



# INFORMATION GUIDE

*For migrant workers*

# Welcome to the *Municipality of Moerdijk*



Labour migration Moerdijk



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## WELCOME

### *Welcome to the municipality of Moerdijk!*

How wonderful that you have come to our municipality. Happy to tell you more about it. The municipality of Moerdijk consists of 11 towns, has beautiful centers with stretches of open countryside and is surrounded by water. So a real Dutch landscape – even complete with windmills. The centers and villages each have their own character. The town of Zevenbergen is the main town. Our residents are sociable and welcoming. There are good facilities, such as elementary schools, sports clubs and stores.

Moerdijk is an important economic engine for the region thanks to its seaport. You can get around well by road or rail, and Rotterdam (40 km) and Antwerp (60 km) are both easily accessible.

An emphasis is placed on the use of natural resources and renewable, green energy, as well as to the safety of the port and industrial area. Maybe you'll end up working at one of these many contemporary companies within our community.

In summary, Moerdijk is a lively municipality where you can enjoy living and working. In this information guide you will find information to help you find your way around our municipality. In addition to rights, you also have some duties. You can also get different forms of support. For important documents such as getting married, having children, passport or driver's license, you need the municipality. You can read all about it in this folder.

So on behalf of the aldermen and the municipal council, I wish you a wonderful and enjoyable time here.

A.J. Moerkerke  
Mayor



# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

## Phone numbers

*Are you calling the Netherlands from a foreign phone number? Netherlands country code = **0031***

- Is there a life-threatening situation and help is required immediately? Call **1-1-2**
- Municipality of Moerdijk: **(+31) 14 0168**
- Municipality contact for migrant workers: **(+31) 62 70 22 15 0**
- Huisartsenpost Bravis Ziekenhuis Roosendaal hospital: **(+31) (0)165 – 530 200** (Monday to Friday 17:00 - 08:00 and weekends). By appointment only.
- Police: 0900 – 8844. You can make reports online at [www.politie.nl](http://www.politie.nl) or at the nearest police station in Etten-Leur (Stationsplein 37).



## Emergency number

The emergency number 112 is for emergency care only. For example, if you or someone else needs urgent medical attention. If there is a fire. Or if you witness a crime. For example, assault or burglary.

## Drinking water

Drinking water in the Netherlands is of excellent quality. You can drink the water straight from the tap.

## Fire

### What to do in the event of a fire?

- Stay calm
- Warn your housemates
- Leave the property
- Call 112
- Wait for the fire service

## Testing emergency sirens

Every first Monday of the month at noon, the alarm system is tested outside. You will then hear the sound of the test alarm all over the street.





# INFORMATION ABOUT THE MUNICIPALITY

## Municipality of Moerdijk

Visiting address:  
 Pastoor van Kessellaan 15  
 4761 BJ Zevenbergen

T: 14 0168  
 E: [info@moerdijk.nl](mailto:info@moerdijk.nl)  
 I: [www.moerdijk.nl](http://www.moerdijk.nl)

Follow the municipality of Moerdijk on: Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and Instagram.

## Opening hours

Day	Time
Monday	From 08:30to 17:00
Tuesday	From 08:30to 17:00
Wednesday	From 08:30 to 17:00
Thursday	From 08:30to 17:00 From 18:00to 20:00
Friday	From 08:30to 12:00



## Register

Are you moving to the municipality of Moerdijk from abroad? Then register within 5 days of arrival. Make an appointment by phone at 14 0168 or online at [afspraak.moerdijk.nl](http://afspraak.moerdijk.nl)

Will you be staying in the Netherlands for longer than 4 months? Then register as a resident of the Netherlands.

Will you be staying in the Netherlands for less than 4 months? Then register as a temporary resident of the Netherlands. Make an appointment at the RNI in Breda by phone at 14 076 or online at [www.breda.nl/verhuizen-en-registratie-niet-ingezetenen](http://www.breda.nl/verhuizen-en-registratie-niet-ingezetenen). If you want to work in the Netherlands, you will need a Dutch Citizen Service Number (BSN). You will be given this number when you register.

