

Appendix 3

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As EASS is a school **with a highly special status similarly to ENDC**, the benefits system of the higher education institutions of internal security and national defence have been arranged in a largely similar manner and differently from other universities. In providing the overview, it is important to note the differences between the colleges and whether students come to study through public competition or institutional referral. There are also differences in the level of studies.

The academy awards the **main scholarship, supplementary scholarships and special scholarships**. All types of scholarships are regulated by respective legal acts stipulating the procedure for applying and awarding the scholarship and also its amount. The one with the widest scope of application is the Minister of the Interior Regulation ["The amount, terms and procedure of awarding the scholarship to a student or cadet of the Estonian Academy of Security Sciences"](#) (in Estonian) and the Minister of Justice Regulation ["The amount, terms and procedure of awarding the scholarship to prison officer candidates"](#) (in Est.).

The **main scholarship** is awarded to all students enrolled through public competition (except Master's students who are generally in employment). The scholarship is awarded to students who have not exceeded the nominal period of studies, are not on academic leave, duly attend instruction and comply with the relevant responsibilities of students stipulated in legal acts. The amount of the main scholarship is 260 euros per month that is decreased in case of absence from instruction without a good reason. In other higher education institutions, students can apply for needs-based study allowance with its amount dependent on the household income per person, similarly there are vocational scholarships established for specialities with higher state priority in the amount of 160 euros, in case of very good academic results also 240 euros per month.

The **students of the curriculum of Corrections at the College of Justice** who do not receive remuneration from the Prison Service, also get a monthly **motivational study allowance** from September to July in addition to the main scholarship. The amount of the motivational study allowance is 200 euros per month. The payments are regulated by the Directive of the Director of College of Justice ["The procedure for awarding the motivational study allowance and ensuring accommodation and catering at the College of Justice of EASS"](#) (in Est.)

If possible, supplementary scholarships are awarded to students who have exhibited notable academic results, represented the academy or otherwise contributed to the academy's activities. **Special scholarship for academic performance** in the amount of 100 euros (weighted average grade at least 4.0) and 150 euros (weighted average grade at least 4.6) is paid once a month. The vocational curricula mainly resort to undifferentiated assessment and thus the scholarships are awarded on the basis of the recommendation of the director of the college. For example, in spring 2016/17, altogether 313 students were awarded a scholarship for good academic results and high average grades accounting for 38.7% of the total number of students at the time. The average grade of 73 of them was at least 4.6 and at least 4.0 for the others.

There are also various **special scholarships**: East Viru County scholarship, sports scholarship (nine sports scholarships in the amount of 700 euros awarded every term), Kaarel Eenpalu scholarship, and the scholarship awarded by the institutions of the Mil area of responsibility. The aim of special scholarships is to acknowledge good and excellent results in the internal security studies. The former rector of EASS Priit Männik has established a scholarship of his own name for the best Master's thesis.

Free catering is provided for the vocational students enrolled with public competition at full-time curricula and students of Police Service curriculum with institutional referrals pursuant to the Rector's Directive ["Procedure for catering and reimbursing the catering costs of the students studying in](#)

[vocational and professional higher education curricula in the rescue and police specialities at EASS](#)” (in Est.). In the higher education curricula of daytime studies, free catering is provided at the Rescue, Police and Border Guard College. The students of the curriculum of Corrections cover catering costs from their motivational study allowance. Depending on the student place, the daily food allowance is 4.50 or 5.50 euros.

Free accommodation at EASS dormitories is provided for all vocational students enrolled with public competition at full-time curricula, students of Police Service curriculum with institutional referrals, and in higher education specialities at the Police and Border Guard College pursuant to sections 11 and 12 of § 29 of the [statutes of EASS](#) (in Est.). For the students of other specialities, accommodation is provided in the dormitories pursuant to the established price list. The price of accommodation at EASS is less expensive than in other higher education institutions (e.g. a place in the dormitory of Tallinn University of Applied Sciences costs 66 euros plus utilities charges while a place at EASS in Kase Street is 64 euros with no charges for the utilities; the monthly fee in the dormitories in Paikuse and Väike-Maarja is even less expensive – 40 and 47 euros respectively).

All students of daytime studies are provided a uniform free of charge that must be worn during instruction. The use of uniforms is regulated by EASS guidelines for wearing a uniform and distinguishing marks. **Transport compensation** is paid to the vocational students pursuant to the [Minister of the Interior Regulation No 89, 20.12.15](#).