



Visas

Knowmads is not a traditional business school and is not recognized as a school by the Dutch government. While this gives us the freedom to design and change our program to the needs of our community, it also means Knowmads cannot sponsor student or business visas. Students from outside the EU/EEA/Switzerland who require a visa to live in The Netherlands are responsible for obtaining their own visa for the Knowmads year.

As visa requirements may change and vary for each individual we suggest visiting the Dutch government website [Visas](#) first. We also suggest contacting the Embassy or Consulate of The Netherlands in your home country for more information about the visa process, you can find yours here: [Embassies of The Netherlands](#). The visa process can take several months, so it is important to start early.

Below are three Dutch visas that students from outside of the EU/EEA/Switzerland have explored in the past, there may be other options available to you depending on your citizenship and situation:

Start-up Visa

A new one year visa for The Netherlands offered to those citizens from outside of Europe. This visa has several requirements including: registering a business in The Netherlands, creating a business plan, having a Dutch facilitator and showing proof of sufficient money to live in The Netherlands. Visit [Start-up visa](#) for all of the details.

DAFT Visa

Available to American and Japanese citizens this is a simplified version of the self-employment visa and has requirements including: registering a business in The Netherlands, and having a business investment of 4,500 euros in a Dutch bank account. Find the requirements here for the [DAFT](#).

Orientation Year Highly Educated Persons

If you have recently earned a Masters or PhD degree from a top 200 ranked university you may be eligible for this one year visa. See the requirements [here](#).

Knowmads can also recommend a Dutch lawyer to assist applicants with the visa process please contact us at: apply@knowmads.nl for more information.