Are you moving to the municipality of Moerdijk from abroad? Then register within 5 days of arrival. Make an appointment by phone at **14 0168** or online at [afspraak.moerdijk.nl](http://afspraak.moerdijk.nl)

## Moving house

Are you moving from Moerdijk to another municipality or abroad? If so, report this to the municipality. You can do this – with your Digid – online at [moerdijk.nl/verhuizing](http://moerdijk.nl/verhuizing)



## Declaration of birth

Have you become a parent? Report the birth of your son or daughter within 3 days to the municipality where your child was born. This can be done online at [moerdijk.nl/geboorteaangifte](http://moerdijk.nl/geboorteaangifte)

## Passport/driving license renewal

Matters regarding your passport or driver's license can be arranged online at [moerdijk.nl/paspoort](http://moerdijk.nl/paspoort) or [moerdijk.nl/rijbewijs](http://moerdijk.nl/rijbewijs)

## Waste

We separate waste in the municipality of Moerdijk. Vegetable and fruit waste, plastic, paper and residual waste are each collected separately. You can read about this in the waste guide: [moerdijk.nl/afvalwijzer](http://moerdijk.nl/afvalwijzer). You may not leave cans, bottles, plastic bags, etc. on the street or by the side of the road. Put them in a trash can.



## DISCOVER THE MUNICIPALITY



The municipality of Moerdijk consists of 11 characteristic towns and is surrounded by water. It is a municipality of nearly 37,000 residents. As the crow flies, it is nearly 25 kilometers from Zevenbergschen Hoek to Willemstad. Moerdijk is the second largest municipality in North Brabant by area. The centers and villages in Moerdijk each have their own character. Some are agricultural, others urban or historic. In any case, each village has a friendly and welcoming atmosphere. We hope you enjoy and feel welcome in our municipality. If you need anything, we will be happy to help.

### The facts at a glance:

- 3<sup>rd</sup> largest municipality by area in the province of North Brabant
- 4<sup>th</sup> seaport of the Netherlands
- 184 km<sup>2</sup> in size
- 38,000 residents
- 10,000 jobs
- Many jobs in the logistics sector (Port of Moerdijk)
- Number of migrant workers: 2,300 registered, origin from: Poland, Romania, Hungary, Latvia, Bulgaria



## Leisure

In the municipality of Moerdijk, you can play sports at an association or at gyms. Sports can be played indoors or outdoors. You can swim indoors at De Niervaert in Klundert and at De Oester in Fijnaart. The outdoor pools are: De Bosselaar in Zevenbergen and Het Buitendiep in Willemstad.

There are also marinas for pleasure boats in Willemstad.

In Zevenbergen there is De Schuur theater and in Zevenbergschen Hoek there is a music school.

There are several churches:

Gereformeerde kerk Zevenbergen: Stationsstraat 2

Gereformeerde kerk (vrijgemaakt) Zevenbergen: Noordhaven 2

Hervormde kerk Zevenbergen: Markt 4

Oud gereformeerde gemeente Nederland: Noordschans 10, Klundert

Protestantse gemeente Moerdijk: Wilhelminaplein 2

Protestantse Dorpskerk, Kerkring 1, Fijnaart

Katholieke kerk Zevenbergen: H. Bartholomeus, Markt 19

Katholieke kerk Fijnaart: H. Jacobus de Meerdere, Molenstraat 26

Katholieke kerk Zevenbergschen Hoek: H. Bartholomeus, Kerkplein 4

In the municipality of Moerdijk, there are plenty of historical sites to see and discover.

Find information and fun activities at Visit Moerdijk (TIP Zevenbergen, Molenstraat 2b or [visitmoerdijk.nl](http://visitmoerdijk.nl)).







## Supermarkets

- Casa: Roemeense supermarkt, Zevenbergen
- Rynek: Poolse supermarkt, Zevenbergen
- Continuing in Zevenbergen: Albert Heijn, Aldi, Jumbo, Van Drimmelen
- Fijnaart: Jumbo
- Klundert: Albert Heijn
- Moerdijk: Spar
- Standdaarbuiten: Spar
- Willemstad: Jumbo
- You can order groceries online from Albert Heijn and Jumbo. They will be delivered to your home.

## Thrift store

Often clothes, shoes, appliances or household goods are still good enough to be reused by someone else. You can find these things in the thrift store. You pay less money here and you avoid waste.

Thrift stores are Emmaus in Langeweg and Kringloop Mamas Huisraad in Zevenbergen. There are larger thrift stores in Breda, Etten- Leur and Roosendaal.

# GENERAL INFORMATION

## Covid-19

### Vaccine without an appointment

Want a Covid-19 vaccine without an appointment? You can find more information on the [prikkenzonderafspraak.rijksoverheid.nl](https://prikkenzonderafspraak.rijksoverheid.nl) site. Bring your identification and complete the health declaration (available in many languages) on site. Would you prefer to make an appointment for the Covid-19 vaccine? Call: 0800 7070 (Dutch and English).



