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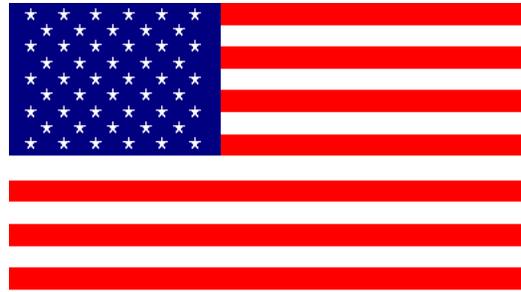


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The information contained in this guide has been compiled to assist American citizens intending to reside in the Netherlands. To our knowledge, the information contained herein was accurate at the time of compilation. However, if you discover any discrepancies, or have suggestions regarding information which you believe should be included, please let us know. The guide is not intended to be totally comprehensive, but rather to answer some of the basic questions you may now have, and provide you with an insight into everyday life in Dutch society. We hope that you will find it useful and wish you a pleasant sojourn in the Kingdom of the Netherlands

EMERGENCIES

THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY NUMBER FOR POLICE, FIRE, OR AMBULANCE IS 112.

POLICE	0900-8844
AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL Museumplein 19, 1071 DJ Amsterdam	020 575 5309
AMERICAN EMBASSY Lange Voorhout 102 2514 EJ The Hague	070 310 9209 070 310 9499 (After Hours)

The American Embassy and Consulate General are closed on Dutch and American holidays (see page 3).

CONSULAR INFORMATION HOTLINE

The U.S. Department of State has a call center to provide information on worldwide situations, which may affect American Citizens. Operators are available Monday through Friday: 8am to 8pm, EST, and during crisis situations: 24 hours a day.

FROM OVERSEAS (TOLL CALL): 001-317-472-2328 IN THE U.S. 1-888-407-4747

Or visit the Department of State website at www.travel.state.gov

IF DISASTER STRIKES

Brochures on disaster relief are available from your local city hall (Gemeentehuis). Local authorities advise upon hearing the disaster siren, to go inside your home immediately, and close the doors and windows. If you are outside or in a vehicle, you should leave the vehicle and, if unable to return to your home, find shelter in a building as soon as possible. Do not visit the disaster site or use the phone unless it is absolutely necessary. Keeping the phone lines and roads free will assist the emergency services in dealing with the disaster.

The emergency radio frequencies for the four major cities are:

Amsterdam	93.3 FM Radio North Holland (Cable) 95.2 FM Radio North Holland
Rotterdam	93.4 FM Radio Rijnmond
The Hague	88.4 FM Radio West
Utrecht	100.7 FM Radio West

If you reside in an area not covered by the foregoing, you should contact your local city hall for the emergency radio frequency.

The national alarm siren is tested at 12:00 on the first Monday of each month.

**UNITED STATES DIPLOMATIC & CONSULAR
REPRESENTATION IN THE NETHERLANDS:**

Embassy of the United States of America 070 310 9209
Lange Voorhout 102 070 310 9499 After Hours
2514 EJ The Hague

Consulate General of the United States of America 020 575 5309
Museumplein 19
1071 DJ Amsterdam

The Embassy also hosts the following United States Government Agencies:

U.S. Foreign Commercial Service,
U.S. Dept. of Agriculture,
Public Diplomacy

The Consulate General is responsible for providing all American consular services in the Netherlands. Public hours 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM, Mondays through Fridays, except on official American and Dutch holidays. The switchboard: 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM and 1:30 - 5:15 PM.

AMERICAN (A) AND DUTCH (D) HOLIDAYS IN 2004

A/D	Thursday	January 1	New Year's Day
A	Monday	January 19	Martin Luther King Day
A	Monday	February 16	Washington's Birthday
D	Friday	April 9	Good Friday
D	Monday	April 12	Easter Monday
D	Friday	April 30	Queen's Day
D	Wednesday	May 5	Liberation Day
D	Thursday	May 20	Ascension Day
D	Monday	May 31	Whitmonday
A	Monday	May 31	Memorial Day
A	Monday	July 5	Independence Day
A	Monday	September 6	Labor Day
A	Monday	October 11	Columbus Day
A	Thursday	November 11	Veterans Day
A	Thursday	November 25	Thanksgiving Day
A/D	Friday	December 24	Christmas Day
*D	Sunday	December 26	2 nd Christmas Day
A/D	Friday	December 31	New Year's Day

