

Working Holiday Scheme (WHS)

Netherlands-New Zealand Working Holiday Scheme (tekst alleen in het Engels beschikbaar)

The Working Holiday Scheme (WHS) offers an opportunity to young New Zealanders to visit the Netherlands for a period of up to twelve months with the objective of combining a holiday with work experience, thus supplementing their financial resources during their stay. If New Zealanders intend to spend a maximum of 90 days in the Netherlands for tourist purposes only, they do not require a visa.

Please note: you can only make use of this scheme once. You are also not eligible if you have previously been granted a working holiday visa for the Netherlands.

To qualify for a WHS-visa, applicants must comply with the following conditions:

- be a New Zealand citizen;
- be aged 18 to 30 inclusive (you must enter the Netherlands and register at the Immigration and Naturalisation Service *before* you turn 31);
- possess a return air ticket or have proven funds to finance your return fare;
- possess travel/health insurance for the time you are in the Netherlands

Although you are no longer required to provide sufficient means of support, the Embassy strongly recommends you to have at least \$3000.00 available (plus return ticket) in the Netherlands, as employment is not assured and due to the workload of the foreign police and Town Hall in your area, you might experience delays in the processing of your permit.

Lodgement of your application

Your application should be lodged in person at the Embassy or one of the other consular missions.

Please lodge your application at least four weeks prior to your date of departure, together with the following documents:

- application form, completed, dated and signed;
- one passport photograph;
- your valid passport;
- copy of one other photographic identity document: i.e. your drivers licence;
- photocopy of air ticket or confirmed itinerary;
- travel/health insurance;
- self-addressed registered envelope.

Successful applicants will be issued a visa (MVV) **free of charge valid for 90 days, which is the period you have to enter the Netherlands and activate your Working Holiday Permit, allowing you to stay in the Netherlands for 12 months.**

If you are travelling for more than 3 months between leaving New Zealand and entering the Netherlands, for example: you also have a Working Holiday Visa for a year for the UK; then you will have to apply for your Working Holiday Visa in the country you are residing in at that time. For a full list of Dutch diplomatic missions world wide see: www.minbuza.nl under missions.

Birth certificate

In order to lodge your application for a residence permit in the Netherlands, you are required to provide a legalised original version of your birth certificate. If you were born in New Zealand, your original certificate must be legalised by the Department of Internal Affairs – Authentication Unit. The legalisation is done by means of an Apostille stamp on the certificate. This legalisation must not be more than six months old at the time of application in The Netherlands.

If you were not born in New Zealand please contact the Embassy or the Netherlands Consulate for further requirements regarding legalisation of the certificates.

Department of Internal Affairs, Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages, phone number: 0800 22 52 52 or [✉](mailto:dia@dia.govt.nz) www.dia.govt.nz

Department of Internal Affairs – Authentication Unit, phone number; 0800 872 675 website: [✉](mailto:dia@dia.govt.nz) www.dia.govt.nz

What to do once you have entered the Netherlands:

Within 3 days of your arrival in The Netherlands you have to report to city hall (afdeling Burgerzaken) in the place where you will be staying for registering in the municipal administration (Gemeentelijke Basis Administratie).

You will also need to make an appointment within 8 days of arrival for your application of a residence permit at the Immigration and Naturalisation office (Immigratie-en Naturalisatiedienst) in the resort under which the city hall resides. This can be done by calling 0900-1234561.

A fee of 41 EURO will be charged by the IND in the Netherlands.

(The sticker in your passport allows you to apply for a tax file number (BSN-number) from the Tax Office in the Netherlands. Application forms concerning the “BSN-number” can only be obtained from the Tax Office once you have the sticker in your passport.)

In case of difficulties with your application in the Netherlands you can contact the IND (Immigratie- en Naturalisatiedienst) on tel.: 0900 - 1234561.

In short the following steps have to be taken:

In New Zealand:

1. Lodge your application for a Working Holiday Visa (if you will be entering the Netherlands within 3 months of leaving New Zealand;
2. Obtain a birth certificate and have this legalised with an Apostille stamp from the Department of Internal Affairs. The legalisation should not be more than 6 months old when presenting it to the local authorities in the Netherlands.

In the Netherlands:

1. Report to the city hall within 3 days of arrival;
2. Contact the IND-office by telephone (0900 1234561) to make an appointment for your application of a residence permit.
3. Apply for a Tax File number (BSN-number) from the Taxation Office in the Netherlands.
4. Attend your visit at the Immigration- and Naturalisation Service (IND) to apply for your residence permit and pay a fee of 41 EURO.
5. Receive your Residence Permit from the IND.

Please note that the IND is the authority responsible for the process of issuing your residence permit. More information regarding the Working Holiday Scheme program can be obtained via their website:

http://www.ind.nl/EN/verblijfwijzer/verblijfwijzer_content.asp?proc=komen&lang=en

Once on this website, please fill out the following details:

For how long would you like to come to the Netherlands > Longer than three months

Which nationality does the person have > New Zealand

What is the reason of your stay > Exchange

Job agencies for English speaking people:

[✉ www.bluelynx.nl](http://www.bluelynx.nl)

[✉ www.undutchables.nl](http://www.undutchables.nl)

[✉ www.dacumac.com](http://www.dacumac.com)

[✉ www.uniquemls.com](http://www.uniquemls.com)

[✉ www.simplyamsterdam.nl/jobs.htm](http://www.simplyamsterdam.nl/jobs.htm)

[✉ www.escapeartist.com/netherlands/jobs.htm](http://www.escapeartist.com/netherlands/jobs.htm)

 www.dambustersrecruitment.com
 www.worldjobservice.com

Job agencies in the Dutch language:

 www.jobnet.nl
 www.jobindex.nl
 www.bestjob.nl