

**FOR STUDENTS OR TRAINEES CLAIMING EXEMPTION
UNDER ARTICLE 20(1) OF THE INCOME TAX TREATY BETWEEN
THE UNITED STATES AND LATVIA**

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

Procedure 87-8 (Complete and sign the statement below.)

1. I was a resident of the Latvia on the date of my arrival in the United States. I am not a United States citizen. I have not been lawfully accorded the privilege of residing permanently in the United States as an immigrant.
2. I am temporarily present in the United States for the primary purpose of studying or securing training required to qualify me to practice a profession or professional specialty at **Rowan University**.
3. I will receive compensation for personal services performed in the United States. This compensation qualifies for exemption from withholding of federal income tax under the tax treaty between the United States and the Latvia in an amount not in excess of \$5,000 for any taxable year. I have not previously claimed an income tax exemption under this treaty for income received as a teacher, researcher, or student before the date of my arrival in the United States.
4. I will be present in the United States only for such period of time as may be reasonably or customarily required to effectuate the purpose of this visit.
5. I arrived in the United States on _____ (the date of last arrival in U.S. before beginning study at the United States educational institution). I understand that the treaty exemption under Article 20(1) is available only for compensation paid during a period of five taxable years beginning with the taxable year that includes my arrival date.

I certify that the information I have provided above is true, correct and complete, and that statements one through five of Procedure 87-8 apply to me. A copy of the treaty article citation for which I am claiming exemption appears in the box below.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

**INCOME TAX TREATY BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND LATVIA FOR THE
AVOIDANCE OF DOUBLE TAXATION AND THE PREVENTION OF FISCAL EVASION WITH RESPECT
TO TAXES ON INCOME AND CAPITAL**

ARTICLE 20(1)--Students, Trainees, and Researchers

1. a) An individual who is a resident of a Contracting State at the beginning of his visit to the other Contracting State and who is temporarily present in that other Contracting State for the primary purpose of:
 - (i) studying at a university or other accredited educational institution in that other Contracting State, or
 - (ii) securing training required to qualify him to practice a profession or professional specialty; or
 - (iii) studying or doing research as a recipient of a grant, allowance, or award from a governmental, religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational organization; shall be exempt from tax by that other Contracting State with respect to the amounts described in subparagraph b) of this paragraph for a period not exceeding five years from the date of his arrival in that other Contracting State.
- b) The amounts referred to in subparagraph a) of this paragraph are:
 - (i) payments from abroad, other than compensation for personal services, for the purpose of his maintenance, education, study, research, or training;
 - (ii) the grant, allowance, or award; and
 - (iii) income from personal services performed in that other Contracting State in an aggregate amount not in excess of five thousand United States dollars(\$5,000) or its equivalent in Latvian lats for any taxable year.

SUPPLEMENTARY PAYROLL QUESTIONS:

(Check appropriate boxes below and supply requested information.)

- A. Current Visa classification: ☐ F-1 Student ☐ F-1 Practical Trainee
☐ J-1 Student ☐ J-1 Practical Trainee
☐ Other: _____
Date you received visa classification: _____
Date of visa expiration: _____
- B. Have you already claimed exemption under the Tax Treaty Article 20(1) in the current calendar year?
☐ YES.
☐ NO.
Have you ever claimed exemption under the Tax Treaty Article 20(1) in previous years?
☐ YES. (List the calendar years you claimed the exemption. _____)
☐ NO.
- C. Were you ever a student at another U.S. educational institution obtaining education, training, or special technical experience?
☐ YES. (List the name of the educational institution. _____
and list the date of graduation, if appropriate. _____)
☐ NO.

POLICIES REGARDING TAX TREATY EXEMPTIONS AT THE UNIVERSITY

According to the Latvia treaty article, the first \$5,000 of compensations paid to you in the calendar year may be exempt from tax. The \$5,000 limit is for each calendar year; you may not claim the treaty benefit at the University of Chicago and at another institution within the same calendar year.

Should your calendar year earnings exceed the \$5,000 limit (or if your U.S. stay exceeds the 5-year exemption period) and you notice that no Federal or State tax has yet been withheld from your paycheck, it is your responsibility to inform the Payroll Department immediately, (856) 256-4500 ext 64166.

It is also your responsibility to maintain the appropriate, *unexpired*, "employment-authorized" or student visa classification during the period that you are receiving the benefits of this tax treaty exemption and employed at the University.

You must complete the Form 8233 and 87-8 Revenue Procedure Statement for each calendar year (or portion of the calendar year) in which you claim the tax exemption. You are also required to file the appropriate tax return at calendar year-end.

Please certify your acknowledgment of the policies presented above by signing below.

SIGNATURE	CONTACT PHONE NUMBER:

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