

We welcome applicants from other countries to apply for the study programs. Application deadline May 31.

Application procedure International students

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Latvian Scholarships for studies in Latvian Higher Education Institutions

In accordance with bilateral agreements on co-operation in education and science, the State Education Development Agency (Valsts izglītības attīstības aģentūra – VIAA) offers scholarships to students, researchers and teaching staff of several countries for studies in Latvian higher education institutions (HEIs).

Only citizens from countries which have signed an agreement on co-operation in education and science can apply for the Latvian government scholarships.

Citizens from countries that offer scholarships for Latvian students, researchers and teaching staff without formal agreements on co-operation in education and science are eligible for the Latvian scholarship as well.

The information about the scholarships, as well as the application form can be found on the following web-sites:

http://www.viaa.gov.lv/eng/international_cooperation/scholarships_gov/scholarships/?tl_id=18395&tls_id=18396

Entrance requirements

International applicants for studies at LASE must:

- have at least secondary education;
- corresponding knowledge of Latvian or English: the document issued in last five years by an international testing institution (IELTS, TOEFL, CEFR) attesting the English language skill on at least B2 level;
- be at least 18 years old;
- pass written exam in Social Science (exam on general knowledge about sport and health), except applying for Doctoral programme;
- on-line video interview.

EU citizens

An applicant should submit the following documents in person, by mail or scanned by e-mail (arriving at LASE the documents should be submitted in paper):

Admission Requirements:

- [Certificate \(college level\) professional higher education program "Education and Sport Specialist"](#) (41813)
- [Professional Bachelor higher education programme "Sport Science"](#) (42813)
- [Professional Master higher education programme "Health Care Specialist in Sport"](#) (47722)
- [Professional Master higher education programme "Sport Science"](#) (47813)
- [Academic Doctoral higher education programme "Sport Science"](#) (51813)

Foreigners can apply for study by coming in person, by e-mail (sending the documents electronically and, coming to LASE, documents in paper are to be submitted) or by mail; the following documents should be submitted:

1. Completed application form; [application form](#) ;
2. A confirmed diploma of secondary education and copies of grade transcripts translated into English or Latvian, unless the original is in one of the above languages *;
3. Health notice (free format general opinion of the doctor that the applicant is healthy and can study for a professional sports programme that includes physical load, confirmed with a stamp

- and signature; the text must be legible and written in English or Latvian; valid for one year);
4. 2 photographs 3x4 cm*;
 5. Passport copy;
 6. Copy of a certificate confirming knowledge of Latvian or English *;
 7. Registration fee payment notice according to LASE invoice (150.00 EUR);
 8. Safety deposit payment notice (500.00 EUR, except EU citizens***)

Note:

* photographs should not be sent with electronic application;

** the above mentioned certificate should not be added if: a) secondary education has been acquired in English; b) an entrance examination in English on B2 level according to the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR) for languages is passed; c) in a foreigner's, who has acquired secondary education in a EU/EEZ country, document confirming the secondary education there is comparison of his/her English language knowledge, confirming at least B2 level of CEFR system. If a foreigner does not have the certificate, he/she should take an exam.

***the financial means of the safety deposit are used to cover the Student's unsettled financial obligations with LASE in case the Agreement is terminated or is paid back to the Student in case the Agreement is terminated.

Having received the mentioned documents, LASE will post the applicant an agreement form. One copy should be signed and returned to LASE together with the check or bank transfer copy of the annual tuition fee to the LASE account:

Beneficiary bank: The Treasury
Bank address: Riga, Smilšu iela 1
VAT number: 90000055243
Bank code: TREL LV22
Account No: LV53TREL9150120000000
Purpose of payment: Registration fee/Tuition fee code: 21351

Non-EU citizens

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The documents 3) 4) must be legalized by the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of the country of origin.

Recognition of foreign degrees and diplomas

Clause 85:

Acknowledgement of Academic Degrees and Certificates Acquired Abroad in Latvia

- Acknowledgement of academic degrees and certificates obtained in foreign countries, as well as certificates on secondary and general education shall be subject to evaluation by the Academic Information Centre.

- Upon inspection of the submitted documentation the Centre shall determine whether:

- a certificate obtained abroad is compatible to the level of higher education in Latvia;
- to which academic degree or certificate in Latvia it can be equalled;
- what additional requirements should be met in order to make the certificate compatible with any of the academic degrees or certificates awarded in Latvia, should the case be that the academic degree or certificate acquired abroad does not satisfy any of standards advanced for academic degrees or certificates in Latvia.

- As the result of inspection of the certificate, the owner of the certificate shall receive a certificate stating to which academic degree or certificate in Latvia his/her certificate corresponds. Latvian education certificate shall not be issued upon acknowledgement of the certificate acquired abroad

- Expenses incurred during the acknowledgement process of a certificate, academic or scientific degree obtained abroad shall covered by the owner of the certificate.

- If education is continued in Latvia, the respective higher educational establishment can perform additional evaluation and request that additional requirements are fulfilled.

For more information on recognition of foreign diplomas please visit the home page of the [Academic Information Centre](#)

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After settling formalities you will be sent an invitation, upon receiving which you will be able to continue with visa and residence permit.

Documents to be submitted for residence permit:

- a definite sample form for a residence permit request (<http://www.pmlp.gov.lv/en/home/services/residence-permits/doc2/studies2.html>);
- a photography;
- a statement on punishability issued by a competent institution of the citizenship or the host country (for a foreigner more than 14 years old), if a foreigner has resided in that country longer than 12 months, (apostilled)
- [a document confirming the necessary subsistence](#); (at least 380 EUR per month. You cannot live in Latvia without means of existence, therefore it is asked to submit bank confirmation that you have enough money to live in Latvia for 1 year: 380 EUR (minimal salary) x 12 months = 4560 EUR; you have to have an international credit card (VISA, MASTERCARD) that works in Latvia);
- [a document confirming the envisaged place of residence in the Republic of Latvia and the rights to stay there](#);
- a document confirming the state duty payment;
- an agreement on studies in the Republic of Latvia;
- documents confirming that you have acquired the necessary education to start the studies;

In case of any uncertainties please do not hesitate to contact, International office: international@lspa.lv

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Send by post all application materials to:
Admission Committee/Uzņemšanas komisija
Latvijas Sporta pedagoģijas akadēmija
Brīvības gatve 333,
Rīga,
LV – 1006,
Latvia

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