

## What are means of subsistence?

International students who wish to study in Croatia need to fill different preconditions in order to enter the country and/or register their stay. One of the requirements you will encounter in your visa application or stay registration are means of subsistence, which is the term that implies having sufficient financial resources for the person to stay and live in Croatia independently (without any support from Croatian welfare system). Proving sufficient means of subsistence can differ depending on the country you are from and consequently for which purpose you need to prove it.

**EU students** (EU, EEA or CH members) need to prove means of subsistence if they plan to stay in Croatia longer than 3 months, for the purpose of stay registration.

**Non-EU students** need to prove means of subsistence for their visa application, and also to register their stay in Croatia regardless of the length of their stay.

## Acceptable proofs for means of subsistence

Proofs for means of subsistence are defined within a legal act called *Policy on the status and work of foreigners/third country nationals in the Republic of Croatia*.

This document states that proofs for means of subsistence can include:

- Payroll confirmations (for 6 months),
- Tax statement,
- Pension statement,
- Work contract (or other work evidence if the employment lasts shorter than 3 months),
- Scholarship confirmations,
- Bank account balance (only if special amount requirements\* are met, see the following section).

These proofs for means of subsistence must belong to the student himself/herself, to a family member (spouses, cohabitation partners, children, parents/adopters) or a member of their joint household.

**Important:** if a family/household member is providing the statement on subsistence, their affidavit must contain the undertaking of the dependent to bear all costs related to the stay of the third-country student in Croatia, and they must provide proof of owning sufficient subsistence amount.

## Required amount proving means of subsistence

**Short-term stay (<90 days).** EU students need to prove means of subsistence if staying in Croatia longer than 3 months (not necessary if their stay is <90 days). For third country nationals, minimal amount for subsistence equals: 70 EUR per day, or 30 EUR per day if they own a guarantee letter or similar document, or none if they have a full guarantor from Croatia.

**Temporary stay (>90 days).** Necessary amounts to prove means of subsistence are defined within a legal act called *Decree on the manner of calculation and amount of funds for maintenance of foreigners in the Republic of Croatia*. At the moment, calculated minimal means of subsistence for foreign nationals (per person), for the purpose of studying in Croatia, equal 1.200 HRK (~160 EUR) monthly. This amount is subject to change, depending on legal regulations.

\* **Important** for third-country nationals: if the student provides their bank account balance as proof for means of subsistence, the above stated amount needs to be increased 12x when presented.

On the following links, you can find more information on means of subsistence for [visa](#), [EU stay](#) or [non-EU stay](#).

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