SERVICES RENDERED BY THE CONSULATE GENERAL:

- Issuance, amendments, and extensions of U.S. passports.
- Reports of births, deaths, and registration of American citizens residing in the Netherlands.
- Advice concerning acquisition, loss and transmission of U.S. citizenship.
- Assistance in death or welfare cases involving American citizens.
- Assistance in estate cases when the deceased was not residing in the Netherlands.
- Assistance to American citizens incarcerated in the Netherlands.
- Provision of absentee voter registration and balloting information.
- Selective Service registration.
- Shipping and Seamen services.
- Notarial & Related Services: Affidavits and acknowledgements.
- Notarization of absentee ballots.
- Assistance in setting up depositions.
- Issuance of Immigrant visas, and providing information on U.S.
- Permanent Resident status, alien registration cards, re-entry permits and refugee status.
- Issuance of Non-immigrant visas.

SERVICES NOT RENDERED BY THE CONSULATE GENERAL:

- Perform marriage ceremonies.
- Cash checks or loan money.
- Furnish bail.
- Procure employment.
- Handle mail.
- Act as a travel agency, bank, attorney, or policeman.
- Arrange for a residence permit, work permit, or driver's license.
- Act as interpreters.
- Search for missing luggage.
- Settle disputes with hotel managers or landlords.
- Provide legal advice.
- Renew or replace documents issued by State authorities.
- Renew or replace driver's licenses.
- Store personal property.
- Furnish housing.
- Issue visas for foreign countries. (See page 11)

REGISTRATION OF AMERICAN CITIZENS:

American citizens abroad may wish to register at the American Consulate. The registration provides a record of citizenship and a useful reference in the event of an accident or an emergency. Registration as a resident of the Netherlands is done at the American Consulate General in Amsterdam. The information is kept confidential and will not be released without your prior approval.

REGISTRATION OF BIRTH:

The birth of a child in the Netherlands must be reported to the local authorities (Bevolkingsregister, usually located at the Town Hall) within three work days. The person reporting the birth must submit the marriage certificate and the passports or other identification of the parents. Request an international extract when registering with local authorities since it is required for the American Report of Birth Abroad. The birth of an American child should be reported to the American Consulate at your earliest convenience. Please contact the American Consulate before visiting to confirm the correct documentary requirements.

THE NETHERLANDS

THE COUNTRY

The Kingdom of the Netherlands is a small, flat country encompassing approximately 16,000 square miles (about the size of South Carolina). About half of its area is below sea level, making dykes a pre-requisite for the use of the land. Land reclamation is a major Dutch pre-occupation and their success in this field may best be measured by the establishment of their twelfth province, Flevoland, on January 1, 1986. The Netherlands is bordered on the east by Germany, on the south by Belgium and on the North and West by the North Sea.

The Netherlands has a temperate climate with mild winters seldom falling below 15 degrees and cool summers rarely higher than 80 degrees Fahrenheit. The warmest period falls between June and September, the other months being either cool or cold. Winter is drab and dreary, and the damp cold is penetrating. There are heavy early morning and late evening fogs in the fall and winter, which can make driving tricky.

THE DUTCH PEOPLE AND POPULATION

The population of the Netherlands is approximately 16 million. Density is concentrated heavily in the western part of the country, referred to as the "randstad". The Netherlands is one of the most densely populated countries in the world, with an average of 459 people per square kilometer, 21 times the population density of the United States.

Religion has been a powerful influence in shaping Dutch history, institutions, and attitudes, and is closely interrelated with social and political life. Religious freedom is a guaranteed right embedded in the Dutch constitution.

Dutch (Nederlands) is the national language. English, however, is widely spoken and understood, as are several other European languages. Frisian is the second official language but is only spoken in the northern province of Friesland.

POLITICAL STRUCTURE

The Netherlands is a constitutional monarchy, with a parliamentary system. Queen Beatrix is the head of State; she acceded to the throne in 1980 after her mother, Juliana, abdicated.

Under the constitution, ministers rather than the monarch are responsible for parliament. Parliament consists of two houses, the Upper House (Eerste Kamer) consisting of 75 members elected by the Provincial Councils, and the Lower House (Tweede Kamer) with 150 members elected by universal suffrage of all electors over the age of 18. The houses are comparable to the American Congress: the Upper House equivalent to the Senate, and the Lower House equivalent to the House of Representatives.

