



QUICK GUIDE

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**How to Move to the Netherlands
and Start a Business Without
Mistakes**

**THE PRACTICAL PATH FOR
ENTREPRENEURS, FREELANCERS
AND PROFESSIONALS WHO WANT
TO START THE RIGHT WAY**

INTRODUCTION

In recent years, more and more entrepreneurs are choosing the Netherlands to start a business.

The reason is simple:

- **ambiente business-friendly**
 - **lean bureaucracy compared to many other European countries**
- **strong economy**
- **clear tax system**
- **great opportunities for services, digital and export**

However, most people who try to move on their own make mistakes that cause:

✗ delays ✗ unnecessary costs ✗
tax problems ✗ enormous stress

**This guide shows you the
correct path, step by step.**

WHY OPEN A BUSINESS IN THE NETHERLANDS

The Netherlands is one of the most entrepreneurial-friendly countries in Europe.

Main advantages:

✓ Quick business registration ✓

Transparent tax system ✓

Excellent digital infrastructure ✓

Strong international market ✓

Open-minded business mindset

***MANY FREELANCERS,
CONSULTANTS, AND DIGITAL
ENTREPRENEURS CAN
LAUNCH THEIR BUSINESSES
IN JUST A FEW WEEKS—IF
THEY KNOW WHAT TO DO.***

REQUIREMENTS FOR MOVING

Before starting a business, you need to sort out the personal side of things.

The main steps:

- Registration at the municipality of residence
 - Obtaining the BSN number (Dutch tax number)
 - Opening a local bank account
 - Valid address in the Netherlands

👉 Without these elements, many business procedures cannot be completed.

HOW TO LEGALLY OPEN A BUSINESS

The body that manages the registration of companies is:
Chamber of Commerce (Camera di Commercio olandese)

THE MAIN STEPS:

Choice of legal form

Freelance / ZZP (very common)

Structured company (BV)

Official business registration

Obtaining a Dutch VAT number

Tax activation

THE MOST COMMON (AND EXPENSIVE) MISTAKES

Many people fail or waste months for these reasons:

- ❌ Opening a business before establishing residency
- ❌ Choosing the wrong legal form
- ❌ Not planning your taxes
- ❌ Relying on confusing information online
- ❌ Skipping key steps Result: fines, delays, stress, and lost opportunities.

REALISTIC TIMELINE

Week 1

Document preparation + planning

Week 2

Municipality registration + BSN

Week 3

Business registration + VAT number

Week 4

Operational activity

 **On average: 4-6 weeks to be fully active.**

PRACTICAL CASE

(EXAMPLE)

Marco, a digital consultant, wanted to move from Italy to work with international clients.

Initial problems:

- bureaucratic confusion**
- conflicting information online**
- fear of tax errors**

With the right support it has:

✓ settled residence ✓ opened business successfully ✓ started working in less than a month Today he works steadily on the Dutch market.

HOW CROSSCIRCLE HELPS YOU

**CrossCircle supports you
throughout the entire process:**

- ✓ Relocation to the Netherlands**
- ✓ Bureaucratic management**
 - ✓ Business start-up**
 - ✓ Proper planning**
- ✓ Ongoing support Stress-free.
Error-free.**

DO YOU WANT TO DO IT THE RIGHT WAY?

Book a personalized consultation.

We will analyze:

- your situation**
- the type of business**
- the best route for you**

👉 And we'll tell you exactly what to do, step by step.

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