Regulation for the admission of third country citizens

1. Definition of terms

- **EEA**: European Economic Area, which was established through a treaty between the European Union (EU) and the EFTA countries (Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway) in 1994.

  Members of the EEA are:
  - Belgium
  - Bulgaria
  - Denmark
  - Germany
  - Estonia
  - Finland
  - France
  - Greece
  - Ireland
  - Italy
  - Croatia
  - Latvia
  - Lithuania
  - Luxemburg
  - Malta
  - The Netherlands
  - Austria
  - Poland
  - Portugal
  - Rumania
  - Sweden
  - Slovenia
  - Spain
  - The Czech Republic
  - Hungary
  - The United Kingdom
  - Cyprus
  - Iceland
  - Liechtenstein
  - Norway

- **Switzerland**: Switzerland is neither a member of the EU nor the EEA. Hence, Switzerland is a third country. As Switzerland is linked to the EEA by a series of bilateral agreements, citizens of Switzerland are in many respects equal to EEA citizens. Switzerland is, therefore, not considered a third country in accordance with this regulation.

- **Third country**: all countries outside the EEA (EU member states, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway) and Switzerland.

**List of third countries:**
- Afghanistan
- Egypt
- Albania
- Algeria
- Andorra
- Angola
- Antigua and Barbuda
- Equatorial Guinea
- Argentina
- Armenia
- Azerbaijan
- Ethiopia
- Australia
- Bahamas
- Bahrain
- Bangladesh
- Barbados
- Belarus
- Belize
- Benin
- Bhutan
- Bolivia
- Bosnia - Herzegovina
- Botswana
- Brazil
Brunei Darussalam
Burkina Faso
Burundi
Chile
China
Costa Rica
Côte d'Ivoire
Dominica
Dominican Republic
Djibouti
Ecuador
El Salvador
Eritrea
Fiji
Gabon
Gambia
Georgia
Ghana
Grenada
Guatemala
Guinea
Guinea-Bissau
Guyana
Haiti
Apostolic See
Honduras
India
Indonesia
Iraq
Iran
Israel
Jamaica
Japan
Yemen
Jordan
Cambodia
Cameroons
Canada
Cape Verde
Kazakhstan
Qatar
Kenya
Kyrgyzstan
Kiribati
Colombia
Comoros
Congo
Congo - Democratic Republic
Korea – Democratic Republic
Korea - People's Republic
Kosovo
Cuba
Kuwait
Laos
Lesotho
Lebanon
Liberia
Libya
Madagascar
Malawi
Malaysia
Maldives
Mali
Morocco
Marshall Islands
Mauritania
Mauritius
Macedonia
Mexico
Micronesia
Moldova
Monaco
Mongolia
Montenegro
Mozambique
Myanmar
Namibia
Nauru
Nepal
New Zealand
Nicaragua
Niger
Nigeria
Oman
Pakistan
Palestinian Areas
Palau
Papua New Guinea
Paraguay
Peru
Philippines
Rwanda
Russian Federation
Solomon Islands
Zambia
Samoa
San Marino
Sao Tome and Principe
Saudi Arabia
Senegal
Serbia
Seychelles
Sierra Leone
2. Admission to a Bachelor’s or Master’s Degree Program

Applications for a study program at the FH Campus Wien shall be submitted online using the application tool on the website. All applicants who meet the admission requirements are invited to attend the compulsory admission procedures regardless of their nationality.

Admission is granted in accordance with a ranking list, which results from the application procedure. Thereby no distinction is made between applicants from the EU/EEA/Switzerland or third countries.

3. Study fee

3.1 Students from third countries are obliged to pay a study fee of EUR 727, - per semester according § 2 para. 2 FHStG. Additionally, every semester a surcharge for expenditures of the respective study program to help with everyday university life as well as for the student union fee is collected.

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1 With regard to courses for further training according to § 9 FHStG no distinction is made between citizens of EU/EEA countries/Switzerland or third countries.
3.2 The following are **exempt** from the regulation stated in point 3.1:

3.2.1 Students holding a multiple citizenship (dual citizenship), provided one citizenship is from an EEA member state.

3.2.2 Third country students who § 1 Personengruppenverordnung applies to and who have a student residence permit in accordance with § 64 Niederlassungs- und Aufenthaltsgesetz (NAG). Said ordinance applies to:

i. People who enjoy privileges and immunities in Austria on grounds of state treaties or legal regulations; people who are abroad on behalf of the Republic of Austria at the time of acquisition of the university entrance certificate and who enjoy privileges and immunities abroad on grounds of state treaties or legal regulations, as well as their spouses and children;

ii. Full time foreign correspondents accredited in Austria and their spouses and children;

iii. People who themselves had their center of vital interests in Austria for a minimum of 5 consecutive years preceding the application for admission or who at least have one person obligated to provide maintenance meeting this prerequisite.

iv. People who have been granted a scholarship for the desired studies either on the grounds of regulations of state treaties or, at an equal amount, from funds of an Austrian regional authority, which expressly have to be allocated to scholarships in accordance with the financial provisions of said regional authority;

v. Holders of university entrance certificates of Austrian schools abroad;

vi. People who are entitled to lawful residence within the territory of the Federal Republic of Austria in accordance with § 7 para.1 Federal Law on the Residence Permit of Refugees as defined by the Convention relating to the Status of Refugees

vii. People who are entitled to residence within the territory of the Federal Republic of Austria in accordance with §§ 7, 9, 15 and 19 Asylgesetz.

3.3 **Special cases**

- In individual cases the study program head may reduce the study fees appropriately (maximum decrease to € 363.36), particularly in case of social needs or exceptional circumstances. The criteria for determining social needs are the income, marital status and the size of the family of the respective student, his/her parents and his/her spouse or registered partner. For the assessment of the social needs of students earning their own livelihood the student's income is relevant as well as that of his/her spouse or registered partner.
• No study fees are collected from students who are studying at the FH Campus Wien for one or two semesters and who take part in an exchange program or are classified as “Free Movers”.
• Should there be a need for graduates with special knowledge (e.g. specific language skills) within a specific professional group, the study program head may refrain from collecting increased study fees.
The assessment whether special conditions apply is at the discretion of the study program head. Proof for assessment of the individual case has to be provided by the applicant.

3.4 Assessment of nationality and the liability to pay contributions is carried out during the assessment of the application as well as the admission requirements for the study program. All documents required for the assessment have to be provided by the applicant.

3.5 The payment periods depend on the training contract, which is concluded only after timely payment of the study fees for the first semester. In any case, said fees shall be fully paid BEFORE the beginning of the pre-sessional courses. Full payment is a precondition for admission into the respective study program. In case the statutory study fees have not been fully paid, they are regarded as not paid.

4. Pre-sessional courses and services offered

Pre-sessional module:
Applicants from third countries, who have been offered a study place, have to attend a 3-week pre-sessional module before the start of their regular studies. Apart from an intensive German course this program includes modules for the introduction to local cultural realities in Austria. The pre-sessional module is free of charge for students from third countries and financed by the study fees mentioned in point 3. Attending the pre-sessional module does not provide proof of adequate German language skills for the desired studies.

Applicants from third countries additionally have the opportunity to participate in the “Buddy-network”, i.e. an advanced student pairs up with an applicant to provide help at the beginning of their studies through personal and individual support.