

Your rights under this residence permit

- You can live in the Netherlands as long as your residence permit is valid. You must continue to meet all conditions until your permit expires. This also applies to the (recognised) sponsor. Do you or the (recognised) sponsor no longer meet the requirements? The IND can then withdraw your residence permit.
- You identify yourself with your valid residence permit in the Netherlands.
- You may stay up to go out of 180 days in another Schengen country, for example on holiday. You do have to take your passport and residence permit with you.
For more information on the Schengen area visit ind.nl/schengenarea.

What to do after you receive your first residence permit

- **You register with the municipality**
You do this with the Personal Records Database (*in Dutch: Basisregistratie Personen or BRP*) of the municipality where you live if you have not done so already. When you register, the municipality will also give you a citizen service number (*in Dutch: burgerservicenummer or BSN*). For more information on the BSN and registration of foreign documents visit government.nl or call 1400.
- **You have a TB examination**
On the application form, did you state that you will have yourself tested for tuberculosis (TB)? If so, make an appointment at the Municipal Health Service (*in Dutch: Gemeenschappelijke Gezondheidsdienst or GGD*) near you. Bring appendix 7604 - TB test referral form to the appointment. Do this as soon as possible, but at least within 3 months after you have received the residence permit.
- **You take out health insurance**
Have you not yet taken out health insurance in the Netherlands? Do this as soon as possible. Do you have a residence permit for study, working holiday (WHS/WHP) or cultural exchange? It is enough to have foreign health insurance with coverage in the Netherlands. Unless you are going to work. In that case you must take out Dutch health insurance. For more information visit government.nl or call 1400.
- **You must integrate in the Netherlands**
For more information on civic integration visit inburgeren.nl/en.

Staying outside of the Netherlands

Your main residence must be in the Netherlands. This means that you are staying in the Netherlands for most of the year. Are you staying outside the Netherlands for more than 6 months in a row? Or are you staying outside the Netherlands for more than 4 months in a row each year, for 3 years in a row? Then the IND can withdraw your residence permit, or not renew it. For more information about main residence in the Netherlands, visit ind.nl/mainresidence.

Changes in your situation

Do you no longer live with your partner or spouse? Did you quit your studies? Or are you changing universities? Do you have another employer? Or have you lost your job? Has your income changed, and do you therefore not meet the income requirements anymore? These are all changes in your situation that affect your residence permit. Therefore, you have to notify the IND of these kind of changes. Go to ind.nl/en/report-changes-in-situation.

Your obligations

You are obliged to notify the IND of changes in your situation. Legally, this is called the obligation to provide information. Also (recognised) sponsors have a few legal obligations. A sponsor is, for example, your spouse, partner, educational institution, or employer. Do you or your sponsor not meet the legal obligations? The IND can give you an administrative fine. Go to ind.nl/en/obligations-foreign-national-and-sponsor-of-family-member or ind.nl/en/obligations-of-sponsor-and-recognised-sponsor.

What to do if your permit is stolen, lost, damaged or includes errors

Has your residence permit been stolen or lost? Is the document damaged or does it contain incorrect details? Apply for a new residence permit on ind.nl/en. In the event of theft or loss, you must first report it to the police.

Processing of personal details

The IND processes personal details when it processes your application, notification, or request. When doing so, the IND strictly adheres to the provisions of privacy legislation. On ind.nl/en/privacy you can find out how the IND processes your details and which rights you have.

Would you like to know more about your residence in the Netherlands?



ind.nl/en



log in on ind.nl/en/my-ind



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