COMMUNICATIONS

Telephone

The largest share of the telephone services market is held by the KPN, a publicly owned entity. The remainder is held mainly by WorldCom, Vodafone, T-mobile Telfort, Dutchtone. Installation of a telephone can be effected within a few days. Most countries with automatic switching equipment can be dialed directly, and quality is comparable to that found in the U.S. You should receive a local telephone directory when your telephone is connected. In the directory are order forms for helpful publications like "Telephoning Internationally," which contains most international country and city codes needed for direct dialing. Directory assistance can be reached by dialing 0900-8008 (local), and 0900-8418 (international). U.S. calling card companies can be accessed by dialing 0800-022 9111 (AT&T), 0800-023-5103 (MCI) and 0800-022 9119 (SPRINT).

Radio and TV

Radio and television reception is excellent. Radio and television programs are generally broadcast twenty-four hours a day. In addition, both radio and television programs from neighboring countries, some in English, can be received on regular domestic equipment. The rapid spread of satellite broadcasting has greatly increased the availability of international programming through local cable networks in many communities.

The electricity supply in the Netherlands is 220 volts, AC 3 phase, 50 cycles. Step-down transformers are available on the local market. Voltage level is stable and blackouts are extremely rare. In most areas of the Netherlands natural gas is used for heating and cooking, which requires adjustments to appliances imported from the U.S.

The television and video system is PAL, and is therefore, not compatible with NTSC, the system prevalent in the United States. Home electronic equipment brought from the United States is awkward and expensive to convert for local use.

Newspapers, magazines and books

Bookstores in the major cities and in train stations stock a fairly wide variety of English language books and newspapers. U.S. magazines, including international editions of Time, Newsweek, Businessweek and Fortune are all available locally. Prices, however, are about twice those in the U.S. There are large selections of English language books in public libraries.

LIVING IN THE NETHERLANDS

RESIDENCE PERMITS

If you intend to stay in the Netherlands for more than three months, or if you intend to seek employment, you must apply to a Netherlands diplomatic or consular representative in your country of residence, for a residence permit. If you intend to work in the Netherlands, you will need a work permit. This permit is issued by the labor office (Arbeidsbureau) in the city of your employment. Upon arrival in the Netherlands you must report to the Foreign Police in your place of residence within eight days to apply for a residence permit. If you came to the Netherlands as a tourist and wish to change your status to that of a resident, you must apply to the immigration authorities (Foreign Police at the local police station) for a residence permit.

Residence permits are issued by the Foreign Police, with maximum validity of one year and must be renewed upon expiration. Sponsoring of common law dependents is permitted under Dutch law at the discretion of local authorities. Minors (under eighteen years of age) are not permitted to reside independently in the Netherlands. Permits issued to dependents are reviewed should circumstances change in the relationship. Dutch law requires that foreigners carry their ID card or passport at all times.

Some of the requirements to be fulfilled when applying for a residence permit include undergoing a medical examination, providing proof of your ability to support yourself, and acquiring medical insurance. The permit may be subject to restrictions pertaining to the purpose of your stay (e.g. work or study). If the purpose of your stay changes, you should notify the Foreign Police. The Foreign Police are generally located at Police Headquarters in the larger cities (with the exception of Amsterdam where the Foreign Police Office is located at Johan Huizingalaan 757, 1066 VH Amsterdam, Postbus 2287, 1000 CG Amsterdam, phone: 020-559 6300, fax: 020-559 6019. Opening hours Monday through Friday 08:00 - 17:00, and in the Town Hall in most of the smaller municipalities. The Foreign Police in The Hague have set up an anonymous help telephone line 070-360 9879, from 8 am to 4 p.m. weekdays. Dutch regulations

require a non-refundable administrative fee of approximately €260.00 for processing residence permit applications. This fee is levied regardless of whether or not a permit is granted.

A Dutch residence permit does not grant the holder the right to live in another EU country. The Netherlands is a signatory to the Schengen Accord. This treaty provides for the free movement of people and goods among the countries which are party to the treaty. However, such movement requires that persons be able to identify themselves whenever called upon to do so by public officials. Identification usually requires the presentation of a passport.

