Your first 30 days in Eindhoven

For students, skilled workers and families – tick each box as you go.

1 Before you arrive

AT HOME

- [ ] **Passport or ID**
  Valid for your whole stay – for every family member.
- [ ] **Residence permit or entry visa**
  Approved by the IND, or collect your MVV at the embassy.
- [ ] **Birth certificate**
  Legalised or apostilled, and translated if needed.
- [ ] **Marriage certificate**
  If you move with a partner – same rules as above.
- [ ] **A place to live**
  Temporary housing for the first weeks, where you may register.
- [ ] **Diplomas and contract**
  Bring your employment contract or admission letter.
- [ ] **TB test – check**
  Some nationalities must take it at the GGD within 3 months.
- [ ] **Travel insurance**
  Covers you until Dutch health insurance starts.

2 Week 1 – Register

DAYS 1–7

- [ ] **Book your registration**
  Within 5 days of arrival if you stay 4 months or longer.
- [ ] **Knowledge worker?**
  Book Holland Expat Center South by email instead.
- [ ] **Go to the appointment**
  Bring all originals and your rental contract.
- [ ] **Receive your BSN**
  At the appointment or by post a few days later.
- [ ] **Residence card**
  Collect it at the IND desk or the Expat Center.
- [ ] **Give your BSN to your employer**
  Or to your university – needed for salary and tax.

Tip: appointments at the municipality are released about 4 weeks ahead – book as soon as you know your arrival date.

3 Week 2 – Get connected

DAYS 8–14

- [ ] **Bank account**
  With your passport and BSN – often within a day.
- [ ] **DigiD**
  Apply online; the activation code arrives by post.
- [ ] **Phone and internet**
  Start with prepaid; a contract needs an address and bank account.
- [ ] **A bike and two locks**
  Lights are compulsory after dark.

4 Weeks 3–4 – Settle in

DAYS 15–30

- [ ] **Health insurance**
  Compulsory – take it out now, at the latest within 4 months.
- [ ] **Family doctor (GP)**
  Register near your home before you need one.
- [ ] **Allowances**
  Check healthcare, rent and childcare allowances.
- [ ] **30% ruling**
  Ask your employer – apply within 4 months of starting work.
- [ ] **Waste and city pass**
  Learn the collection days; containers open with a city pass.
- [ ] **School or daycare**
  For children: register early, places can be limited.
- [ ] **Dutch lessons**
  Ask your employer – many offer subsidised courses.
- [ ] **Meet people**
  Join Homewards, a meetup or a volunteer project.

Tip: keep a folder with every letter from the municipality, IND and tax office – you will need them again.

5 Important contacts

SAVE THESE

Emergency	Police, fire, ambulance	112
Police – no emergency	Questions and reports	0900 8844
Out-of-hours GP	Evenings, nights and weekends	088 876 5151
Municipality of Eindhoven	Registration – Stadhuisplein 1	040 238 6000
Holland Expat Center South	Stadhuisplein 10 – book by email	040 238 6775
IND	Nearest desk in 's-Hertogenbosch	ind.nl
Catharina Ziekenhuis	Hospital – Michelangelolaan 2	040 239 9111
Máxima MC	Hospital – Eindhoven and Veldhoven	040 888 8000

Need help with any step?

Permits, registration, housing and your family – we guide you from day one, in your language.

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