

Admissions

Entry Requirements

Our first level of entry requirements are listed below:

- + You are a committed Christian and can give testimony to your Christian faith and life.
- + You have been actively involved in a local church for at least one year.
- + Although there may be exceptions, we normally expect that your church supports your decision to go and study at Cornerstone.
- + You can accept Cornerstone's statement of faith (see page 3).
- + You have decided to go into cross cultural mission work, or are seriously considering this.
- + You have the qualifications necessary to enter into Higher Education studies or you can give evidence that your life experiences have prepared you to cope with the intensive Cornerstone training programme.
- + You are at least 20 years old.
- + You can provide a police clearance certificate.

Level of English

- + **Native English speakers & those educated in English:** if you are a native English speaker, there are no additional requirements. If you can show that your school education has been through the medium of the English language, please contact us.
- + **Dutch nationals:** if you are Dutch you will be able to demonstrate your level of English during your interview at Cornerstone. During your visit you may also be required to sit an English test. Depending on the result, we will let you know whether you need further English study before coming.
- + **All other nationalities:** if you do not fall into the two categories described above, Dutch government regulations require that you send us a copy of an official certificate which shows that your English is at the IELTS level 6.0 or equivalent (see table below)*.

If you are unsure about any of the requirements, please contact us so that we can explain them to you. (*Some end of school exams are accepted as well. Contact us for details.)

English language requirement for international students:

Online tests taken at home are not accepted.

IELTS Academic and an overall band score	TOEFL iBT Traditional & Paper Edition (test to be taken in an examination centre)	TOEIC The threshold values must be achieved for both elements	Cambridge English grades & scale	LanguageCert Academic	Pearson PTE Academic
6.0	80	Listening & Reading: 865 Speaking and Writing: 335	First (FCE) - Grade B (scale 173 - 175) First (FCE) - Grade C (scale 169 - 172)	65	61

Application procedures

For 1st and 2nd Year programmes

Please note: If you are still studying for an English exam, we advise you to start the application procedure before taking your English exam to ensure we have enough time to process your application. The result of the English exam needs to be given to us in by 15th June at the latest

- + YOU complete your application form (including your personal Christian testimony and medical information) and send it to us, together with the following:
 - Copy of your passport
 - A digital profile photo (similar to a passport photo) with a neutral background.
 - Copies of your qualifications
 - Copy of your English IELTS test or equivalent (latest by 15th June).
 - (In some cases, we will ask for a Medical Report from your doctor.)
- + WE contact your three referees, one of which needs to be the pastor of your church.
- + YOUR referees will fill in the reference forms online.
- + WE remind referees, if we have not yet received their reference.
- + WE contact you to arrange an interview – either at Cornerstone or in the case of overseas applications we will arrange an interview in your own country or by Zoom/Teams
- + WE as staff will read your papers and after prayer and discussion take a decision on your application. If you are still working on your English, we can accept you provisionally.
- + WE send you a confirmation of the result of your application and to non EU applicants we send information about the visa application
- + YOU send us a copy of your IELTS score (or equivalent) if you have not done so already
- + WE confirm the receipt of your English test score and your full acceptance
- + WE send you (for non EU) a form in which you agree that we will register you with the local authorities and that we will inform the immigration department of your study progress
- + WE send you a form regarding health insurance
- + YOU send us a confirmation that you accept your place as a student.
- + YOU send us (for non-EU) the signed agreement form regarding the local authorities & the immigration department
- + WE send you an invoice specifying the total amount still to be transferred
- + YOU EU and non EU students transfer the specified amount to our account (non EU latest by 15th June/ EU latest by 15th August)
- + YOU send us a copy of your police clearance certificate
- + YOU send us the filled in form regarding health insurance & the necessary copies
- + WE send you a confirmation of the arrival of your fees and a proof of admission as a student at Cornerstone

Visa application non-EU nationals

Visa applications for non EU nationals must always be initiated by Cornerstone. Please do not start any procedures of your own. The Dutch government regulations lead to the following requirements for the visa application:

- + An international birth certificate.
- + If applicable, a legalised copy of your marriage certificate.

- + You are expected to transfer 15,000 EUR to us before a visa is granted (this value is for 2024-2025 and is changed annually)
- + (see finance section for more detailed information)
- + A signed declaration that you agree that Cornerstone will:
 - register you with the local authorities and will deregister you as soon as you have completed or stopped your training at Cornerstone.
 - inform the immigration department of your study progress.

Please note: your visa is a student visa. If you are more than 50% behind or have stopped studying, we will inform the immigration department and your visa will be cancelled.

Once you are accepted as a student, we will send you all the information with an updated list of all the documents you need to send us.

Visa costs

We do not charge you for the administrative work that is done by us on your behalf, but we will charge you for the cost of the visa itself. You also pay the yearly renewal fee. If you lose your resident permit, you will also be charged. Visa costs change every year. Check our finance and additional cost information sheets and see pages 28-29 for information on the visa costs bursary.

Latest application date

We always seek to complete the application procedure as efficiently as possible. We recommend applications by:

Families: we advise you to apply as soon as possible as family accommodation is limited.

Non-EU applicants: end of April.

EU applicants: end of May.

Applications may be open after these dates depending on availability. of space.