WORK PERMITS

Work permits are issued by the Ministry of Social Affairs in The Hague through the District Labor Bureau (Gewestelijk Arbeidsbureau). The employer must make an application at least 30 days before the beginning of employment. District Labor Bureaus are found in most of the larger cities in the Netherlands. Although the Dutch labor market is open to American citizens, work permits will normally be issued only to persons with special skills, making the prospect of obtaining a work permit by unskilled citizens extremely unlikely.

LEGALIZATION OF CIVIL DOCUMENTS

On October 15, 1981, the Hague Convention Abolishing the Requirement of Legalization for Foreign Public Documents entered into force for the United States. This Convention stipulates that legalization of civil documents must be effected in the country of origin by the competent authority of the originating country by means of an apostille. The competent authority in the United States is usually located in the Secretary of State's Office in the State Capitol. The Department of State in Washington, DC (202) 663-3748, the local city hall (stadhuis), or the American Consulate General in Amsterdam has a listing of the offices providing apostilles in the United States.

BANKING SERVICES

Currency

On January 1, 2002, the Euro became legal tender in twelve European countries, Germany, France, Italy, Spain, Belgium, Portugal, Finland, Ireland, Luxembourg, Greece, Austria and the Netherlands.

The Euro consists of coins and notes in the following denominations:

COINS	NOTES
1 cent	5 Euros
2 cents	10 Euros
5 cents	20 Euros
10 cents	50 Euros
20 cents	100 Euros
50 cents	200 Euros
1 Euro = 100 cents	500 Euros
2 Euros = 200 cents	

Checks and Credit Cards

Personal checks are virtually unknown in the Netherlands. Banks will accept them, but only on collection basis resulting in your account being credited several weeks later, and then, with hefty processing charges. This also applies to money orders, cashier's checks, bank drafts, and U.S. savings bonds. Debit cards are widely used in the Netherlands as a payment medium. Credit card use, while prevalent, is not as widespread as it is in the United States. Automatic Teller Machines offer twenty-four hour accessibility to accounts held at major financial institutions.

TAXES

Tax matters are intricate and a general statement on the subject is bound to disappoint persons seeking tax advice. It is best to consult the local tax bureau (belastingkantoor) or a tax consultant.

Netherlands

Generally speaking, a person taking up residence in the Netherlands is subject to several kinds of taxes, the most important of which are: income tax, capital tax, personal property tax, real estate tax, dividend tax, estate tax, vehicle road tax.

United States

Most United States citizens abroad must file their U.S. Federal Income Tax returns even though their income earned outside the United States may be exempt from U.S. tax. Citizens living abroad who have no legal residence or principal place of business in the United States should file their income tax return with the Director, Internal Revenue Service Center, Philadelphia, PA 19255. Those who have a legal residence or principal place of business in the U.S. should file with the Internal Revenue Service Center for the district in which such legal residence or principal place of business is located.

April 15th is the regular due date for filing calendar year returns. A taxpayer who is outside the United States on April 15 has an automatic extension of time until June 15th for filing. If you take advantage of the two months extension of the due date, you must attach a statement to your return showing you were residing or traveling outside the United States on the regular due date, and pay interest at the rate of 6% (1/2% per month) on any unpaid tax, from the April 15 due date until the date of payment.

An information booklet entitled "Tax Guide for United States Citizens Abroad" is available at U.S. Embassies and Consulates, or may be requested from Internal Revenue Service offices in the United States. State and local tax forms must be obtained from the individual state government.

The IRS office servicing the Netherlands is located at the U.S. Embassy Berlin, Internal Revenue Service, Clayallee 170, 14195 Berlin, Germany, phone: 00-49-30-8305-136/1140, fax: 00-49-30-8305-1145. Additional IRS assistance can also be obtained from the IRS representative who usually visits the Netherlands February/March of each year. Appointments can be made for the IRS representative by calling (020) 575 5319 after January 15.

There are treaties between the United States and the Netherlands to avoid double taxation: one for Income Tax and one for Inheritance Tax. The IRS office will be able to provide more information on these treaties. The conversion rate of the Euro to the Dollar for 2004 tax filing purposes is 0.8882

CUSTOMS

American citizens who transfer their residence in the U.S. to a domicile in the Netherlands may apply for an exemption of import duties on personal effects (like household goods, including a car), provided they have owned and used said effects for at least six months in the United States, and provided further that they have had their domicile outside the European Union Countries (EU) for at least twelve consecutive months preceding their arrival in the Netherlands.

