

Documents needed to buy a car in the Netherlands

and other useful information about applying for, driving, the costs of and owning a car in the Netherlands



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DRIVING LICENSE

If you are buying a car in the Netherlands, you will need a valid driving license. This can be a Dutch driving license or a foreign one. Here are the requirements if you have one of both types.

✓ Dutch driver's license

If you already have a Dutch driver's license, we can register the car in your name at your home address when [Bynco](#) delivers the car.

✓ Foreign driving license

If you have a foreign driver's license, the car needs to be registered in your name by the RDW at one of their 16 locations in The Netherlands. Bynco will be there to assist you, but it is important that you have the necessary documents with you;

1) The [original](#) (not a copy) certificate of registration in the Netherlands called [BRP- extract](#) (from your local municipality) which must include:

- a) Your BSN-number.
- b) A submission date not older than 3 months.
- c) A stamp from your local municipality.

2) Your original (not a copy) passport

3) A valid foreign driver's license

INSURANCE

As soon as the car is registered in your name, you will need to get insurance for it. For this, you will need a 4-digit code called a 'meldcode'. You will receive this after purchasing a car from Bynco.

In the Netherlands, you can compare insurance companies and choose an insurance policy that fits you best. You can, for instance, use the comparison tool by [PriceWise](#) for this.

Driving with a foreign driver's license in the Netherlands

For the most up-to-date documentation about driving in the Netherlands with a foreign driving license, please see the documentation by the [RDW](#).

Example of this document (varies per municipality)



For how long can I drive in the Netherlands with a foreign driver's licence?

Six months, or 185 days, from the moment you are registered in the Netherlands.

Exchange foreign driver's license for a Dutch driver's licence

Do you have a foreign driver's license and do you live in the Netherlands? Then you may initially drive temporarily in the Netherlands with the foreign driver's license. After that, you must exchange the driver's license through your municipality, or, if this is not possible, take a driving test at the CBR.

While your driver's license is being exchanged

You are not allowed to drive during the exchange. If you do, you may be fined. You must be able to show your driver's license at a road check.

30% ruling

If you are in the Netherlands for your work (highly skilled migrant), it may be that you fall under the so-called "30% regulation" of the tax authorities. If you fall under this 30% ruling, you can exchange your foreign driver's license (regardless of which country it is from) for a Dutch driver's license. This is only possible if the foreign driver's license is still valid. The foreign driver's license can only be exchanged once the 30% ruling is approved by the authorities.

Road tax

If you own a car, a delivery van or a motorcycle in the Netherlands, you must also pay a road tax: You have to pay road tax from the moment your name is transferred to the vehicle registration card (the 'kentekenkaart').

Paying road tax is compulsory, regardless of whether you are temporarily unable or unwilling to use your vehicle. This means that you must pay purely for possessing the vehicle, even if it remains parked on private premises. However, under certain circumstances, you can apply for suspension.

You can arrange to have your road tax bills paid automatically by means of a 'machtiging' (a direct debit). If you are a resident of the Netherlands, but your car is registered abroad, you still have to pay road tax and vehicle tax (BPM). That is, unless you use the car for less than two weeks. For those two weeks you will still have to request an exemption from the RDW.

