

Immigration procedures for foreign nationals seeking work in the Netherlands

There are two orientation year schemes allowing certain groups of foreign nationals to spend a period of up to twelve months in the Netherlands to find a job as a highly skilled migrant. The “orientation year for graduates seeking employment” and the “orientation year for highly educated migrant seeking employment”. This overview of similarities and differences between the two orientation years will help you determine which of these procedures you are eligible for.

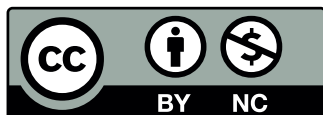
	Orientation year for graduates seeking work after graduation	Orientation year for highly educated migrant seeking employment
level of graduation	bachelor's or master's	master's or PhD
programmes and universities included	diploma obtained from recognized Dutch higher education institution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Netherlands: master's programme registered in CROHO, or PhD other countries: foreign university listed in the top 200 of the 2012/2013 edition of the rankings published in Times Higher Education http://www.timeshighereducation.co.uk/world-university-rankings/2012-13/world-ranking or by ShanghaiRanking Consultancy www.shanghairanking.com/ARWU2012.html
deadline for submitting application	immediately upon graduation, following Dutch residence permit for the purpose of 'study'	within three years after obtaining your master's or PhD degree
maximum duration of stay	one year; residence permit cannot be extended only changed to another residence permit	one year, residence permit cannot be extended only changed to another residence permit
access to Dutch labour market during stay	free to work, no work permit required	work only allowed if employer is in possession of full work permit
minimum salary to qualify as “highly skilled migrant”	Purpose: to find a job within the search year which pays € 27,336 gross per annum	Purpose: to find a job within the search year which pays € 27,336 gross per annum
application form to be used	“Application residence permit without MVV or change to purpose of stay”. Can be downloaded from the IND website: http://english.ind.nl/Brochures_en/Formulieren/index-formulieren.aspx	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> from abroad: apply for “Provisional residence permit” with Dutch embassy from the Netherlands: “Application for a regular residence permit for a highly educated migrant seeking employment”, can be downloaded from the IND website: http://english.ind.nl/Brochures_en/Formulieren/index-formulieren.aspx
other requirements	not applicable	attaining 35 points from the points system

Points system “Orientation year for highly educated migrants seeking employment”

To be eligible for admission under the “Orientation year for highly educated migrants seeking employment”, you must obtain a minimum of 35 points from the points system. Please note that for each of the 3 categories there is a maximum amount of points that can be awarded. For category 3 you can obtain a maximum of 5 points, even if – for example – you speak both Dutch and English.

Category		Points	Documents to submit
1: Education (max. 30 points)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PhD degree master's degree 	30 25	copy of diploma (Dutch institution) or diploma evaluation issued by Nuffic (foreign institution)
2: Age (max. 5 points)	21–40 years	5	birth certificate
3: Indicators for success in the Netherlands (max. 5 points)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> previously employed in the Netherlands (minimum 6 months) 	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> contract or employer's declaration proof of enrolment diploma declaration of language institute diploma
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> previously studied in the Netherlands (minimum 6 months) 	5	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> command of Dutch as a foreign language at A2-level 	5	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> command of English at IELTS 6.0 level 	5	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> bachelor's, master's, or PhD degree obtained in country that has signed up to the Bologna declaration 	5	
	Maximum points to obtain	40	

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