Application for exemption of import duties must be made with the Office of Import Duties (Belastingen, Afdeling Invoerrechten) having jurisdiction over your place of residence in the Netherlands. Detailed information on the subject can be obtained from the Dutch customs authorities (Belastingen: Dienst Invoerrechten en Accijnzen).

Returning residents are entitled to re-import their belongings into the United States after their sojourn abroad. Goods acquired overseas are subject to import duties, which will be levied by U.S. Customs. The United States Customs website is <http://www.customs.ustreas.gov/>

HOUSING

Housing is often difficult to find, and rents vary widely. Family housing of a size to which Americans are accustomed will be expensive in or near the larger cities. In many areas, furnished quarters are easier to find than unfurnished quarters. The term "unfurnished" must be taken literally. The tenant often must provide electric fixtures, stove, refrigerator, water heater, wardrobes, etc. Usually, the owner accepts responsibility only for exterior repairs; interior maintenance and repairs are usually at the tenant's expense. It might be necessary to engage a real estate agent (makelaar), although their fees are high. A municipal housing permit is required to occupy certain houses and apartments; the landlord can advise you on this. Be aware that a verbal commitment can be considered a legally binding contract here.

HEALTH AND MEDICINE

Medical care in the Netherlands is good. Hospitals and medical facilities are well equipped and staffed by competent personnel. The initial point of contact for regular medical services is a general practitioner. Specialist consultation must be accompanied by a referral letter from the GP, since specialists will not accept patients unless they have been referred by a GP. Medical insurance is compulsory in the Netherlands and is a prerequisite to obtaining a residence permit. Emergency medical services, while available from all hospitals, is not free and will be billed to the beneficiary. There is no U.S. medical facility in the Netherlands. While substantial numbers of Dutch medical students and health care professionals undertake part of their training in the United States, the Consulate General does not maintain any listing of these or American medical personnel who have been authorized to practice medicine in the Netherlands.

COMMUNITY HEALTH

Community sanitation is comparable to standards maintained in American urban areas. Garbage is collected once weekly by municipal garbage collectors, and the water supply is good. Public restaurants, butchers, dairies, etc. are inspected regularly. Although most temperate-zone diseases appear here, no particular ailment is peculiar to the Netherlands.

COMMON SENSE TIPS

Busy places such as trains, stations, airport, etc. are attractive spots for pickpockets. Be alert! Do not give them the opportunity!

Here are a number of tips in order to make pick pocketing more difficult:

- Don't take more money with you than you think you are likely to need.
- Keep important items such as your passport, credit cards, and cash separately. Do the same thing with large sums of money.
- Keep your wallet in an inside pocket or a body purse. Never put it on top of your shopping in a shopping bag or basket.
- Take care of your shoulder or handbag. Keep it in front of you. Think about whether you really need it or not.
- Be careful in crowds, you won't notice that you are being robbed.

If you are spoken to by a stranger be alert: his "partner" often takes his chance at this point. If, despite these measures, you are robbed or are witness to a theft, **do not try to be a hero**. Warn others, try to remember a description and **report it to the police immediately**.

ORDERING CHECKS

* The next time you order checks have only your initials (instead of first name) and last name put on them.

* If someone takes your check book they will not know if you sign your checks with just your initials or your first name . Your bank WILL know how you sign your checks.

* When you are writing checks to pay on your credit card accounts, DO NOT put the complete account number on the "For" line. Instead, just put the last four numbers. The credit card company knows the rest of the number and anyone who might be handling your check as it passes through all the check processing channels won't have access to it.

* Put your work phone # on your checks instead of your home phone. If you have a PO Box use that instead of your home or Never have your SS# printed on your checks.

* Place the contents of your wallet on a photocopy machine and make copies of both sides of each license, credit card, etc . You will know what you had in your wallet and all of the account numbers and phone numbers to call and cancel.

* Keep the photocopy in a safe place. Carry a photocopy of your passport whenever you travel.

*Have the toll free numbers and your card numbers handy so you know whom to call. Keep those where you can find them easily.

* File a police report immediately in the jurisdiction where it was stolen . This proves to credit providers you were diligent, and is a first step toward an investigation (if there ever is one).

