

## ***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.

### **National Holidays:**

The national holidays for 2023 in the Netherlands are:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Holiday</b>
Jan 1	Sun	New Year's Day
Apr 7	Fri	Good Friday
Apr 9	Sun	Easter Sunday
Apr 10	Mon	Easter Monday
Apr 27	Thu	King's Day
May 5	Fri	Liberation Day
May 18	Thu	Ascension Day
May 28	Sun	Whit Sunday
May 29	Mon	Whit Monday
Dec 25	Mon	Christmas Day
Dec 26	Tue	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.