

Information on repatriation

Return or stay?





Like many other migrants and refugees, you may be contemplating returning to your home country instead of staying in the Netherlands. Various considerations play a role in such a decision, like "How does returning affect my state pension or other benefits that I can take with me to my homeland?' Or 'What happens with my Dutch citizenship, health insurance, taxes, the allowance for my next of kin in the event of my death? "Suppose I do not succeed in building a life there?" And: "Do I qualify for the benefits of the Repatriation Act and what do they involve?"

When are you eligible for the repatriation benefit?

- You are born in, or have (had) nationality of Bosnia-Herzegovina, Greece, Italy, Kosovo, Cape Verde, Croatia, Macedonia, Morocco, Montenegro, Portugal, Serbia, Slovenia, Spain, Suriname, Tunisia or Turkey
- Before your application, you were a legal resident in the Netherlands for a consecutive period of at least eight years
- Prior to your application, you received a social security benefit such as WW (unemployment benefit), social assistance benefit, disability benefit, state pension or a similar benefit for at least one year
- You are at least 55 years old

For additional terms and conditions, visit our website and do the Repatriation test:

www.nmigratie.nl/remigreren/hulpmiddelen/remigratiewet-zelftest

To address these and more questions, you may already have talked with people who have taken the step, or perhaps you have collected information from governmental sources. However, as personal situations differ in complexity, you may be left with even more questions.

Personal and tailored advice

This is where the Netherlands Migration Institute (NMI) comes in: on behalf of the Ministry of Social Affairs and Employment (SZW) they can provide you with free and independent advice, bringing order to the chaos with over 30 years of experience. A high-impact decision like repatriation affects everyone differently because no situation is the same. In their advice to you, NMI objectively considers all personal circumstances and informs you about the expected duration of any application process.

What to expect

NMI staff have the necessary knowledge to advise you about the pros and cons of repatriation. They can also assess whether you are eligible for the benefits that the Repatriation Act offers until 31 December 2024. In many cases, NMI consultants speak your own language:

Turkish, Moroccan Arabic, Bosnian/Serbian, Spanish, English, German, French and Papiamentu. Our consultants are also familiar with the rules and regulations in Turkey, Morocco, Suriname, Bosnia and Serbia, for example. They will help you apply for the repatriation benefit and if necessary assist you with the administrative process regarding your departure and/or with social legislation advice after you have been repatriated under their guidance.

Why bring in NMI

Using the services of NMI offers the following:

- ✓ free, neutral support, tailored to you
- ✓ cohesive and expert advice
- ✓ current information about the repatriation country
- ✓ reliable sparring partners
- ✓ (if desired) information in your own language
- ✓ relevant support network
- ✓ low-threshold accessibility





More information

Do you want to find out if you are eligible for a benefit as part of the Repatriation Act or an export regulation? Are you interested in learning how NMI can help you in your orientation process, application process or with other repatriation-related issues? Or would you like NMI to organise an information session for a larger group of interested parties in your neighbourhood?

If so, call us or get in touch with us through WhatsApp, email or website. You will find our contact details hereafter and on our website. We will help you free of charge!



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