* Call the three national credit reporting organizations immediately to place a fraud alert on your name and Social Security number. An alert is placed on all of your credit cards which informs any company that checks your credit that your information was stolen , requiring the company to contact you by phone to authorize new credit.

The numbers are:

Equifax: 1-800-525-6285

Experian (formerly TRW): 1-888-397-3742

Trans Union: 1-800-680-7289

Social Security Administration (fraud line): 1-800-269-0271

TRANSPORTATION

DRIVING YOUR CAR

Dutch law requires that all residents of the Netherlands, regardless of nationality, must obtain a Dutch driver's license to operate a motor vehicle. Information regarding the issuance of a Dutch license on the basis of a valid U.S. license may be obtained from the BNOR, a division of the Dutch Driving License Bureau, phone: 070-413 0300.

Applications for revalidation and/or replacement of U.S. driver's licenses must be submitted to the Motor Vehicle Bureau in the state where the original license was issued.

Third party liability insurance is required by law.

Cars are driven on the right-hand side of the road. The national roads and highways are excellent. Newcomers may find driving in town a little disconcerting because of the many cyclists who often make unexpected turns or must be passed at close range. Some city streets have special bicycle paths. In the absence of traffic signs or lights, right-of-way privilege is granted to any vehicle entering from the right unless that vehicle is entering from a private driveway. Roads posted with orange diamonds do not have to yield the right-of-way. The speed limit in cities is usually 30 miles (50 km) per hour and on highways about 70 miles (120 km) per hour. Obviously there are exceptions, particularly where road construction is going on, in built-up, and high volume areas.

Tourists are allowed to drive in the Netherlands on a valid State license, preferably in combination with an International Driver's License, which may be obtained in the United States through AAA.

Driving Your Car – the Examination Questions, is an English Language publication (ISBN 90-679906-20) which might be useful to newcomers.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

The Netherlands has an excellent network of trams, buses, trains, and metros.

MISCELLANEOUS

The Netherlands Tourist Office (V.V.V.), located in most cities, issues guides with information about church services, museums, theaters, operas, concerts, ballets, restaurants, cinemas, and exchange offices.

Useful books and guides about living in the Netherlands, such as Inside Information, At Home in Holland and Living in Holland are available from local bookstores.

ORGANIZATIONS CONDUCTING GENEALOGICAL INVESTIGATIONS:

Centraal Bureau voor Genealogie (Central Office for Genealogy)	Koninklijke Nederlandsch Genootschap voor Geslacht en Wapenkunde (Royal Netherlands Society for Genealogy and Heraldry)
Prins Willem Alexanderhof 22 Postbus 11755 2502 AT The Hague Phone: 070-315 0500	Prins Willem Alexanderhof 24 Postbus 11755 2502 AT The Hague Phone: 070-381-4651

NETHERLANDS BAR ASSOCIATION:

Nederlandse Orde Van Advocaten
Houtweg 60
Postbus 30851
2500 GW The Hague
Phone: 070-342 9191
Fax: 070-365 1909

ADOPTIONS:

Bureau voor Interlandelijke Adoptie,
Raadhuisstraat 32,
3603 AW Maarssen
Phone: 0346-576348

CONSUMER ASSOCIATION:

Consumentenbond
Enthovenplein 1
2500 BA The Hague
Phone: 070-445 4545
Fax: 070-445 4590

CRIME VICTIMS ASSISTANCE

Stichting Slachtofferhulp
Maliesingel 38
3581 BK Utrecht
Phone: 030-234-00116
Fax: 030-231-7655
info@lib-leerstraf.nl

**CRIME VICTIMS
COMPENSATION**

Ministerie van Justitie
Commissie Schadefonds Geweldsmisdrijven
Postbus 2500 20302, 2500 EH The Hague
Phone: 070-381-3990
Fax: 070-381-3313
www.schadefonds.nl

FOREIGN EMBASSIES AND CONSULATES IN THE NETHERLANDS

The United States Consulate General has no authority to issue visas or entry permits for foreign countries. In the event that you will be traveling outside of the Netherlands, it is advisable that you contact the consulate or embassy of the country you plan to visit concerning entry (visa) requirements.

The Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs on the web: www.minbuza.nl provides a list of foreign diplomatic posts in the Netherlands. On the homepage, click on “Missions” and then, “Websites of Foreign Missions in the Netherlands”.

CONVERSION TABLES

Temperature

To convert Fahrenheit to Celsius, subtract 32 degrees and multiply by 5, then divide by nine.

