



# Residence permit

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## Residence document

If you receive a residence permit, you will also receive a residence document (residence document). This document is also referred to as permit holder's card or residence card. You must collect this pass from the IND yourself. You must schedule an appointment via the IND website: [www.ind.nl/afspraken](http://www.ind.nl/afspraken) (<http://www.ind.nl/afspraken>) [1]. Bear in mind that you cannot always go to the IND desk immediately. So make in time, make an appointment within 14 days after receiving the invitation letter. You must show your pass to your COA contact person.

A residence document is an official and important document. With this pass you can identify yourself in the Netherlands: you can show who you are. You also need this pass to arrange important matters for your relocation to the municipality. For example, you need the pass if you:

- signs a lease
- apply for your own bank account
- apply for social assistance benefits
- apply for health insurance
- sign up for a course
- look for work

You cannot do any of this without a valid residence card. Without this pass your move to the municipality will be delayed.

## Collecting verblijfsdocument

When your residence document is ready and waiting for you, you will receive an invitation letter from the Immigratie- en Naturalisatie Dienst (IND). The invitation letter will say at which IND-office you can collect your residence document and what documents you should bring along. On Google Maps you can see how to get to the IND-office. You must collect your residence document from IND personally. Someone else is not allowed to do that for you. If you have a partner, children and / or other family members, they also have to collect their document personally. The COA will refund your travel expenses (when a single journey is of more than 10 kilometres).

It may be that you will receive a residence permit immediately upon receiving your positive decision. Then you are no longer required to collect it.

The verblijfsdocument is your official proof of identity in the Netherlands.



## Links extern

- [Online afspraak maken \[2\]](https://ind.nl/Paginas/Online-afspraak-maken.aspx)  
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