Career Orientation in the Netherlands

This leaflet contains information and tips for (international) students that would like to find a job/internship in the Netherlands during and after their studies and includes the following topics:

- **Orientation & Networking**
- **Job Search Platforms**
- **Job Application Skills**
- **Residence Permit**

**Orientation & Networking**

Before you start applying for jobs, it is important to orientate yourself and find out where you would like to work and what type of job you would like to have.

The following activities can help you with this:

- **Guest lectures**: will give you an idea of the work you can do after graduating.
- **Career events**: give you the chance to explore your career options and meet companies. E.g. Radboud Career Day, Career Fairs, workshops
- **Internship**: an internship is the perfect opportunity to get some work experience and will help you to find out what you are good at and what you like and don’t.
- **Career Advice**: you can book an individual appointment with a Career Service counselor of Career Service or you can contact one of our Career Advisors to talk about your career orientation.

You can furthermore broaden your network by:

- **Joining the study association**: study associations have a big network and are in contact with many companies. Besides that, they organize a variety of career related activities.
- **Create a LinkedIn account**: on LinkedIn you can create your professional profile and connect with people and companies you are interested in.
**Job Search Platforms**

Below you can find a number of job search platforms that are useful for internationals that would like to find a job/internship in the Netherlands and/or Europe:

- **Holland Alumni Network**: aims to facilitate an international network of Holland alumni, future alumni, Holland Alumni associations, Dutch higher education institutions, Dutch embassies and relevant organisations. Via the network you can find plenty of jobsites and other practical information that can help you to find a job in the Netherlands.

- **EURES**: The European Job Mobility Portal

- **Radboud Career Service**: at this website you can find internship and job postings per faculty that are relevant for students of Radboud University.

**Residence Permit**

If you would like to do an internship during your studies or pursue a career in the Netherlands after graduating, you need to make sure to have a valid residence permit. On the website of the Immigration and Naturalisation Service (IND), you can find more information about the different types of residence permits and their application requirements.

**Non-EU:**

- **Work and Internship during your studies**
- Looking for a job in the Netherlands after graduation
  > apply for the residence permit "orientation year highly educated persons"
- You have already found a job in the Netherlands
  > apply for the residence permit as a "highly skilled migrant"

**EU:**

Other conditions apply to persons with the nationality of an EU/EEA country. Further information can be found on the IND website: [https://ind.nl/en/eu-eea](https://ind.nl/en/eu-eea)

**Job Application Skills**

Career Service provides a variety of services that can help to develop your job application skills:

- **CV and letter checks**
- **Career-related workshops**: e.g. interview preparation, how to present yourself, how to use LinkedIn

For more information you can go to the Career Service website: [www.ru.nl/Careerservice/english](http://www.ru.nl/Careerservice/english)

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