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Here you will find the most important information about learning in English, going to school, and enrolling in universities.

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## PRESCHOOL

There are two types of preschools in Lithuania: private and public.

**PUBLIC PRESCHOOLS:** Children are registered into a centralized system through the municipality website or directly on the preschool's website. Children who are local residents or who come from socially disadvantaged families are given priority for placement at public preschools. Public preschools teach children in Lithuanian and are partly funded by the state (the average fee is EUR 50–60/month).

When applying for placement at a public preschool:

- #1 Fill out an application form (*online or in person at the institution in charge*);
- #2 Your application will be filed according to the priority rules of the municipality;
- #3 Once admitted, provide the preschool with the required documents (*family status, declared place of residence, health certificate, etc.*);
- #4 Discuss the educational process with the preschool administration and sign a contract.

More information can be found on your municipality's website.

**PRIVATE PRESCHOOLS:** children can be enrolled directly at the school – each school has its own admission requirements. Private preschools can accept children throughout the year and provide education in languages other than Lithuanian. The cost will range from EUR 120 to 500 per month.


For more information, visit the specific preschool's website.

## PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

Education in Lithuania is compulsory for all children between the ages of 6 and 16.

Every school has its own admission process and document requirements, so it is best to contact the school directly for details.

However, most schools will require:

- #1 an application; 
- #2 previous school records and transcripts, translated into Lithuanian (*ask the school if the translation has to be notarized*);
- #3 other documents indicated in the school admission procedure.

Children who are local residents are given priority for placement, so you will have to submit a document proving that you live in the vicinity of the school.



**IMPORTANT:** Children (*foreign citizens*) who live in Lithuania with valid residence permits can attend kindergarten or school without any restrictions.



Schools that offer secondary education in English:

- The American International School of Vilnius;
- Klaipėda Lyceum;
- Klaipėda Universa Via International School.

In addition, the VIMS–International Meridian School offers a secondary education program, and the Queen Morta School has a primary education program.

Parents who are coming temporarily or returning permanently to Lithuania often choose the **Vilnius Lithuanian's House** for their children. This is a high school that caters specifically to these children, providing them with general, formal and informal education. The school has deep traditions and experience in teaching children Lithuanian language, culture and history. Tuition, room, and board are provided free of charge – these costs are covered by the state.

Students in grades 11–12 who would like to continue their studies in English can obtain an **International Baccalaureate (IB) diploma**.

All of the subjects at these schools are taught in English, with the exception of Lithuanian language and literature. The IB is a two-year program (*with the exception of the IB Primary Years Program and the IB Middle Years Program offered by the Vilnius International School*), and can be completed in Lithuania at:

- Vilnius International School (*the only school in Lithuania offering the IB Primary Years Program and the IB Middle Years Program*);
- Vilnius Lyceum;
- Kaunas Jesuit Gymnasium;
- Šiauliai Didždvaris Gymnasium;
- Tauragė Versmė Gymnasium.

## APPLYING FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

If you have been educated abroad and are coming to Lithuania to study, you will have to apply for recognition of foreign qualifications at the Centre for Quality Assessment in Higher Education. The process is free and takes about 30 days to complete. More information can be found at:

[skvc.lt/default/en](http://skvc.lt/default/en)

If you have chosen a degree program that is taught in Lithuanian, you will have to pass a language test (visit the *Department of Lithuanian Studies website*). If the program is taught in English, you will have to provide an English-language certificate (requirements vary depending on the school, but usually a B2 (IELTS 5.5) language level is required).



## COMING TO LITHUANIA

**EU CITIZENS** can come to Lithuania and stay here without additional documents for three months. After that, they are required to apply for an EU residence permit at the migration service, which will entitle them to stay in Lithuania for the period of their studies. To obtain the permit, you have to submit a document that confirms that you have been admitted to or are currently studying at an institution of higher education. The permit will be issued within 10 working days and will cost EUR 8.60.

**NON-EU CITIZENS** have to apply for either a national (D) visa (*allowing them to stay in Lithuania for one year*) or a temporary residence permit (*allowing them to stay in Lithuania for up to two years*) before they begin their studies. You can get either of these documents at a Lithuanian Embassy abroad or a migration service in Lithuania (*if you are from a country that has a visa-free regime with Lithuania*).

**You can find a list of the documents you will need at:**

[www.studyin.lt/en](http://www.studyin.lt/en) → How to apply → Permits & visas

**or by contacting our consultants at:**

[www.renkuosilietuva.lt/eng](http://www.renkuosilietuva.lt/eng)

## WORKING WHILE STUDYING

**EU CITIZENS** do not need to obtain a work permit and can work in Lithuania without any restrictions.

**NON-EU CITIZENS** who have a residence permit for studies have to apply for a work permit at the Lithuanian Labor Exchange. This permit will allow them to work up to 20 hours a week (*they can only work full-time after graduation*).



Students who want to stay and work in Lithuania after graduation have to obtain a new residence permit to work in Lithuania. If a student finds a job related to the field of studies completed in Lithuania, the process for obtaining the permit is simplified and takes less time.

For more information on studying, living and working in Lithuania, visit our website or contact our consultants at [www.renkuosilietuva.lt/eng](http://www.renkuosilietuva.lt/eng)

For additional information on the higher education admissions process, student housing and accommodation, scholarships and other relevant information, visit [www.studyin.lt/en](http://www.studyin.lt/en)