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Residence permit for study (TEV)

You wish to study at a university or a university of applied sciences in the Netherlands. You need a residence permit to study in the Netherlands. What are the conditions for this residence permit? And how does the application procedure work? The procedure and conditions also apply to exchange students.

Do you have a valid residence permit for study issued by another Member State of the European Union and do you want to pursue part of your study programme in the Netherlands? Then you may be eligible for [Intra EU-mobility](#).

Conditions

There are [certain conditions](#) that apply to everyone. In addition, you and your educational institution have to meet the following conditions (these procedure and conditions also apply to exchange students):

- You have (provisionally) been accepted by a university or university of applied sciences as a student to a full-time accredited day programme. This university or university of applied sciences is a recognised sponsor. Recognised educational institutions are listed in the [Public Register of Recognised Sponsors](#).
- You have an [independent sufficient and sustainable income](#).
- You obtain at least 50% of the required credits for each academic year. This is called [study progress monitoring](#).

[Other conditions](#) may apply for Turkish nationals and their family members.

Prepare for the education

Do you still need to pass subjects to meet the conditions to start your education? A Dutch or English language course for example? You can have a one-time maximum period of 12 months to prepare for your studies.

Do you have your bachelor's degree and you are going to continue a master's programme? It is then possible to again make use of a maximum of 12 months to prepare for your master's programme.

Your educational institution determines the conditions of your education. Are you going to follow an education taught in the English language? You must pass or have passed the following IELTS score:

- You instantly start your main education: IELTS 6.0
- You follow a preparatory period of a maximum period of 12 months: IELTS 5.0
- You follow a preparatory period of a maximum period of 6 months: IELTS 5.5

In addition to IELTS, there are other accepted language tests: TOEFL, TOEIC and Cambridge English grades & scale. Please contact your educational institution for more information.

Checklist

The educational institution has a list of documents that you need. You have to have official foreign documents [legalised and translated](#) into Dutch, English, French or German.

An accredited education is an education for which the NVAO or a foreign authority that accredits education has provided written guarantee that the education meets certain quality standards. The accreditation ensures that the education is of sound quality.

A sponsor is a person, company, school or organisation that has an interest in the transfer of a foreign national/ foreign nationals. An organisation has to be recognised as a sponsor by the IND if it wants to apply for residence permits for au pairs, exchange students, students, highly skilled migrants and scientific researchers within the Directive 2016/801/EC.

Application procedure It is the educational institution that submits your application. At the educational establishment they will inform you as to the procedures to be followed.

Costs

The application for the TEV procedure costs money. The [fees](#) are paid on your behalf by your educational institution upon submitting the application. Please check with your educational institution as how to pay the fees to the educational institution itself. The fees will not be refunded if your application is refused.

The costs for legalising documents differ for each country. For a specification of the costs, please contact the authorities in your country of origin. The Dutch Embassy or Consulate in your country of origin may charge you for additional costs (for example, costs for faxing).

Note

Validity residence permit

The residence permit for study is valid for the duration of your education plus 3 months. You can get 1 extra year for a preparatory education or a transition year, for example to learn Dutch. The residence permit is issued for a maximum period of 5 years.

Right to work

On the back of your residence permit it says 'Tewerkstellingsvergunning (TWV) vereist voor arbeid van bijkomende aard, andere arbeid in loondienst niet toegestaan'. This means the following:

Work in paid employment

You may only work in paid employment if your employer has a work permit (TWV) for you. You are then allowed to work:

- for a maximum of 16 hours a week; **or**
- full-time during the summer months June, July and August.

Please note! If you work for more hours than allowed or if your employer was not issued a TWV for you, then you are (unintentionally) working illegally. This is being monitored by the SZW Inspectorate. In case of an infringement, the IND will contact the educational institute where you are studying. The Inspectorate will then fine the employer for illegal employment.

Work on a self-employed basis

In addition to your studies, you are allowed to work in the Netherlands as a self employed individual, as long

as you continue to meet the requirements for your residence permit for study. There is no limit to the amount of hours that you are allowed to work as a self employed individual. Also, you do not need a working permit (TWV).

You need to register your company in the Dutch Chamber of Commerce (Kamer van Koophandel). You need to pay [taxes](#) yourself. You might be obliged to take out Dutch public healthcare insurance ([basisverzekering](#)).

Internship

If you are going to do an internship in the Netherlands you do not need a TWV if the internship is relevant to your study. You and your educational institution must have signed an internship agreement with the company where you will do your internship. You can find more information on doing an internship in the Netherlands at [Nuffic](#).

Temporarily studying outside of the Netherlands (other than Intra EU-mobility)

Are you temporarily going abroad for your studies and are you not staying in the Netherlands within the context of intra EU-mobility? You cannot be abroad for more than 12 months in a row. If you stay abroad for more than 12 months, the IND can revoke your residence permit. Even when you are studying abroad or are doing an internship, the [study progress monitoring](#) continues to apply.

You are temporarily following parts of your studies in another member state of the European Union, within the context of intra EU-mobility

Are you temporarily going to another member state of the European Union, within the context of intra EU-mobility? You are allowed to reside in another EU member state to follow part of your studies for a maximum of 360 days, while maintaining your Dutch residence permit.

You can make use of of the intra EU-mobility if your residence is part of a Union or multilateral program comprising mobility measures or a treaty between 2 or more higher education institutions.

Are you going to make use of the intra EU-mobility? Your educational institute in the Netherlands has to notify the IND no later than 4 weeks prior to the start of the mobility. In order to do so, the educational institution submits the notification form to the IND.

Legal obligations

There are a number of legal obligations that apply [to you](#) and [your educational institution](#). The IND monitors your compliance with these legal obligations. Failure to meet these legal obligations [may have consequences](#).