



The Netherlands / Residency and Citizenship for Investors

The Netherlands, also known informally as Holland, is a centrally-located, modern European country, with flat lands and a moderate climate. Given its strategic location, highly-developed economy and excellent quality of life, it is a popular destination for international investors who are in search of a residency solution and are willing to make a significant investment into the Netherlands

The Netherlands is also one of the richest countries in the world, with a per capita GDP of almost \$50,000. The economy is highly developed and prosperous, and is highly dependent on foreign trade. The country normally has full employment, low inflation, a large current account surplus and a low budget deficit. The major industries in the Netherlands are financial services and banking, travel and tourism telecommunications, automotive, IT services, hardware and electronics, and consumer goods. The Netherlands was affected by the Financial Crisis of 2007-2008 and the ensuing global economic slowdown, and steps were taken to reform the Dutch financial system, stimulate the economy, and protect key industries. More recently, GDP has

been growing once again, at rates of about 2% per annum. The Netherlands was a founding member of the EU, the OECD and the WTO, and is a member of the Eurozone and Schengen Area.

Investors and entrepreneurs who make a qualifying investment in the Netherlands may acquire a residency permit for themselves and their families. Given the strategic location of the Netherlands, its high quality of life, and its vibrant economy, this is an attractive option for the international investor. Residents may travel around the 26-member Schengen area without a visa for stays of up to 60 days. Furthermore, citizenship may be applied for after five years of residence in the Netherlands. Residents of the Netherlands enjoy numerous benefits such as access to a world-class education system and excellent healthcare. A dynamic economy and favourable tax system, and a highly-educated, multi-lingual workforce make it the perfect place to do business. The Netherlands offers the complete package to those looking for a second residency option.





Residency for Investors

High net worth non-EU/EEA investors can qualify for a Dutch residence permit by making certain investments or business ventures beneficial to the Dutch economy. Applicants need to invest a minimum amount of €1,250,000 in a company that is based in the Netherlands.

Investing in real estate for private occupation is excluded. The investment must satisfy a number of criteria to qualify. Residence permits are issued for three years and are extendable. After five years, investors can apply for permanent residence or citizenship.

Eligibility for Application

1. The applicant must have a valid passport or another travel document. A child may be included in the passport of one of the parents.
2. Information on the applicant's criminal record is supplied on an antecedents certificate.
3. The applicant should state that they have not committed any crimes and have not submitted any incorrect information, nor stayed in the Netherlands illegally. This should also be completed for children above the age of 12.
4. The applicant must not have given incorrect information or withheld relevant information in a previous

Investment Requirements

1. A minimum amount of €1,250,000 needs to be invested in a company that is based in the Netherlands. Investing in real estate for private occupation is excluded.
2. The amount to be invested should be deposited into a bank account of a Dutch bank or a bank of an EU Member State with a branch in the Netherlands.
3. The investment should have an added value for the Dutch economy. This will be assessed by the Netherlands Enterprise Agency (RVO), which uses a points system. 2 of the following 3 criteria should be met: (i) A least 10 jobs will be created within 5 years, (ii) A contribution is made to increasing the innovativeness of the Dutch company; this may be proven through, among other things, the introduction of a patent, investing in both technological and non-technological innovation or investing in a company that belongs to a top sector, (iii) There is another, non-financial added value, such as specific knowledge, networks, clients and active involvement of the investor.
4. The capital which is invested must have been obtained through legitimate means. The Netherlands Immigration and naturalisation Service (IND) can ask for information about this from the Netherlands Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU). The applicant must give permission to investigate into the origin of the funds used for the investment.

Core Advantages

- The Netherlands has an excellent geographic location at the heart of Europe, and boasts fast land and air connections to France, Belgium, Germany and the UK.
- The Netherlands is a member of the Schengen area, so residents of the Netherlands are free to travel the 26 member state area for stays of up to 60 days, visa-free.
- The Netherlands has a high quality of life and ranks highly in standards of healthcare and education, environmental quality, housing and safety.
- Family members will likely be permitted to accompany the investor on the application, meaning dependent family members may also avail of the benefits of residency.



Naturalisation

Citizenship of the Netherlands can be acquired by naturalisation after five years of continuous residence in the Netherlands with a valid residence permit. Applicants must pass an examination that includes a test of Dutch language proficiency. Investors can apply for residence permits if they make an appropriate investment and meet certain conditions.

Core Advantages

1. The Netherlands is a member of the European Union. Citizens are free to live, work, study and do business in any EU member state and in Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Iceland.
2. Dutch passport holders can enjoy visa-free entry to 157 countries and territories, visa-free.
3. Descendants of the applicant will retain citizenship. Spouses can apply for citizenship after the applicant is naturalised.
4. Donations are not required.

Eligibility for Application

Applicants are required to meet the following requirements:

1. Applicants must be aged 18 years or older.
2. Applicants must have lived continuously in the Kingdom of the Netherlands for at least 5 years

with a valid residence permit. This means extensions must always have been made on time.

3. Immediately prior to the naturalisation application, the applicant must have a valid residence permit (permanent residence permit or a temporary residence permit with a non-temporary purpose of stay). The residence permit must still be valid at the time of naturalisation.
4. Applicants must be sufficiently integrated and must be able to read, write, speak and understand Dutch, evidenced by a pass grade in the civic integration examination at A2 level.
5. Applicants must not have received a prison sentence, training or community service order or paid or had to pay a large fine either in the Netherlands or abroad in the previous 4 years. There must also be no on-going criminal proceedings against the applicant.
6. The applicant's previous nationality must be renounced. There are some exceptions to this rule.

The Freedom of a Dutch Passport

The Netherlands passport is one of the most valuable passports in the world. The Netherlands has visa-free, visa-on-arrival, or e-visa arrangements with 157 countries and regions including all EU member states, Iceland, Norway, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Australia, Canada, India, the USA, Turkey, South Korea, Hong Kong and Singapore.





Ousheng & Partners provides a range of services for high-net-worth investors seeking high-quality overseas residency solutions. Our professional and dedicated team has many years of successful experience in overseas residence and citizenship-by-investment programmes, and can advise and assist with all concerns inherent in relocation, including legal matters, property acquisition, and access to medical and education services.

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