Before departure

The Student Finance Authority (DUO) is responsible for student finance in the Netherlands. After you have been accepted at a Dutch educational institution, DUO will send you relevant information to help you manage your student finance in the Netherlands. This checklist provides you with important information and steps to take to ensure that your student finance is in order. We advise you to read this checklist carefully and, if necessary, seek guidance from DUO and other organisations.

Choice of study

When you choose your course of study, it is important to consider the study, college, and country you will study in. The type of education you choose will affect your student finance. To make an informed decision, you need to understand the costs involved, such as tuition fees, housing, and living expenses.

Option with or without guidance

You can choose your course of study independently. However, some students may benefit from guidance. Depending on your circumstances, DUO may provide you with guidance to help you make an informed decision.

Register for your course of study

When you have chosen your course of study, you need to register for it. Registration can be done online or through your educational institution. Make sure you complete the registration process before the deadline.

Registe voor je studieplan

Make a study budget

It is important to make a study budget to ensure that you have enough money for your studies. You need to consider all expenses, such as tuition fees, accommodation, and living expenses.

Request a copy of your birth certificate

You need your birth certificate to register in the Netherlands. You can request a copy of your birth certificate from your birth country. Make sure you have the necessary documentation, such as your passport.

In case of study abroad

When you study abroad, you need to register in the Netherlands. You need to provide your passport and other relevant documentation to register.