

Your relocation research, organised

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Illustrative Netherlands research plan

Research goal: business abroad | Household: solo | Timing: year

Questions recorded for investigation

Which documents, application stages and costs should I confirm for my situation?

Your planning answers

Current residence: United States (illustrative). Application jurisdiction: not confirmed.

Additional citizenships: not supplied. Target month: not chosen; current stage: exploring.

Priorities: Application effort, Total cost.

Income evidence category: unknown; document preparation: some.

Your selected route

Netherlands: Netherlands self-employment: Dutch-American Friendship Treaty

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Original source check: 2026-10-29; review due 2026-11-05.

You chose these routes. This document organises public evidence and the questions still to resolve. It does not determine eligibility or include individual professional review.

Planning from the United States

Passport or nationality recorded: United States (illustrative). This does not determine eligibility.

Confirm the passport you will use, your lawful US residence and the consular office covering your US address. US residence does not establish US citizenship or visa eligibility.

Confirm the permitted activities for the route, including any work restrictions. Check each household member separately before relying on a residence permission.

Check background-record jurisdictions, document validity windows, apostilles, certified translations and each household member's documents before ordering them.

Ask a qualified adviser about US and destination-country tax filing, foreign-account reporting, healthcare and any applicable relief before committing.

IRS: US citizens and residents abroad

US citizens and resident aliens generally remain subject to US filing rules on worldwide income. Ask a qualified cross-border adviser which filing, reporting and relief rules apply to you.

<https://www.irs.gov/individuals/international-taxpayers/us-citizens-and-residents-abroad-filing-requirements>

US State Department: preparing documents for use abroad

Identify which documents need authentication or an apostille and which authority issues it. Confirm the destination authority's current checklist before ordering documents.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/replace-certify-docs/authenticate-your-document.html>

Netherlands: Netherlands self-employment: Dutch-American Friendship Treaty

The Dutch-American Friendship Treaty is a self-employment residence path for US nationals meeting the treaty and general conditions. IND distinguishes it from ordinary points-tested self-employment and start-up permission. Ownership of a company alone does not establish residence or unrestricted employment rights.

Published financial conditions

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These conditions are not a total application or relocation fee quote.

Documents and requirements to check

Use the IND application form's document list, passport and general-condition evidence, the treaty business basis and investment/registration evidence. Foreign official documents need the indicated legalisation and translation. For a first treaty application without a Dutch permit, IND allows business registration and investment within six months from the date on the decision letter.

Unresolved questions

The American branch describes postal application within three months after arrival and later permit collection by appointment. Verify lawful entry and individual filing circumstances before travel. The permit is valid up to two years; extension needs annual accounts and evidence the capital remained invested. Self-employment is permitted, but work for an employer requires the appropriate work permit. Confirm family, registration, insurance and any future permanent-residence conditions separately.

Official evidence and review dates

Internally checked by WhereCanIMove systems. Checked 2026-10-29; review due 2026-11-05. Generating this pack does not renew the check.

Netherlands Immigration and Naturalisation Service (IND)

<https://ind.nl/en/residence-permits/work/residence-permit-self-employed-person>

Full programme record and source locators

<https://wherecanimove.com/programme/netherlands-self-employed-residence-permit>

Netherlands: US treaty self-employment preparation

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Your document list by person

Primary applicant: Identity and general-condition evidence

Use the IND written application's current document list and the general requirements. Check which foreign official records need legalisation and a permitted translation.

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Primary applicant: Treaty business and investment evidence

Prepare the actual business basis, capital evidence and Chamber of Commerce records. For most business forms IND lists EUR 4,500, which remains invested capital rather than a government fee.

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Primary applicant: Accounts for a future extension

Keep annual accounts and the balance sheet/income statement needed to demonstrate activity and continued invested capital.

Netherlands Immigration and Naturalisation Service (IND) - Visible American (USA) branch: Requirements of DAFT; first-time/extension process; Process and costs expanded; The residence permit, work conditions and validity

Before choosing

1. Confirm the treaty nationality and business basis

The American treaty branch is for US nationals who meet the treaty and general conditions. Living in the US is insufficient. Distinguish this route from an ordinary points-tested or start-up application.

