

A foreigner may be exempt from the fees pursuant to the rules laid down in **an agreement between higher education institutions or an international agreement.**

A foreigner may also be exempt from these fees on the basis of the following:

1) **an administrative decision of the rector**, the director of an institute of Polish Academy of Sciences or the director of a research institute;

2) **the decision of the minister or of the director Polish National Agency for Academic Exchange** with regard to its scholarship holders;

2. The following persons **shall not be charged** fees:

1) a foreigner - a citizen of the Member State of the European Union, the Swiss Confederation or of the Member State of the European Free Trade Agreement (EFTA) - the parties to the European Economic Area Agreement as well as members of their family **living in the Republic of Poland;**

2) a foreigner who has been granted a **residence permit or the EU long-term residence permit;**

3) a foreigner who has been granted a stay permit in connection with the circumstances referred to in Art. 159 sec. 1 or Art. 186sec. 1 point 3 or 4 of the Act of 12 December 2013 on Foreigners; - (reunification with the family, more info: <https://cudzoziemiecwpolsce.pl/wp-content/uploads/2014/10/ACT-of-12-December-2013-on-foreigners-in-English.pdf> article 159 and 186)

4) a foreigner who has the status of **refugee** granted in the Republic of Poland or is under **temporary protection or subsidiary protection** in the Republic of Poland;

5) a foreigner - **a holder of a certificate confirming the knowledge of Polish as a foreign language**, referred to in Art. 11a sec. 2 of the Act of 7 October 1999 on the Polish language, at least **at C1 language proficiency level;**

6) a holder of the **Polish Charter** or a person who has been issued a decision on the **determination of the Polish origin**;

7) a **foreigner who is a spouse, ascendant or descendant of a citizen of the Republic of Poland, living** in the Republic of Poland;

8) a foreigner who has been granted a stay permit in connection with the circumstances referred to in Art. 151 sec. 1 or Art. 151b sec. 1 of the Act of 12 December 2013 on Foreigners, or staying in the Republic of Poland in connection with the use of short-term mobility of a scientist under the conditions set out in Art. 156b sec. 1 of this Act or holding a national visa in order to conduct scientific research or development work. (more info: <https://cudzoziemiecwpolsce.pl/wp-content/uploads/2014/10/ACT-of-12-December-2013-on-foreigners-in-English.pdf>)