To convert Celsius to Fahrenheit, multiply by 9, divide by 5 and add 32 degrees.

Weight/Mass:

1 milligram (mg) = 0.015 grain
1 gram (g) = 0.035 oz avdp.
1 kilogram (kg) = 2.205 lbs. avdp.

1 grain = 64.799 mg
1 ounce (oz avdp.) = 28.350 g
1 pound (lb. avdp.) = 453.59237 g
1 ton = 1.016 metric ton

Length:

1 millimeter (mm) = 0.03937 in
1 centimeter (cm) = 0.3937 in
1 meter (m) = 39.37 in/1.094 yd
1 kilometer (km) = 0.621mi/3281.5ft

1 inch (in) = 2.54 cm
1 foot (ft) = 0.3048 m
1 yard (yd) = 0.9144 m
1 mile (mi.) = 1.609 km

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Size Conversions:

Ladies' Wear - Dresses and Coats

U.S.A.	4	6	8	10	12
Netherlands	36	38	40	42	44

Blouses & Sweaters

U.S.A.	30	32	34	36	38
Netherlands	38	40	42	44	46

Shoes

U.S.A.	5	6	7	8	9
Netherlands	36	37	38	39	40

Children

U.S.A.	3	4	5	6	7
Netherlands	98	104	110	116	122

Men's Wear - Suits

U.S.A.	34	36	38	40	42
Netherlands	44	46	48	50	52

Shirts (neck size)

U.S.A.	14	14.5	15	15.5	16
Netherlands	36	37	38	39	40

Shoes

U.S.A.	8	9	10	11	12
Netherlands	40.5	41.5	42.5	43.5	44

Resources

The American Consulate General assumes no responsibility for the professional ability or integrity of the persons or firms whose names appear on the following list(s). They are believed to have been accurate at the time of compilation. If there is reference to another database, additional considerations may apply. The list is compiled at random and its primary purpose is an initial reference resource. Administrative considerations, such as limitation of space, are the only factors which determines the inclusion or exclusion of firms or organizations.

SCHOOLS

There are several schools in the Netherlands which offer instruction in English. For detailed information, please contact the schools directly.

<u>Day School</u>	<u>Telephone</u>	<u>Fax</u>	<u>Website</u>
International School of Amsterdam Sportlaan 45 1185 TB Amstelveen Grades: Pre-school – Grade 13	020 347 1111	020 347 1222	www.isa.nl
The British School of Amsterdam Jan van Eijckstraat 21 1077 LG Amsterdam Ages 2-13	020 679 7840		www.britams.nl
The American School of The Hague Rijkstraatweg 200 2241 BX Wassenaar Grades: K-12	070 512 1060	070 511 2400	www.ash.nl
The American International School Verghulstlaan 21 3055 WJ Rotterdam Grades Pre-school – 12	010 422 5351	010 422 4075	www.aisr.nl
International Department Wolfert van Borenselen School Bentincklaan 280 3039 KK Rotterdam Grades 7-13, Ages 12-19	010 467 3522 010 467 0322	010 467 5022	www.wolfert.nl/riss info.riss@wolfert.nl

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The British School in the Netherlands (4) Foundation School: Ages 3-5 Tarwekamp 3 2592 XG The Hague	70-315-4040	70-315-4054	www.britishschool.nl
Junior School: Ages 5-11 Vlaskamp 19 2592 AA The Hague	70-338-8111	70-333-8100	
Senior School: Ages 11-19 Jan van Hooflaan 3 2252 BG Voorschoten	71-560-2222	71-560-2200	
Helen Sharman School: Ages 3-11 Lottingstraat 17 9406 LX Assen	59-234-4590	59-237-0998	
International School Hilversum "Alberdingk Thijm" Emmastraat 58 1213 AL Hilversum Ages 11-19 Convenient boarding facilities	035 672 9931	035 672 9939	www.klg.nl/ish