Netherlands Immigration and Naturalisation Service (IND) - Visible American (USA) branch: Requirements of DAFT; first-time/extension process; Process and costs expanded; The residence permit, work conditions and validity

Application

1. Follow the American branch's written filing instructions

IND's displayed American branch describes a postal application within three months after arrival. Confirm your lawful-entry and individual filing position before travel. The current branch shows EUR 423 and a separate payment letter.

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After arrival

1. Collect the permit and complete the business evidence

Follow IND's appointment/biometrics and document-collection instructions. A first treaty applicant without an existing Dutch permit must register the business and invest within the specified decision-letter period.

Timing: IND states six months from the date on the first treaty decision letter for Chamber registration and investment.

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2. Use the work conditions on the actual permit

The self-employed permit allows self-employed activity. Employment for an employer requires a work permit under the stated conditions. Check family permits separately and notify relevant changes.

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Renewals

1. Keep the business active and capital invested

IND lists validity up to two years. Prepare the required annual accounts and evidence the invested capital remained in the business for extension; confirm the current filing window before expiry.

Netherlands Immigration and Naturalisation Service (IND) - Visible American (USA) branch: Requirements of DAFT; first-time/extension process; Process and costs expanded; The residence permit, work conditions and validity

Longer term

1. Research any later residence application separately

A temporary permit is not permanent residence or citizenship. Check the then-current continuous residence, activity, integration and other conditions before relying on a later status.

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Confirm before acting

The guide records the publicly selected American branch of IND's guidance, not an assessment of a particular applicant or business.

Municipal registration, tax, insurance, professional licensing and individual family requirements need their own checks and budget.

Your action checklist

Before choosing

- ☐ Confirm the authority for your current residence before using a consulate-specific checklist.
- ☐ Cost is a priority: obtain separate government, translation, insurance and professional quotes; keep qualifying income/capital outside the spending subtotal.
- ☐ Confirm the treaty nationality and business basis
- ☐ Confirm the passport you will use, your lawful US residence and the consular office covering your US address. US residence does not establish US citizenship or visa eligibility.
- ☐ Confirm the permitted activities for the route, including any work restrictions. Check each household member separately before relying on a residence permission.
- ☐ Check background-record jurisdictions, document validity windows, apostilles, certified translations and each household member's documents before ordering them.
- ☐ Ask a qualified adviser about US and destination-country tax filing, foreign-account reporting, healthcare and any applicable relief before committing.

Before applying

- ☐ Order only the documents on the selected authority checklist; confirm validity windows before paying for checks.
- ☐ Primary applicant: Identity and general-condition evidence
- ☐ Primary applicant: Treaty business and investment evidence
- ☐ Primary applicant: Accounts for a future extension
- ☐ Confirm which documents and permissions apply to your household.

Application

- ☐ Follow the American branch's written filing instructions

Before moving

- ☐ Complete your budget worksheet using actual quotes. Unknown costs are not zero.
- ☐ Ask a qualified adviser about tax residence, home-country obligations and healthcare before committing.

After arrival

- ☐ Collect the permit and complete the business evidence
- ☐ Use the work conditions on the actual permit

Renewals

- ☐ Keep the business active and capital invested

Longer term

- ☐ Research any later residence application separately

Your budget worksheet

Your own researched amounts in one currency. Income or capital qualification thresholds are separate from money spent. Unknown items remain unknown; this is not a complete cost estimate.

Application and government fees: Unknown - obtain a quote

Professional advice: Unknown - obtain a quote

Documents and translations: Unknown - obtain a quote

Travel: Unknown - obtain a quote

Moving and shipping: Unknown - obtain a quote

Housing and deposits: Unknown - obtain a quote

Insurance and healthcare: Unknown - obtain a quote

Contingency: Unknown - obtain a quote

Scope, corrections and support

An automated research guide for the route or routes you chose, personalised to your recorded planning answers. No individual professional review or eligibility decision is included.

Official conditions can change. Each route keeps its original source and internal-check dates; generating this pack does not renew them.

Financial conditions are not a total fee quote. Published information and unanswered questions need confirmation before applying.

No application preparation, visa approval, citizenship, tax outcome or agency availability is promised.

Your saved checklist and budget are reflected at download time. The original route snapshot retains its evidence dates. Report a source error at <https://wherecanimove.com/corrections>. For order or refund help: jack@wherecanimove.com.