpose of study:

1) The duration of the residence permit:

You will receive a residence permit for the total period of your study programme plus three months, up to a maximum period of five years. (In the past, a residence permit was given for 1 year only). If you need additional time to complete your programme, you may apply for an extension of the permit.

2) The study progress requirement:

If you have a residence permit for the purpose of study **you are required to obtain (at least) 50% of the maximum amount of credits per academic year to keep your residence permit**. You need to meet this requirement for each academic year that you study here. For all programmes, the number of credits (ECTS) per year is set at 60 ECTS.

If you are enrolled in a programme as a full time student, you must obtain at least 30 ECTS to fulfil the lawful requirement (please take into account that the RDP rule is that you have to pass at least 45 ECTS in the first year).

If you are enrolled in a programme for only part of the academic year, you will need to obtain 50% of the prorated amount of credits. For instance, if you start your programme on 1 February you can obtain a maximum of 30 ECTS. To meet the study progress requirement, you would need to obtain 50% of those 30 ECTS (15 ECTS).

Hotelschool The Hague is lawfully obligated to notify the IND if you fail to meet the study progress requirement. During the application process, you will be asked to declare that you are aware of the study progress requirement and the consequences if you fail to meet this requirement.

The vast majority of students will not have any difficulty obtaining at least 50% of the offered credits. However, there can be extenuating circumstances in your personal life, which can influence your study performance (e.g. death of a parent or a serious illness). If you find yourself in such a situation, please contact your study advisor as soon as possible. The study advisor will advise you on the available procedures and how to best move forward. Please note that a study advisor is required to keep your conversation confidential.