BOARDING SCHOOLS

	<u>Telephone</u>	<u>Fax</u>	<u>Website</u>
International School "Vilsteren" Vilsteren House Vilsterseweg 7734 PD Vilsteren Grades 1-7	0529 458283		
The International School "Beverweert" Castle Beverweert Beverweertseweg 60 3985 RE Werkhoven Grades 9-12, including I.B.	0343 551341		
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Hogeschool voor Economische Studies Postbus 295 1000 AG Amsterdam	020 523 6311		www.hesasd.nl/english.html
Universiteit Nijenrode The Netherlands Business School Straatweg 25 3621 BG Breukelen	0346 291211	0346 264 204	www.nijenrode.nl
Rijksuniversiteit Leiden University of Leiden Stationsweg 46 Postbus 9500 2300 RA Leiden	071 527 2727		www.leiden.edu/index.php3
Webster University Boommak 1 2311 EA Leiden	071 514 4341	071 512 1241	www.webster.nl info@webster.nl

Information about higher education in the United States is available from the Netherlands America Commission for Educational Exchange NACEE at Herengracht 430, 1017 BZ Amsterdam, telephone 020 627 5426 from 9 am to 12 noon.

<u>Dutch Language Instruction</u>	<u>Telephone</u>	<u>Fax</u>	<u>Website</u>
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Eerste Nederlandse Talenpracticum Kalverstraat 112 1012 PK Amsterdam	020 622 9376		
Elsevier Talen	020 515 2290		
Volksuniversiteit Amsterdam (Dutch) Herenmarkt 93 1013 EC Amsterdam	020 626 1626		www.volksuniversiteitamsterdam.nl

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<u>Address</u>	<u>Telephone</u>	<u>Fax</u>	<u>Website</u>
American Protestant Church Esther de Boer van Rijklaan 20 2597 TJ The Hague	070 324 4490		www.xs4all.nl/~apch/
Anglican Church of St. James (ecumenical) Kon. Marinelaan 52 2251 BA Voorschoten	071 561 1528	071 561 2762	
Christ Church Episcopal – Church of England Groenburgwal 42 1011 HW Amsterdam	020 624 8877		www.christchurch.nl
Christian Science Society Kraaiheide 38 3069 LC Rotterdam	010 421 5718		
Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints Laarderweg 128 1402 BM Bussum	079 343 5310		
Church of Scotland (English Reformed Church) Begijnhof 48 1012 WV Amserdam	020 672 2288	020 676 4895	www.ercadam.clubtip.nl
Church of Scotland (Presbyterian) Schiedamse Vest 121 3012 BH Rotterdam	010 412 4779		
Crossroads International Church Amstelveen College Startbaan 12 1187 XR Amstelveen	020 545 1444	020 545 1445	www.xrds.nl/wdir.htm
English and American Episcopal Church of St. John and St. Philip Ary van der Spuyweg 1 2585 JA The Hague	070 355 5359		www.stjohn-stphilip.org

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R. Wagnerstraat 32 1077 VW Amsterdam		
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Friends Center (Quakers)	020 679 4238	
Vossiusstraat 20 1071 AD Amsterdam		
Roman Catholic Church	020 465 2711	info@blessed-trinity.A2000.nl
Parish of the Blessed Trinity	020 777 2740	
Zaaiersweg 180 1097 ST Amsterdam		
Roman Catholic International Chapel	070 328 0816	www.parish.nl
Parish House: Ruyschroeklaan 126 2597 ES The Hague		
St. Mary's Anglican Church (Episcopalian)	010 476 4043	http://hiome.hetnet.nl/~anglican
Pieter de Hoochweg 133 3024 BG Rotterdam		
Trinity Baptist International Church	070 517 8024	www.trinitychurch-nl.com
Gruttolaan 23 2261 ET Leidschendam		
Jewish Community	020 646 0046	
Van den Boechorststraat 26 1081 Amsteradm		
Liberal Jewish Community	020 646 0046	
Molenhoek 8 3055 XB Rotterdam		
Liberal Jewish Congregation	070 365 6893	www.ljgdenhaag.nl
Office; Prinsessegracht 26 2514 AP The Hague		
Orthodox Jewish Community	070 347 3201	
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American Women's Club of Amsterdam
Noordbrabantstraat 152 BG
1083 BG Amsterdam

Phone: 020-644 3531

American Women's' Club of The Hague
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www.awcthehague.org
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Foreign Student Service
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www.unescozentrum.nl/fss/fss.html
Phone: 020-671 5915

Foreign Exchange (contact group for English speaking ex-patriots)
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www.fexchange.net
Fexchange@hotmail.com
Phone: 024 3568341
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Netherlands America Commission
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Student Counseling Office
Herengracht 430
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