

How to obtain your

Essential start-up personnel permit

The residence permit that focuses on employee value and partcipation which makes it possible for startups at an early stage to hire employees with specific high-valued expertise and skills.



Step 1

You have been selected by a start-up as an essential future employee.

Step 2

Negotiate your salary and employee participation agreement to meet permit qualifications.

What you need to know as a start-up

- The start-up has to have an innovative and scalable business model
- 2. Is financially well-funded
- 3. Has a maximum of 15 employees
- 4. The employee receives a participation (shares/options) of at least 1% in the company with a maximum vesting period of 36 months

Step 4

Collect the requested documents by your future employer, submit these and they will do the application at the Immigration and Naturalisation Service for you.

Step 3

Make an appointment at the Dutch embassy or consulate to prepare for your application.



Step 5

Pay for your permit application through future employer and collect your entry visa (i.e. MVV) if needed.

Step 6

Congratulations, you've now obtained your essential start-up personnel permit.
Collect your permit in the Netherlands.



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