

**Give your  
international  
employees  
a warm  
welcome**



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welcome center  
north**

# What is the IWCN?

The International Welcome Center North is a cooperation between the Municipality of Groningen, University of Groningen, the Immigration and Naturalization Service (IND) and Stichting Connect International. A unique center in the Northern Netherlands where companies, knowledge institutions and the government work together to serve international employees, all at *one* location.

## The IWCN provides:

- Residence permits (for highly -skilled migrants)
- Registration within the Municipal Personal Records Database
- Service and information
- Independent and reliable referrals to associated service providers

## Who is the IWCN for?

The International Welcome Center North is aimed at international highly-skilled migrants who come to live and work in Groningen, Friesland and Drenthe, and for companies and knowledge institutions who employ these Internationals. Organizations that are considering the employment of international highly-skilled workers are of course welcome to consult with the IWCN, as well.

The IWCN is *the* center for highly-skilled migrants and companies in the Northern Netherlands. Not only are we building a stronger foundation for our international community, but we are also building a strong international future for the entire Northern Netherlands.

# Why an IWCN?

## The International Welcome Center North has been established to:

- Better and more fully serve Internationals and their employers
- Promote the Northern Netherlands further as an excellent location for international companies, knowledge institutions and Internationals
- Build a network of cooperating service partners to whom Internationals can reliably be referred

## **Interested in the IWCN?**

Would you like to know if the IWCN can be of service to you? Or do you offer services which could perhaps make you an interesting partner for the IWCN?

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Nice to  
meet you!

Welcome  
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# STEP 1



## Official Matters

The International Welcome Center North efficiently arranges governmental formalities for your international employees: from municipal registrations and BSN numbers to highly-skilled migrant residence permits.

# STEP 2



## Settling in

How do I find the right house or a suitable school for the children? How do the health care system and insurance schemes work? How do I arrange for a bank account or to import my pets? The International Welcome Center North provides you with the answers, thinks with you, and refers you to reliable IWCN service partners.



## STEP 3



## Social & Leisure

Everyone moving to a new house in a new environment wants to feel quickly at home. The International Welcome Center North organizes activities to help you build a strong social network and become familiar with Dutch culture.

In a few  
steps, at  
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