Working Holiday Programme factsheet

Nationals of Australia, Canada or New Zealand only

If you are coming to study in one of our exchange programmes and you are a national of Australia, Canada or New Zealand you may be able to apply for a residence permit under the “Working Holiday Programme/Scheme”. It is not possible for HU to apply for this permit on your behalf, you must arrange the application yourself once arrived in the Netherlands.

Conditions

1. You must not be staying in the Netherlands longer than 12 months and you must be between 18 and 30 years old.

2. You must provide proof to the Dutch Immigration that you are registered as a student in a programme at HU for the relevant period and further proof that you are going to leave the Netherlands within the period of 12 months (a return flight ticket or proof that you have money to pay for a return ticket to your home country (for example a bank statement), and that you have access to sufficient funds during at least the first 6 weeks in the Netherlands. We advise you to arrange these things before you leave home.

Application and costs

The fee for this permit is currently 41 euro’s. An application form is available from the HU intranet site (login required) for your convenience. You must arrange the application yourself once arrived in the Netherlands. To apply, you must hold a valid passport or other travel document. We suggest that you try to arrange your working holiday permit before you register with your local municipality, as they will need to see proof that you are entitled to live in the Netherlands. If you cannot provide this, the municipality can only register you provisionally.