

Your official starting point to studying in the Netherlands

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Information package on studying in the
Netherlands for international students



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Start learning Dutch

Practically everyone in the Netherlands speaks English. You will notice that the Dutch are very understanding to non-Dutch speakers and will switch to English to make things easier for you. But still, it can be helpful to learn a bit of Dutch. Knowing the language will help you better understand Dutch culture and society.

It is also very useful to know some Dutch if you want to do an internship or find a part time job. In some cases, it may even be a requirement. Once you start improving your Dutch language skills, you will find it easier to interact with your Dutch friends and colleagues. It also looks good on your CV because language skills are always a plus.



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Residence permit | Study - IND

For all inquiries regarding residence permits, please check with the website of the [IND](#)

Housing

Be aware that the Netherlands is dealing with a severe housing shortage. There is not enough student housing to accommodate everyone. That's why it's very important to arrange your housing as soon as possible. As it's not easy at all finding a good place, this is something you have to arrange before arriving in the Netherlands



[Watch our useful animation video about housing in the Netherlands](#)

To Do after Arrival

After you have arrived in the Netherlands, settled in your new house and explored your new city a bit, there are a couple of practical actions to take.



[Watch our useful animation videos about what to do after arrival \(click on the topic\)](#)

- [Register with the municipality and get your BSN](#)
- [Open a bank account](#)
- [Apply for health insurance](#)
- [Insure your stuff](#)
- [Register with a GP \(General Practitioner\)](#)

Health insurance

The Netherlands has a very accessible healthcare system of high-quality care. On this page you can find information about healthcare services available and how to get access to them. By law, you must have healthcare insurance. The type of healthcare insurance you need depends on your personal situation. You can access healthcare services with a Dutch basic public health insurance, a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) and with a private healthcare insurance.



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Student Life

Most of the student life in the Netherlands happens off-campus. Although the buildings of a single university might be spread throughout a city and only some higher education institutions have campuses, they do have a real student culture.

Each institution has a network of associations that bring students together for academic activities, sports and recreation. All of these associations are run by students, and some of them are internationally oriented. Two of the larger international student associations are [AIESEC](#) and the [Erasmus Student Network \(ESN\)](#).

Many cities also have several separate student associations, not connected to any institution. And there are usually pubs, restaurants and other meeting places where many students hang out.

Getting around

You don't really need a car to get around in the Netherlands.

Public transport

The Netherlands is a small country and public transport will take you almost anywhere you want to go. Consider buying a rail card; it really is worth the investment. The Netherlands has a dense railway network that offers frequent service and is the quickest way to travel between city centres.

For public transport travel information, including detailed travel directions, visit the [9292 door-to-door journey planner](#).



[Watch our useful animation video about public transport](#)

Working while studying

If you want to work alongside your studies while staying in the Netherlands, there are some things to keep in mind.

Do you need a work permit when you are self-employed? How about when you do an internship? And how many hours are you allowed to work as an international student? In their flyer [Working while studying in the Netherlands](#) the Dutch Ministry of Social Affairs and Employment answers these questions and more.



[Watch our useful animation video about working while studying](#)



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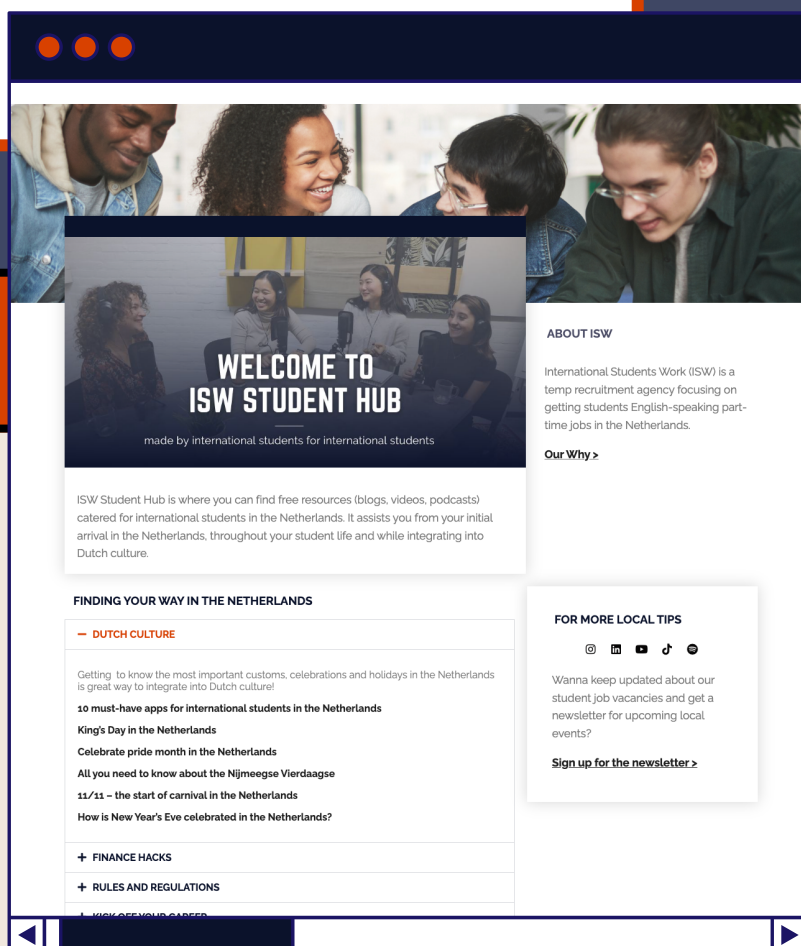
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Make sure you are properly insured. What is your situation?

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- EU citizen? Bring a valid EHIC and optional international health insurance.
- Non-EU-citizen? Take out international health insurance.
- From the Dutch Caribbean? Check [zvl.tips](https://www.zvl.tips)

Internship

Do you receive an internship allowance that is equal to or higher than the minimum wage in the Netherlands? Take out Dutch basic health insurance.

Is your wage lower? Bring your EHIC and/or optional international health insurance.

Work or (part-time) job

Take out Dutch basic health insurance from the first day of work.

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Find relevant student-side-jobs via our [jobportal](#)

The Netherlands is a great country, but definitely not cheap! We experienced that international students are eager to find a (side) job besides their studies but have a hard time finding employers who are willing to hire internationals. Student Mobility has a network of companies and employers who have no problem to do. Student Mobility will find the right match and introduce you to each other.

[Visit our website to get the full overview!](#)

Gedragsgcode Hoger Onderwijs

Dear international student,

Welcome to higher education in the Netherlands! We hope that you will have a fruitful and pleasant stay in our country while achieving your educational goals.

To protect your interests as an international student in the Netherlands, the Dutch universities of applied sciences and research universities committed themselves to the Code of Conduct International Student in Higher Education. The Code of Conduct ensures that certain minimum standards are upheld for international students. For instance, the institutions must provide international students with clear and unambiguous information about the education they offer, quality thereof and the value of the degree to be obtained as well as the selection, admission and guidance of international students.

An independent National Commission monitors the institutions' compliance with the Code of Conduct through research and handling complaints. Did you know that any party concerned, believing that a higher education institution has not acted in accordance with the Code of Conduct, can lodge a petition in writing with the National Commission?

Please visit www.internationalstudy.nl for more information about the Code of Conduct and the National Commission, including the right to lodge a petition. Here you can also find information about our indispensable international students advisory board. Perhaps we may welcome you in the future as a member of this board!

Warmest regards,

The bureau of the National Commission Code of Conduct International Student in Higher Education