

Quick Reference Card for PhD candidates moving to The Netherlands

For those considering moving to the Netherlands, several practical issues should be kept in mind

± 3-6 months before departure

VISA

If you wish to come to the Netherlands, there are certain immigration procedures you need to follow. If required, Tilburg University will apply for a residence permit for you. It can take up to three months to receive your permit.

- [Visa and Permits](#)
- [International staff](#)
- [Information Immigration and Naturalisation Service \(IND\)](#)

HOUSING

Please note that you yourself remain primarily responsible for finding accommodation. The housing market in the Netherlands is very tight; therefore, the choice of housing could be limited.

- [Housing](#)
- [Living in Brabant \(p.32\)](#)

2 weeks before departure

CHECKLIST: WHAT TO BRING?

These are the necessary documents you should bring when traveling to the Netherlands:

- Letter of acceptance and/or employment contract from Tilburg University
- Passports and other identification documents such as a driver's license
- Any original documents that may be required for processing by the immigration authorities
- Original Master's diploma and transcripts for the Graduate School
- Cash (in euros) & credit card for temporary accommodation, transportation, meals, etc.
- Copy of your health insurance policy or travel insurance

Please note: The support that Tilburg University offers for international PhD candidates may vary depending on your PhD contract (paid internal employee, scholarship, external). When consulting these resources, always make sure to check if the offered support applies to your situation.

On arrival

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

- [BSN \(p.25\)](#)
- [Open Bank Account \(p. 71\)](#)
- [Transport \(p. 147\)](#)
- [Medical Emergencies/General Practitioner](#)
- [Health Insurance \(p. 75\) & Insurance for TiU employees](#)
- [DigiD and Financial Matters \(p. 27\)](#)
- [Learning Dutch](#)
- [Social Life](#)
- [Family \(p. 17\)](#)