

# The Netherlands

## Business visitors: FAQs



If planning on traveling to The Netherlands for temporary business, it is important to remain compliant with the immigration laws of The Netherlands. The purpose of the visitor's intended travel, duration of stay and citizenship will determine if and what type of visa is required. The information in this document is intended to serve as an informational resource about business visitor requirements in The Netherlands.

### Who needs a business visitor visa for The Netherlands?

There is no specific business visa available for The Netherlands. All visa nationals who wish to enter The Netherlands for the purposes of temporary business require a Schengen visa. Business visitors are not permitted to engage in employment of any kind while in The Netherlands.

### What activities are permitted as a business visitor?

#### Activities permitted typically include:

- Attending meetings or conferences
- Conducting or attending training
- Conducting internal audits
- Installing equipment or performing other temporary services for a client, local affiliate or branch office

#### Activities not permitted typically include:

- Performing productive work
- Accepting paid or unpaid employment
- Working under the supervision of a host employer
- Attending school or study

These lists are subject to change and are not all-inclusive.

### Who is required to apply for a business visa?

The requirement of applying for a business visa (Schengen visa) at a Consulate abroad is dependent upon the visitor's nationality. Citizens of certain countries are visa-exempt and therefore do not require a visa application to be submitted and approved at a Consulate prior to travel to The Netherlands.

### How long can a visitor stay in The Netherlands on a business visa?

The maximum allowable stay on a business visa (Schengen visa) in The Netherlands is 90 days cumulatively for stays within a six-month period.

### Is there a limit on the number of times a visitor may travel to The Netherlands on a business visa in any given period?

There is no limit on how many visits a person may make to The Netherlands in any given period.

### Can a visitor's spouse and children also come to The Netherlands?

A business visitor's spouse and children can come to The Netherlands as visitors; however, they must each apply for their own separate visa.

### Penalties related to non-compliance for the business visa category?

Engaging in unlawful work in The Netherlands can result in serious consequences for both the employer and the business visitor, including:

- Fine of €8000 - per employee addressed to the employer
- Deportation
- Re-entry ban of a minimum of one year

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