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## FOREIGN STUDENTS AND CORONA

Foreign students who are studying in the Netherlands (HBO or university) can obtain a residence permit if they have a sponsor. The permit remains valid for as long as they continue to achieve sufficiently positive study results. At the end of their studies, they are entitled to an additional 'search year' in which they can look for a job at their educational level. This is subject to a wage criterion. If they find such a job, they are entitled to a permit as a highly skilled migrant.

The corona crisis has interfered with the study of many students. It has also been more difficult for them to find suitable employment. Some highly skilled migrants experienced a corona-related decrease in income, and they are calling for a relaxation of the rules.

The Minister of Social Affairs and Employment, therefore, has indicated that educational institutes are allowed to relax the rules on study progress. In addition, the search-year regulation will be extended, which means that students are also allowed to come to the Netherlands as knowledge migrants after the end of the search year. The income-level criterion will also be relaxed in cases of corona-related decreases in income. See [here](#).

## 1. BASIC RIGHTS

### Netherlands Public Prosecution Service (OM): Court case about the rape of Egyptian asylum seeker in retention centre Oss

'My father holds a high position at the IND', said W.E., a 33-year-old resident of Oss, according to an Egyptian asylum seeker who had exhausted all legal procedures. W.E. was reported to have said that the Egyptian had better have sex with him, otherwise W.E.'s father would deport him. The Netherlands Public Prosecution Service (OM) accused W.E. of rape through psychological pressure. The defendant denied the charges.

The victim is a Coptic Christian who was staying in the Netherlands, illegally, in 2016 and 2017. He was sleeping at the night shelter of the Verduhuis in Oss, at the time, where he became acquainted with the suspect, who was staying in one of the rooms via the Verdi Foundation.

See [here](#), 16.7.20

## 2. ADMISSION POLICY

### District Court: about residence permit of a father of Dutch children, father's presence since 2018 not sufficient

The father of these Dutch children has been involved in raising his children, aged 6 and 10, since 2018. He has submitted many documents (e.g. from the children's school, soccer club, general practitioner, and mother) showing that he is providing certain types of care. Nevertheless, the court is not of the opinion that this proves that the children should leave the Netherlands if the father leaves. After all, during the first years of their lives, the children were raised single-handedly by their mother. The father therefore will not be issued with a residence permit. See [here](#).

### WBV 2020/13: for children under a Child Care and Protection measure

Children under a child care and protection measure can be granted a residence permit under certain conditions. The State Secretary has now curtailed this regulation by requiring proof of exactly what assistance is needed. This proof can be provided through a report by the Child Care and Protection Board or the certified institution that carries out the child care and protection measure. Another new condition has also been added, namely that the place of residence of the child while it is under the child care and protection measure must be known to the Repatriation and Departure Service (DT&V) at all times. See [here](#).

## 3. CHECK AND DETENTION

### State Secretary for Justice and Security: recommencement of deportations

In the period from 11 March 2020 to 30 June 2020, about 480 aliens demonstrably left the Netherlands, around 150 of whom were forced to leave. These numbers are much lower than usual.

As of 1 July, the Netherlands has resumed deportations to other EU Member States. Between 1 and 6 July, around 20 deportations were carried out. See [here](#).

## 4. ACTIVITIES

Webinars for migrant women organisations: COVID-19 impact and gender-sensitive responses, 22–25 July

[New Women Connectors](#) aims to promote gender-sensitive responses to and beyond COVID-19 and its consequences, by and for migrant and refugee women across Europe. Against this background, NWC has launched a series of activities under the theme 'Leading Resilience'. It functions as a cross-border virtual space of solidarity where the needs and challenges of migrant and refugee women during COVID-19 become visible and are heard, and where experts and peers will support the search for common solutions. These activities have been designed in different languages (e.g. English, Arabic, Spanish) for various groups of migrant and refugee women, at national and European levels.

- **22 July** for Arabic مرونه نعال ته عزيز : [Registration Link](#)
- **24 July** for Urdu, Punjabi and Hindi: [Registration link](#)
- **25 July** for Spanish: [Registration link](#)

To compile information on coping strategies, resilience and the needs of refugee and migrant women, New Women Connectors also launched the [survey 'Lets talk'](https://forms.gle/AEmWSFu9WCyj8Ge8A): <https://forms.gle/AEmWSFu9WCyj8Ge8A>

IOM: MATCH organises circular migration to NL for specialists from Nigeria and Senegal

See the [link](#) for more information on recruiting qualified staff from Senegal and Nigeria, the various legal processes involved, and the support that the project is able to provide to companies.