

What has to happen before you arrive in the Netherlands?

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1. On arrival

Please check our [travel information \(link\)](#) for travel instructions from multiple airports to Maastricht of Venlo.

2. Biometrics

You will receive updated information on how to have your fingerprints and photographs taken after your arrival.

3. Collection of the residence permit and municipal registration

After your biometrics have been processed, you will receive additional information on the collection of your residence permit card and your municipal registration for which you need to bring a legalized birth certificate. For more information on legalization, please consult the [Dutch government's legalization page \(Link\)](#).

4. Subject to a TBC test (if applicable)

One of the residence permit requirements is that you will also have to subject yourself to an x-ray of your chest to rule out tuberculosis. The test has to be taken within three months upon arrival. Citizens of [these countries \(link\)](#) and holders of a valid special EU residence permit from [this list \(link\)](#) are exempt from the test. In all other cases, you will have to take the test. More information on the test will follow after you have arrived in the Netherlands. Please note that non-compliance may result in suspension of your residence permit. The test will cost around 55 euros.

5. Opening a Dutch bank account

If you have not opened an online bank account yet, then you wish to consider opening a Dutch bank account. This makes financial transactions much easier during your stay in Europe and the Netherlands. More information can be found on our [website \(link\)](#).

6. Getting your deposit back

As soon as your account has been opened, you can request your refund back by e-mailing the Visa Office via visa@maastrichtuniversity.nl. Please provide the Visa Office with the following information:

- Your IBAN account number
- Your account name in full
- Your student ID number and date of birth

This way the refund will take approximately 5 working days.

International transfers take much more time and are not always reliable. So only if no Dutch bank account is available for the refund, it is possible to have it transferred abroad. In that case, please make sure that a direct transfer is possible (so not indirectly through agents, intermediary banks, or institutes).

Please include the following information:

- Name (exactly as on the bank card) and full address of the account holder
- Name and full address of the bank
- The BIC and/or SWIFT code of the bank
- The IBAN code of the account, if any (please refer to http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ISO_9362 for more information)
- The account number
- Your full name and date of birth if different from the account holder

This way the refund may take up to 15 working days.