



DOCUMENTS NEEDED TO BUY A CAR IN THE NETHERLANDS

AND MORE INTERESTING INFORMATION ABOUT
APPLYING, DRIVING, COSTS AND OWNING A CAR
IN THE NETHERLANDS

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DRIVING LICENSE

When buying a car in the Netherlands, you will need a valid driving license. Either a Dutch driving license or a foreign one. Here are the differences.

✔ Dutch driving license

If you already have a Dutch driving 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 driving 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) An **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) An original (not a copy) passport

3) A valid foreign driving license

INSURANCE

At the moment the car is registered on your name, the car needs to be insured by you. For this, you will need a 4-digit code called, "meldcode". You will receive this after purchasing a car from Bynco.

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

Driving with a foreign driving 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)



HOW LONG CAN I DRIVE IN THE NETHERLANDS WITH A FOREIGN DRIVER'S LICENSE?

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

EXCHANGE FOREIGN DRIVING LICENSE TO DUTCH DRIVING LICENSE

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

DRIVING DURING EXCHANGE

You are not allowed to drive on public roads during the exchange. If you do, you can be fined for this. You must be able to show your driving 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 driving license (regardless of which country) for a Dutch driving license. This is only possible if the foreign driving license is still valid. The foreign driver's license can only be exchanged once the 30% ruling is approved by the authorities.

ROADTAX

If you own a car, a delivery van or a motorcycle in the Netherlands, you must also pay road tax: You have to pay road tax from the time 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 a 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