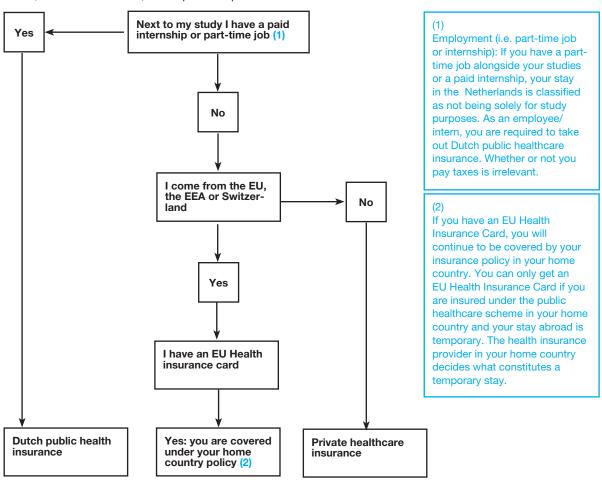


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# Healthcare insurance for international students in the Netherlands

This factsheet explains what international students in Holland must do to be properly insured. For some students, this means that they are obliged to take out a public healthcare insurance policy (in Dutch: *Basisverzekering*). For the others, there are alternative, less expensive options.



### **Students**

Students who are in Holland solely for study purposes (and are not in a part-time job or paid internship) are exempt from the general requirement to take out Dutch public healthcare insurance. They will have to make alternative arrangements for healthcare insurance. Perhaps you are covered under a public healthcare insurance plan at home. If this is the case make sure this provides adequate coverage during your stay in Holland. If you are from an EU country, your insurance company can provide you with an EU Health Insurance Card.

Otherwise you will have to make other arrangements, for example by taking out a private insurance policy. There are private packages on the market especially for international students. Ask at the international office of your higher education institution which insurance package they recommend.

## **SVB** insurance position investigation

If you have doubts about your specific situation and you want to be sure where you stand, you can always submit your case to the SVB. You can do this by going to 'Request for investigation into WIz insurance position' on the English pages of <a href="https://www.svb.nl">www.svb.nl</a>.

# **Penalty from the National Health Care Institute**

Even if you do not fall under the requirement to take out Dutch public healthcare insurance, you might still receive a letter from the National Health Care Institute (*Zorginstituut Nederland*) notifying you to arrange Dutch public healthcare insurance or risk a fine.

It is important to contact the SVB right away to request an investigation of your insurance situation. You can find more information about this on www.studyinholland.nl/healthcare-letter.

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