### Questions about Covid-19

If you have any questions about Covid-19 or the vaccine(s) please visit [vragenovercorona.nl](https://vragenovercorona.nl). This website is available in several languages. Call 0800 7707707 (free of charge).



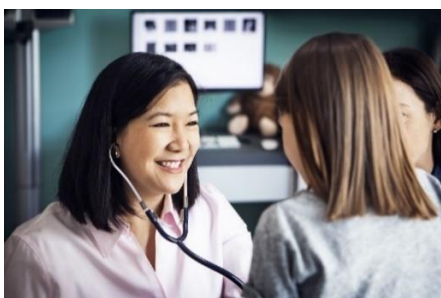
Want to know more about Covid-19 in the Netherlands? Then visit [corona.steffie.nl/nl/](https://corona.steffie.nl/nl/) for information in your language.

## Healthcare

### Family doctors

Ask your employer which family doctors they have made arrangements with. Or find a family doctor yourself. There are several family doctors and dentists in the municipality of Moerdijk; however, sometimes there are patient stops.

If you need to see a doctor urgently after 17:00, on weekends or holidays, please call the family doctor's office in Roosendaal (0165 – 530 200).



### **Social work**

If you have personal questions or problems you want to talk to someone about, Surplus social workers will listen to and think with you. Their help is free of charge. You can come to them with issues such as: anxiety, depression, loneliness, health, grief or problems at work. Visit [www.surplus.nl](http://www.surplus.nl) or call for an appointment at: [0168 – 33 13 57](tel:0168-331357).

### **Hospitals**

For urgent matters call 112, which is for police, fire and ambulance.

If you go directly to the hospital when it is not urgent, then you have to pay the healthcare costs yourself. A hospital may also refuse you.

There are nearby hospitals in Roosendaal, Breda, Dordrecht and Rotterdam. For specialty care from doctors in the hospital, you always need a referral from your family doctor.

## **Children**

If you yourself work during the day, in the Netherlands you can have your child taken care of in a playgroup, daycare center or extracurricular care. Children between the ages of 5 and 16 are required to attend school. Once you are in the Netherlands, you must enroll your child in a school.

A playgroup is for very young children who are cared for there for a few hours a week.

A daycare center is for children aged 0-4, parents can decide how often their child goes here.

The extracurricular care is care for children between the ages of 4-13. Here, the care is before, during and after school and during vacations. You can get an allowance for this from the Dutch Tax Office or the municipality.

For more information on education and care, contact the municipality: by phone at 14 0168 or by email at [info@moerdijk.nl](mailto:info@moerdijk.nl).



## Language

### Curio

Are you from an EU country and want to learn Dutch? It's called NT2 (Dutch as a second language) and you take it at Curio. If you live within the municipality of Moerdijk, you will receive a government subsidy for this. You pay a co-payment of up to 100 euros per course. You can take the class in Zevenbergen.

At Curio in Breda and in Bergen op Zoom, there is the international transition class (ISK) for students 12 and older who do not yet have a sufficient command of the language. The emphasis here is on learning Dutch as a second language.

For more information and to register, visit [www.curio.nl](http://www.curio.nl)

### Library

At West-Brabant library (Kasteelweg 3 in Zevenbergen) you can read books or take a basic computer course. At the Taalpunt you can ask all your questions about learning the Dutch language, reading easy books or information about language, reading and learning.



Language consultation: every Thursday from 10:00 – 12:00

Language practice group: Monday afternoons 13:30 – 15:00 (sign up)

Language café: speaking Dutch together every Thursday: 13:30 – 15:00 (free walk-in).

For more information, visit: [bibliotheekwb.nl](http://bibliotheekwb.nl)

## Transport

To travel by public transport in the Netherlands, you need an OV-chipkaart ([ov-chipkaart.nl](https://www.ov-chipkaart.nl)). You can buy them at train stations, at Primera or at various supermarkets. You cannot buy individual train or bus tickets.

### Applying for OV-chipkaart

The OV-chipkaart allows you to travel on all public transportation throughout the Netherlands. The OV-chipkaart can be purchased at train stations, in various stores and supermarkets, as well as online. More information on how to apply can be found at [ov-chipkaart.nl](https://www.ov-chipkaart.nl) or call: 0900-0980.



**Train:** There is a train station in Zevenbergen: [ns.nl](https://www.ns.nl)

**Airport:** There are airports in Amsterdam (Schiphol), Rotterdam/The Hague, Eindhoven, Maastricht and Groningen.

### Travel planner (9292)

On the 9292 website, you can see how to get to your destination by public transport. Enter your current location and desired destination and the app will show you which bus, streetcar, or train to take [9292.nl](https://www.9292.nl) 0900-9292 (€0.90/min).



