

English

Welcome to the beginning of your journey to employment.

It can be a challenge, but it also offers many opportunities.

Think of this process as an eight-step game that we will navigate together.

The first thing is to read the rules.

Think of it as studying a map before travelling.

The Dutch work culture values directness,

initiative, work-life balance, open discussion and teamwork.

Doing so will greatly improve your chances of success.

The first stage is to identify your strengths.

Reflect your strengths, the skills you would like to use and explore careers that match your interests.

There are resources in our fact sheet to help you.

The second stage is dedicated to learning the Dutch language.

Even a basic level will boost your confidence.

Contact your municipality or local community for free courses.

At this stage, apply to SBB or Nuffic to have your diplomas and qualifications recognized.

This is an important step for working or studying in the Netherlands.

The fourth stage is to create a professional profile.

Ensure your CV, cover letter and social media profiles are well-structured and professional.

If necessary, contact specialised institutions, examples of which you can find in the factsheet.

Now you are ready to start actively looking for a job!

Use platforms like Werk.nl and familiarise yourself with your rights through resources from the Ministry of Social Affairs.

Don't limit your search to online job hunting!

Attend job fairs and networking events to discover new opportunities.

Grow your network by participating in volunteer projects.

This will help you meet new people, practice your language and gain valuable experience.

Finally, the last stage involves exploring new horizons.

In our factsheet, you will find resources to help you do this.

Stay patient – the job search may take months.

Dedicate time each day to your job search and on personal development.

Find out more!

In our factsheet you will find all the necessary details and tips to help you with your job search in the Netherlands.

We believe in your success!