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## Extra busy at the IND in the Summer months

In the Summer it is extra busy at the IND. We receive relatively many applications and many employees are on vacation. We try to meet the target decision periods as often as possible. However, you may have to wait a little longer for a decision than usual. This applies to the months of July, August and September. We ask for your understanding on this.

## Pay attention to the visibility of dry stamp on Nigerian documents

Are you applying for a Nigerian employee or family member? Then check whether the [legalisation of official documents](#) is clearly visible on the copy you submit. Nigerian documents must, among other things, have a dry stamp by the Nigerian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The dry stamp is sometimes unclear on the copies of documents that the IND receives. As a result, we cannot properly assess whether the documents have been legalised. We must then ask you for a new copy before we can make a decision on the application.

## Pension payments cannot be counted as part of the wage criterion

The pension payment that an employer pays for an employee does not count cannot be counted as part of the [salary criterion](#). Pension payments are not part of the gross salary and are not on the pay slip.

## Announcement of changes to European Blue Card regulations

On 20 October 2021, a revised directive for the [European Blue Card](#) was adopted. The changes compared to the old directive still have to be processed into national regulations. The new rules are likely to come into effect at the end of 2023. Before then, you will receive more information about this, including in this newsletter.

## Cooperating Service closed on 22 August and 11 September in the morning

The Cooperating Service (Ketenservice) is closed on a couple of days this year between 9:00 and 13:00. During the upcoming period, this concerns the following days:

- Thursday 22 August

- Tuesday 11 September

Waiting times may be longer than usual on these days. And so it is better to call the next day or later in the week. Thank you for your cooperation.