

## ***Relocate to the Netherlands***

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### **BSN:**

Every person who lives in the Netherlands for a longer period than 4 months should be inscribed and have a BSN number “burgerservicenummer” - in English, Social Services Number -. You will need this number to arrange things such as a Dutch bank account and a Dutch phone number, among others. In order to get registered in the Netherlands (getting your BSN number), you should make an appointment at the City Hall of the city or village where you will live.

### **Dutch bank account:**

If you plan to live in the Netherlands, it is advised to open a Dutch Bank Account and get a “pinpas”. This is a Debit Card (e.g. Maestro Card) and it is used in most national shops, stores, cafés and supermarkets. Credit Cards are normally accepted only in international shops and restaurants but not in all national facilities.

### **Health insurance:**

Every person who lives in the Netherlands for a longer period than 4 months should have a health insurance. There are many different companies offering health insurances and everyone can choose to use one or another. Insurances can be signed-on online in all cases. Please note that, in order to get a Health Insurance, you need your BSN number, among other information.

### **Housing:**

The cost of housing depends on the area and the size of the property. Most expats rent properties but some buy their homes. Both options are available depending on your company relocation policy, income and the length of your stay. In the "Randstad" area (the area including and in between The Hague, Amsterdam, Utrecht and Rotterdam) housing is most expensive and Amsterdam is considered to be the most expensive city to live in.

### **Public transportation:**

Public Transport in the Netherlands is called “Openbaar Vervoer” and often people refer to it as “OV”. In order to travel with the public transport in the Netherlands, you can choose among acquiring a paper ticket, an anonymous card or a personal card.

### **Importing your car:**

If you are moving to the Netherlands from abroad and you would like to bring your own vehicle, you can drive it using the foreign license number for a certain period. This period may vary in each case, so it is advised to contact the Dutch Tax Authorities to know more about it.

### **Dutch SIM Card:**

The Netherlands has plenty of free wi-fi in cafes, bars and there is even wi-fi on the trains, but if you prefer your data to be mobile, the good news is that buying a local SIM card is easy and does not have to be particularly expensive.

### **National Holidays:**

The national holidays for 2018 in the Netherlands are:

Jan 1 New Year's Day  
Apr 1 Easter Sunday  
Apr 2 Easter Monday  
Apr 27 King's Birthday  
May 10 Ascension Day  
May 20 Whit Sunday  
May 21 Whit Monday  
Dec 25 Christmas  
Dec 26 Second Day of Christmas

### ***Do you have questions?***

Please feel free to contact your Recruitment Consultant at U-People. We are happy to answer your question.

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