

Relocation Resource



Congratulations! You found a new job and you are relocating to the Netherlands. This document will help you get up to speed with what you need as you prepare for this big change.



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Visa, Registration & Other Key Information

Firstly, you will need to legalize and translate your documents if they are not in English, French, German or Dutch. Find your country on [Netherlands Worldwide](#). For translation, the translator needs to be certified by a Dutch court - [Bureau Wbtv](#).

- Check the [Schengen Visa Advisor](#) to see if you need a visa.
- More information on the different [Visas for the Netherlands](#).
- [Migration and travel](#) government website.

Check [I am Expat](#) to see if you need to apply for a provisional residence permit (MVV). Just note that this is in addition to the work permit you would apply for with your sponsor.

After moving to the Netherlands you need to register with the [local municipality](#), get your BSN number and use this to open a bank account, get health insurance, and apply for benefits or allowances.

Some Major Banks are:

- [ABN AMRO](#)
- [ING](#)
- [Rabobank](#)
- [SNS-bank](#)

Some Online Banks are:

- [Bunq](#)
- [N26](#)



Everyone in the Netherlands is obliged to take out health insurance, even if you are only living and working in the country for a short time. Check out these [health insurance comparison websites](#) to find the most suitable package:

- [Independer](#)
- [Zorgwijzer](#)

HOUSING

Looking for a place to stay will likely be your biggest challenge. For some affordable options check out:

- [Funda](#)
- [Pararius](#)

[I am Expat](#) also shows real estate agents who can help make the process less painful. If you are open to sharing a space check out:

- [Expatica Housing](#)
- [Expats Rentals](#)

WORKING CULTURE

This [Netherlands and You](#) guide gives you more information about the Netherlands and its culture. Have a read-through to familiarise yourself before you travel.

[The Hague International Centre](#) provides some helpful information on Dutch working culture. For more information on working in the Netherlands also check out:

- [Expatica](#)
- [Business Culture](#)



COMMUNITIES & COWORKING SPACES

There are many business, family, culture, LGBTQ and sports groups and clubs that you could join, you should check them out on [I Amsterdam](#).

If coworking spaces are your thing then check out [Coworker](#) - could be a cool place to meet other people.

If you are interested in adding to your tech skills and meeting people at the same time attending a [Coding Bootcamp](#) is not a bad idea.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

[Here](#) you can find all you need to know about the different types of transportation available.

Trains: [Costs and routes](#)

COST OF LIVING

For the cost of living in Amsterdam vs Elsewhere check out [Numbeo](#).



WELCOME TO NL

INCOME TAX & BENEFITS

This [government website](#) has a lot of information about taxes - have a read-through or utilise this nifty [calculator](#). It will help you get an idea of how much income tax you will need to pay according to your salary.

If relocating from over 150 km from the Dutch border you are eligible for a tax incentive also known as the 30% tax ruling, read more on [I Amsterdam](#).

[This government website](#) shows some mandatory benefits that you would be eligible for when working in the Netherlands. [Here](#) is another link with that summarises some of the information.

LANGUAGE LEARNING RESOURCES

If you are looking to learn some Dutch, check out:

- [Duolingo](#)
- [Drops](#)

If you are based in Amsterdam and have a residence permit you can follow a free Dutch course on [Amsterdam.nl](#).

Here are some Dutch phrases to get you going:

English	Dutch
Hi	Hoi / Hallo
Bye	Daag / Doei
Please	Alstublieft
Thank you	Dank u wel / Dank je wel
Yes	Ja
No	Nee
Cheers	Proost

EXPAT BLOGS ON LIVING IN THE CITY

There is so much to learn from those who have done this move before you, from what you need to do to prepare for this change to how you can make the most of your time in this new country.

Check out:

- [I am Expat](#)
- [Expat Arrivals](#)
- [I Amsterdam](#)

All the best with your new role
and until next time, Proost!

