

## List of frequently used terms

<b>Term</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
<b>Biometrics</b>	The IND needs to take your biometrics (fingerprints) and a photo in order to produce the residence permit card.
<b>BSN number</b>	Social security number.
<b>File number</b>	This is the file number of your immigration application at the IND. It always starts with Z1-. We e-mail you this number before arrival.
<b>GGD</b>	The Municipal Health Service. At the GGD you need to take the Tuberculosis test (only applicable to citizens of certain countries). Check <a href="#">this list</a> to see whether you are exempted or not.
<b>IND</b>	Dutch Immigration Service. Handles applications for visas and residence permits.
<b>Municipality</b>	Town hall, local government.
<b>MVV</b>	Entry visa, valid for three months.
<b>Schengen</b>	Schengen Area, named after “the Schengen Agreement”, signifies a zone where 26 different European nations acknowledge the abolishment of their internal borders with other member nations. This allows people from member states to travel, work and live freely in other member states.
<b>UWV</b>	UWV (Employee Insurance Agency) is an autonomous administrative authority and is commissioned by the Ministry of Social Affairs and Employment (SZW) to implement employee insurances and provide labour market and data services. The UWV also handles the applications for a work permit
<b>VKV</b>	Short term visa, also referred to as a tourist visa. With this visa you can enter the Netherlands and stay here for a maximum of 90 days.
<b>V-number</b>	Visa number. This is a number allocated to you in relation to your residence permit. You can find the v-number on the back side of your residence permit. We also e-mail you this number before arrival.
<b>VVR</b>	Residence permit, valid for the period of your studies.
<b>WHP/WHS</b>	Working Holiday Programme/Working Holiday Scheme. This is a special type of residence permit. The WHP/WHS allows you to both work and study here. Citizens from Australia, Canada, New Zealand and South Korea are eligible to apply. Please do check the requirements on our website and the IND’s.
<b>Work permit</b>	Non-EU nationals are not free on the labour market in Europe. In order to work, they need a work permit. In the Netherlands there are certain exceptions to this rule. For example, if you will carry out an internship that is relevant to your studies.