

I have a long-distance relationship with someone from a country to which an entry ban applies due to coronavirus. Can my partner travel to the Netherlands?

- A. From 27 July 2020 your partner from a [country to which an entry ban applies](#) may travel to the Netherlands under certain conditions. Your partner may stay in the Netherlands for up to 90 days within a 180-day period. Children under the age of 18 can also travel with your partner.

Q. What are the conditions applying to the temporary arrangement for partners in a long distance relationship?

The conditions applying to the temporary arrangement for partners in long-distance relationships are;

- You (inviting party) are a Dutch national or a national of a [country belonging to the European Economic Area \(EEA\)](#) or Switzerland.
- You (inviting party) live in the Netherlands.
- You and your partner have been in a relationship for at least 3 months. Before the entry ban came into force due to coronavirus, you saw each other at least twice in person. For example, during a stay at a house or a hotel. Or once for a period of at least 4 weeks. You have proof of this, such as airline tickets and hotel reservations.
- Before travelling to the Netherlands your partner must purchase a return ticket. This also applies to any children under 18 travelling with your partner.
- You must both sign the [‘Declaration of relationship for COVID-19 entry ban exemption’ form](#). On this form you must indicate when your relationship started. You must also enclose proof of your relationship and time spent together. You decide what proof you send. For example:
 - airline tickets
 - previously used visas
 - copies of passport stamps
 - payment details showing that you spent time together somewhere (such as hotel reservations)
 - statements by third parties that you are in a relationship (such as a statement from parents or friends)
 - photos.

Q. I am living in the Netherlands, can I invite my long-distance relationship in the Netherlands?

- A. You can if you are a Dutch national or a national of a country belonging to the European Economic Area (EEA) or Switzerland. You are living and registered in the Netherlands.

Foreign nationals with a residence permit residing in the Netherlands, or relationship couples being foreign nationals, cannot make use of this exception for travelling.

Q. Can I get a guarantee that the airline company will let me board with regard to travelling to the Netherlands?

- A. No, this cannot be guaranteed as this regulation only applies for the Netherlands, this means that travelling on a direct flight to Amsterdam, Schiphol Airport is advised!

Do check flight options with your local travel agency.

Q. What documents should I bring for border control upon arrival in the Netherlands?

A. At border control your partner must show the Royal Dutch Military and Border Police or the Seaport Police the following:

- the [‘Declaration of relationship for COVID-19 entry ban exemption’ form](#)
- the return ticket
- proof of your relationship.

The border control officers will use these documents to determine whether your partner meets all the conditions. Your partner must also have a valid travel document and, if necessary, a visa.

Q. My foreign partner is subject to a visa requirement?

A. Your partner may need a [short-stay visa](#) for a stay in the Netherlands of up to 90 days. This depends on your partner’s nationality.

When applying for this visa the authorities will check whether your partner meets the conditions for the arrangement for partners in long-distance relationships. For this you need to submit the completed [‘Declaration of relationship for COVID-19 entry ban exemption’ form](#) and proof of your relationship.

Q. Can I apply for a visa at the embassy?

A. For this specific group of visa applicants you should schedule an appointment with VFS for the visa application.

Q. How long can my foreign partner stay in the Netherlands?

A. This is a short stay. The maximum length of stay is 90 days within a total period of 180 days.

Q. Can my partner stay longer than 90 days in the Netherlands?

A. If your partner wants to stay in the Netherlands for more than 90 days, different rules apply. In that case, your partner must apply to the IND for a residence permit (and sometimes also a provisional residence permit).

Q. My foreign partner has minor children, can they travel?

A. Minor children up to the age of 18 of the foreign partner are also covered by this exception for travelling to the Netherlands. Only when they travel to the Netherlands together with the foreign partner.

Q. My foreign partner does not require a visa, how can I get advice before my partner travels?

A. If your partner does not need a short-stay visa and you would like advice about your application for the arrangement for partners in long-distance relationships, please contact the Immigration and Naturalisation Service (IND) before your partner travels. You should send the completed [‘Declaration of relationship for COVID-19 entry ban exemption’ form](#) and proof of your relationship to klantinformatiecentrum@ind.nl, with ‘Advice on COVID-19 long-distance relationship arrangement’ in the subject line.

The IND will inform you whether your partner meets all the conditions for the arrangement. Your partner should bring a copy of this information with them, along with the 'Declaration of relationship for COVID-19 entry ban exemption' form and proof of the relationship. Your partner can show these to the airline or the Royal Dutch Military and Border Police.

The Royal Dutch Military and Border Police and the Seaport Police have the right to refuse your partner entry if there is a valid reason to do this.

Q. Does my foreign partner have to be in quarantine in the Netherlands?

- A. Your partner and any children travelling with your partner are urgently advised to [self-quarantine for 14 days](#) on arrival in the Netherlands, even if they do not have any symptoms that could be caused by coronavirus. You can find out whether self-quarantine is urgently advised for travellers arriving from a particular country in the [Ministry of Foreign Affairs travel advisory for that country](#) (in Dutch).