

# Gate Pass Management System - Flutter App

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A beautiful, feature-rich Flutter application for managing gate passes in educational institutions, built with Material Design 3 and a vibrant yellow theme.

## Features

- **Beautiful UI:** Modern design with custom yellow theme (#FFB703)
- **Role-based Access:** Separate dashboards for Students, Teachers, Admins, and Security
- **QR Code Integration:** Generate and scan QR codes for gate passes
- **Real-time Updates:** Live data synchronization with backend
- **Smooth Animations:** Engaging user experience with custom animations
- **Responsive Design:** Works great on all screen sizes

## Architecture

- **State Management:** Provider pattern for clean state management
- **Navigation:** GoRouter for type-safe navigation
- **API Integration:** HTTP client with proper error handling
- **Local Storage:** SharedPreferences for authentication persistence
- **Camera Integration:** QR code scanning capabilities

## Getting Started

### Installation

#### 1. Clone and Setup

```
# Create new Flutter project
flutter create gate_pass_flutter
cd gate_pass_flutter

# Replace pubspec.yaml with the provided one
# Copy all the provided Dart files to their respective locations
```

#### 2. Update Dependencies

```
flutter pub get
```

#### 3. Configure API Endpoint

Update `lib/services/api_service.dart` with your backend URL:

```
// For local development
static const String baseUrl = 'http://localhost:3001/api';

// For Android emulator
static const String baseUrl = 'http://10.0.2.2:3001/api';

// For physical device (replace with your computer's IP)
static const String baseUrl = 'http://192.168.1.XXX:3001/api';
```

#### 4. Add Permissions (Android)

Add to `android/app/src/main/AndroidManifest.xml`:

```
<uses-permission android:name="android.permission.CAMERA" />
<uses-permission android:name="android.permission.INTERNET" />
```

#### 5. Run the App

```
flutter run
```

#### 6. API Connection Failed

- Check backend is running on correct port
- Verify API base URL in `api_service.dart`
- For Android emulator, use `10.0.2.2` instead of `localhost`

#### 7. QR Scanner Not Working

- Ensure camera permissions are granted
- Test on physical device (emulator camera may not work)
- Check `qr_code_scanner` package compatibility

#### 8. Build Errors

- Run `flutter clean` && `flutter pub get`
- Check Flutter and Dart SDK versions
- Verify all dependencies are compatible

### Performance Tips

- Use `const` constructors where possible
- Implement proper disposal in stateful widgets
- Optimize image loading with `cached_network_image`
- Use `ListView.builder` for large lists

For setup issues or questions about the Flutter app, please refer to:

- Flutter documentation: <https://docs.flutter.dev>
- Provider documentation: <https://pub.dev/packages/provider>
- Your backend API documentation