



**Departement Bevolking en Welzijn – Dienst Burgerzaken
Departement Onderwijs en Opvoeding**

Welcome in Ghent

Foreign students who need a domiciliation in Ghent have **to register on-line** (not at the counters of the Foreigners Registration Office).

Please fill in the 'Arrival Form' on www.studentingent.be (> ENGLISH > Requirements – Registration City of Ghent - Related Info > Arrival Form) and mail it to internationalstudent@gent.be, together with a scan of your visa.

You will receive a mail confirming your registration. After a police officer has checked that you do in fact live at your student residence, you will be posted an appointment at the Foreigners Registration Office to complete your registration and to apply for your electronic card.

Students from non-EU-countries

Two possibilities.

1. You enter Belgium as a student with a Schengen visa type D

Please bring along the following documents to the office:

- passport with visa;
- study certificate: proof of registration at the host institution;
- 5 passport photographs on a white background (!);
- 17 EUR registration fee.

=> *The Foreigner Registration Office will issue a receipt for applying the electronic card.*

=> *You will receive an e-mail to come to one of the counters and collect your electronic card.*

=> *As a registered inhabitant of Ghent, you will receive a electronic card which is valid till 31 October 2012.*

2. You enter Belgium as a tourist

Please bring along the following documents to the office:

- passport (whether or not with visa);
- 5 passport photographs on a white background (!);
- 17 EUR registration fee.

=> *First, you will receive a "Declaration of Arrival" which is valid for three months or less if your tourist visa is valid for a period of less than 90 days. At this time, you will not yet be registered.*

Within the three-month period after your "Declaration of Arrival", you will need to collect the following documents:

- study certificate: proof of registration at the host institution;
- a grant certificate or a written statement declaring that you have sufficient means to study in Belgium (you can complete this standard form at the office);
- certificate of good conduct from your home country;
- a medical certificate.

=> *The Foreigners Registration Office will issue a receipt, will fax the entire file to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs after which they will have to wait for approval before being able to complete your registration.*