## Traffic

The Netherlands has strict rules on alcohol and drug use in traffic and the fines are high. You also put yourself and others in serious danger. There is a limit of 0.5 per mille. Driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs is a crime.

Vehicles must have a valid license plate, otherwise they may be taken off the road by the police. A foreign license plate allows you to drive around tax-free for a maximum of 6 months. If you are registered here, you must also register your car with the Rijksdienst voor het Wegverkeer (Dutch national road service) and have your license plate transferred to a Dutch license plate. Also, you then have to start paying road taxes. Sometimes a waiver is available through the Dutch Internal Revenue Service.

## Insurance

If you live in the Netherlands and work at a Dutch company, you are required to have Dutch health insurance. Sometimes your employer or the employment agency will help you with this. If you are organizing your own health insurance, do so as soon as possible and in any case within four months after you start working here. You pay your own medical expenses during the period you are not insured.

Anyone who causes damage to another is financially liable for this. "Third-party vehicle insurance" is mandatory. Drivers of motor vehicles without third-party vehicle insurance are punishable.

## Working

### **ID**

In the Netherlands, you must always be able to identify yourself, including at work. Your employer will make a copy of your ID or passport. However, your employer must return it to you afterwards.

### **Dutch bank account**

Your employer transfers your wages to your Dutch bank account. This can also be done to a foreign bank account, but it will take longer to get your paycheck.

### **Employment contract**

An employment contract contains the agreements, rights and obligations about your work. That way it is clear to both parties. Sometimes appointments are made verbally. If so, always ask for a written confirmation.

### **Fairwork.nu**

The FairWork foundation focuses on supporting foreign workers in the Netherlands. You can ask them your questions anonymously and free of charge.

### **Dismissal**

If you have been dismissed and find yourself without an income, it is important to find a new job as soon as possible. You can do this, for example, through the [UWV](#) (Dutch Employee Insurance Agency), through the European Union website ([EURES](#)) or through employment agencies.

If you no longer have a job here, but still live in the Netherlands, you can apply for an [unemployment benefit](#) for the time you are out of work. You do this at the UWV, the benefits organization in the Netherlands. You do then have some obligations. For example, to stay in the Netherlands and apply for jobs and keep the UWV informed.



### **workinnl.nl**

When you come to work and live in the Netherlands, a lot is involved. At workinnl.nl you will find explanations of your rights and obligations, what you need to do and what arrangements you need to make. This will help you live and work here safely and healthily. This website also provides a collection of appropriate agencies that can help you with any questions. The website is in Dutch, English, Spanish, Polish, Romanian and Bulgarian.

## **Housing**

It is difficult to get housing in the Netherlands. Rental housing is in high demand, but there are not that many homes for rent. That is why there are waiting lists. You can rent through a corporation or through private rentals. Sometimes your employer will provide housing.

The price for homes for sale is currently high. You must have sufficient income and usually steady employment to take out a mortgage. You also need equity that you have to put in to buy a house.

### **Apartments for rent**

[klikvoorwonen.nl](http://klikvoorwonen.nl)

### **Purchasing property**

[funda.nl](http://funda.nl)

## Consultation hour for migrant workers

Every Wednesday  
from 18.00 - 19.00

Would you like to know more about:  
accommodation, working  
and living in Moerdijk?

Come to the consultation hour:

Trefpunt meer Moerdijk centre  
Kristallaan 25C  
4761 ZC Zevenbergen

We look forward  
to helping you!

- +31 (0) 62 70 22 15 0
- arbeidsmigranten@moerdijk.nl
- moerdijk.nl/arbeidsmigranten







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# Ontdek Moerdijk

Dwaal door oude vestingsteden en over uitgestrekte poldervlakten.

**Stelling van Willemstad**

**Op & aan het water**

**Wandelen & fietsen**

## Moerdijk

### Verbonden door rivieren, kreken en cultuur

Struin door historische vestingsteden of herbeleef de historie tijdens een bezoek aan de forten in Moerdijk. Fiets of wandel langs uitgestrekte graslanden en kom samen tot rust bij een van de vele rivieren en kreken.

# Wat is er te doen?

## Op pad met gids langs verborgen parels

Samen met een gids ontdek plekken waar je niet snel komt. Laat je meevoeren door heden en verleden. Ieder detail heeft een verhaal, ieder gebouw een anekdote. De gids zit vol verrassingen.

[Reserveer een tocht](#) 

## Beleef een streek vol forten



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