

Greenland—work and residence permits/study permits.

- Nordic citizens can freely enter Greenland to work or study.
- Non-Nordic citizens travelling to Greenland to work need a work and residence permit to work in Greenland.
- Collection of data for further processing outside Greenland is not considered work within the meaning of the Danish Aliens (Consolidation) Act (*Udlændingeloven*). Non-Nordic citizens may therefore enter Greenland without having a work permit. It is a condition that the stay in Greenland is of less than 90 days' duration within a period of 180 days. Persons subject to a visa requirement must have a visa/entry permit. An application must be made for a work permit if the stay is long-term (more than 90 days).
- Non-Nordic scientists and lecturers who are not in an employment relationship with DTU are exempt from the work permit requirement when invited to teach or perform similar activities at DTU Campus Sisimiut. It is a condition that the stay in Greenland is of less than 90 days' duration within a period of 180 days. Persons subject to a visa requirement must have a visa/entry permit. An application must be made for a work permit if the stay is long-term (more than 90 days).
- Non-Nordic students (BSc, MSc, and PhD students) who are to *study* in Greenland may enter Greenland without a study permit and may stay in Greenland for up to 90 days within a period of 180 days. Persons subject to a visa requirement must have a visa/entry permit. An application must be made for a study permit for long-term stays (more than 90 days).

Processing times

The processing time is up to three months. It is therefore important to apply for a permit as soon as possible. Submitting an application for a work or study permit for Greenland is free of charge.

The Danish Agency for International Recruitment and Integration (SIRI) is responsible for processing applications for residence permits for Greenland.

Please note that an application cannot be submitted while the applicant is staying in Greenland, and generally, the permit also cannot be received by the applicant in Greenland.

Corporate HR's Work and Residence Permit Coordinator can be contacted for advice and guidance on the application procedure.

Extensions

Contact HR's Work and Residence Permit Coordinator in good time before an extension of employment, so that an application can be made for an extension of the work and residence permit.

Invitation letter

The invitation letter must be presented on request as documentation of the person in question having been invited to teach or perform similar activities in Greenland. The invitation letter is prepared by the section in collaboration with the course coordinator. HR may be contacted for advice and guidance.

Entry permit (instead of visa)

If a person needs a visa for Greenland while he/she is legally staying in Denmark on a residence permit issued by SIRI, he/she must apply to SIRI for an entry permit.

The application for an entry permit must be sent via email to the Greenland/Faroe Islands functional mailbox fo_gl@siri.dk.

The email must:

- provide information about entry and departure dates from Greenland (plane tickets attached as documentation)
- contain a scan of the residence card (to make sure that the applicant has a residence card, as this is required for when he or she is going back)
- contain a copy of the passport (which must be valid for at least two months after the travel period)
- provide a brief description of the purpose (very brief—e.g.: “we are going to xx town/place for DTU to do zz”).

Certain entry permits are issued by the Danish Immigration Service and not by SIRI.

If a ‘guest’ subject to a visa requirement has entered Denmark on a Schengen visa or has a residence permit in another Schengen country, the Danish Immigration Service can issue an entry permit. In such cases, the application for an entry permit must be submitted to the Danish Immigration Service’s visa office.

In case of an employee with a permanent residence permit, a residence permit on the grounds of family reunification, or a residence permit as a refugee (i.e. the employee’s permit has been issued by the Danish Immigration Service), the Danish Immigration Service may also issue the entry permit.

Generally, SIRI will only issue an entry permit for a single specific period, but following a specific assessment, SIRI may issue an entry permit covering 90 days within a 180-day period. This means that no applications need to be made for additional entry permits within the same ‘season’.

Municipal permit

Applications must be made for municipal permits for non-Greenlandic skilled or unskilled persons being employed in Greenland (service sector such as cook, cleaning, logistics etc.). The application for the permit must be submitted to the relevant municipality, and SIRI is not involved. It is normally a requirement that it has been examined in advance whether Greenlandic labour is available to fill the position. Obtaining a municipal permit should therefore be expected to be a lengthy process.

Applications for municipal permits are not normally required in connection with positions for AC technical/administrative staff or academic positions.

Applications for municipal permits can be submitted to <https://www.suli.gl/virksomheder/udefrakommende-arbejdskraft.aspx>.

HR may be contacted for advice and guidance on municipal permits.

Miscellaneous:

- EU citizens must remember to bring a valid passport to Greenland (must be valid for two months after the stay)
- The consequence of staying and working illegally in Greenland may be a fine and a 12-month entry ban
- Please note that there are also similar special rules on work permits for work stays on the **Faroe Islands**.

Useful links:

www.nyidanmark.dk about visa for Greenland: [https://www.nyidanmark.dk/da/Du-vil-ansøge/Kortophold-\(Visum\)/Visum-til-Grønland-og-Færøerne?anchor=469FFEEF7C9545F594CC7078CC6219D1](https://www.nyidanmark.dk/da/Du-vil-ansøge/Kortophold-(Visum)/Visum-til-Grønland-og-Færøerne?anchor=469FFEEF7C9545F594CC7078CC6219D1)

www.nyidanmark.dk about work stays in Greenland: <https://www.nyidanmark.dk/da/Du-vil-ansøge/Færøerne-og-Grønland/Arbejde-i-Grønland>