

I. Starting University under the Rules Applied to Polish Citizens

1. According to the rules applied to Polish citizens university studies may be taken up by:

- foreigners who have been given a residence permit;
- foreigners who have been recognised as refugees;
- foreigners who are under temporal protection within the territory of the Republic of Poland;
- migrant workers who are citizens of the member states of the EU or the EFTA (EFTA = European Free Trade Association), that is to say citizens of the member states of the EU, the EEA (EEA = European Economic Area) or Switzerland (officially the Swiss Confederation), as well as members of their families if they live on the territory of the Republic of Poland;
- foreigners who have been granted a long-term residence permit within the territory of the Republic of Poland, part of the EU;
- foreigners who have been granted a temporal residence permit within the territory of the Republic of Poland in relation to the circumstance mentioned in Article 127, Article 159, Paragraph 1, or Article 186, Paragraph 1, Point 3 or 4 of the Law on Foreigners dated December 12, 2013 (Journal of Laws of the Republic of Poland, position 1650);
- foreigners who are under supplementary protection within the territory of the Republic of Poland;
- citizens of the member states of the EU or the EFTA, that is to say citizens of the member states of the EU, the EEA or Switzerland, as well as members of their families if they have been granted a permanent residence permit within the territory of Poland.

Bearer of Pole's Cards (also called Polish Charters or Polish Cards) are entitled to take up university studies (at the level of Bachelor, Master or Doctor, or any other university courses) and participate in research under the same rules Polish citizens do, or even passing over the rules Polish citizens have to comply with.

2. Citizens of the member states of the EU or the EFTA, that is to say citizens of the member states of the EU, the EEA or Switzerland, as well as members of their families who have sufficient financial resources to cover the costs of living during the studies may take up Bachelor, Master and doctoral studies or any other university courses, as well as participate in research under the same rules Polish citizens must comply with, without the right to maintenance grants, special scholarships for the disabled and any other social aid, or under the rules described in Article 43, Paragraphs 3 and 4, of the Law on Higher Education (without the rules applying to Polish citizens).

Foreigners mentioned in Points 1 and 2 are admitted to university under the rules that Polish citizens are bound by as well. It means that when admission of candidates to university is

carried out on the basis of the results of the Baccalaureate exam and an additional entrance exam such candidates are obliged to participate in the admission procedure established by the University.

Foreigners who have a residence card with a note saying ‘access to the labour market’ or a Schengen visa or a visa issued by Poland and entitled to work on the Polish territory may take up (Bachelor, Master or doctoral) studies and any other university courses and participate in research for a fee. Such persons do not have the right to maintenance grants, special scholarships for the disabled and social aids.

II. Starting University According to the Rules That Are Different from the Ones Polish Citizens Are Bound by

1. Foreigners not mentioned in Part I take up university studies and other forms of education according to the rules that are different from the ones Polish citizens are bound by. Such foreigners are mainly citizens of third countries, persons who have a valid Pole’s Card and who have given up applying for admission according to the rules that Polish citizens must comply with, and citizens from the member states of the EU and the EFTA who have decided to start studying in Poland on the terms concerning nationals from outside the EU.

They may start studying and participate in research:

- **for a fee** (fees for studying in Poland paid by foreigners are determined by the Rector);
- as **scholarship holders awarded by Poland** (foreigners of Polish origin should apply for a scholarship awarded by the Polish Government at a competent diplomatic post near their dwelling place; they will also be given more information there).

All the other foreigners who apply for a scholarship awarded by the Republic of Poland should get in touch with the Polish National Agency for Academic Exchange (address: Polna 40, 00-635 Warsaw, Poland, phone no. +48 22 390 35 00) in order to learn more;

- **fee-free and without scholarship benefits**, within the framework of intergovernmental agreements or aid programmes offered to some countries by the Polish Government, through the agency of the country’s institutions or the diplomatic posts of Poland;
- **as holders of a scholarship awarded by the sending country, fee-free;**
- **as holders of a scholarship awarded by the receiving university.**

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