

## **Requirements for your stay abroad: exchanges, placements, minors, graduation placements, graduation projects**

Breda, 1 April 2021

Dear student,

Internationalisation is a policy priority area and is of major importance for the quality of education offered by BUAs. Study or work-related stays abroad bring with them certain risks in terms of safety and health of students and staff, and in terms of BUAs' reputation. The management of BUAs is aware of and wants to take its responsibility in this respect by pursuing an adequate crisis management policy. The policy is aimed at preventing crises and in the case of imminent or existing crises, offer help to BUAs students and staff.

The outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic continues to evolve. When planning to travel internationally, you should follow sensible guidance to prepare for your trip and reduce your risk of exposure to COVID-19 while this outbreak is ongoing.

With effect from **1 July 2021**, BUAs will change its approach towards stays abroad for study purposes, to enable students to obtain the international experience that they are longing for, within appropriate health and safety boundaries. BUAs deems it sufficiently realistic to change its approach due to increasing levels of vaccination in most countries.

Read below the possibilities with effect from 1 July 2021 for your international experience abroad.

### **Adjusted approach:**

In order to start your non-EU/EU stay abroad, the following strict conditions need to be applicable on the day of departure:

- non-EU destinations: Travel advice of the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs should be coloured green or yellow.
- EU destinations: Travel advice of the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs should be coloured green, yellow or orange.  
BUAs is located in the Netherlands and therefore the travel advice of the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs will be binding in this matter.
- No existing travel ban for incoming mobility has been set by the receiving government.
- All learning objectives/placement competencies can be met during the placement period.

### Exemption

Students who return to their country of origin: they can return if they follow the additional Travel Risk



procedure. This Travel Risk procedure needs to be started up via your placement office or exchange/graduation coordinator.

In addition, you need to inform yourself and **take the following precautions before traveling abroad:**

- **Emergency database:**  
You need to fill in your details in the online database so that in case of an emergency we can contact you. You can do so via the Student Portal - Self-Service - Register your trip. Possible changes in address or contact details need to be changed on site.
- **Change of travel advice – colour code:**  
If the code of your destination changes to orange (non-EU) or red (EU), BUAs will not give you permission to go. This also implies that, if the colour code changes during your stay abroad, you will need to leave the country.
- **Change of travel advice – information:**  
Be aware of and keep up to date with the latest official advice (with regard to the country you are travelling to) offered by the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs. This advice (which is the guiding principle for us) is published on their website: <https://www.nederlandwereldwijd.nl/reizen/reisadviezen> . The pandemic has led to unprecedented international border closures and other restrictions. All countries may impose travel restrictions without notice.
- **Insurance:**  
Check the impact this COVID-19 outbreak may have on your travel insurance coverage, including medical repatriation costs in the event of ill health or any new restrictions on travel. Make sure you are covered for COVID-19 related matters.
- **Healthcare situation at the destination;**  
Traveling to, for example, a small island with very limited medical resources could be seen as taking an extra (unnecessary) risk. Make sure to inform yourself about the situation and take necessary precautions.
- **Financial implications:**  
You need to be fully aware of the fact that the situation at your destination may change at all times and you are required to come back. This may happen, for example, when the placement company decides to cancel the placement at the last minute or the governments changes its policy. This will evidently lead to extra costs for you. What's more, when arranging your flight/travel, make sure to buy flexible tickets, in this way you can change your travel dates when necessary. All extra entry costs such as PCR tests, hotel invoices for quarantine will be at your own expense.
- **Visa application (if applicable):**  
You need to inform yourself about the possibility for obtaining a visa for your destination. Some countries have already long procedures in place, which makes it very difficult if not impossible to travel there. Due to COVID-19, regular 'quick' visa procedures may now take longer. Note: since the Brexit, staying in the UK requires a visa procedure.
- **Emergency situations:**  
You need to know which steps to take in the event that you are faced with an emergency situation and



how to return back home when needed. Make sure to get registered in the emergency database of your government concerning your stay at the destination.

- The BUAs emergency number can be reached 24/7 and can be found on the back of your student card: **+31 76 533 22 75**. Read more information about the travel risk policy on LMS via Information Sources - General BUAs Information - Student Office - Travel Abroad.

### **Destinations that require special attention:**

#### United Kingdom

The UK is currently a non-EU destination. BUAs would like to make an exemption for students travelling there concerning the colour coding system: BUAs allows travel to the UK when it is coded orange by the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

#### Dutch Antilles and overseas municipalities

Due to the special status of the Dutch isles: Aruba, Bonaire, Curacao, Saba, St. Eustatius and St. Maarten it will be possible for our students to travel to these destinations when it is coded orange by the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

#### Islands that are part of EU member states

Due to the special status of the following isles and their geographical positioning – Azores, Balearic Islands and Canary Islands - it will be possible for our students to travel here when these islands are coded orange by the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs.<sup>1</sup>

If you have any questions, please contact your placement office, exchange/graduation/minor coordinator or us via [travelabroad@buas.nl](mailto:travelabroad@buas.nl)

We wish you good luck with your stay abroad and hope you have a pleasant and safe stay.

Kind regards, also on behalf of the placement offices and exchange coordinator.

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<sup>1</sup> The group of isles mentioned above are also part of the travel advice on [www.nederlandwereldwijd.nl](http://www.nederlandwereldwijd.nl) Other isles part of overseas EU territory will be considered non-EU destinations.