

|                           | Permanent Residence card   | Citizenship (passport)   |
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| <b>Requirements</b>       | <p>The key Citizenship and Permanent Residence card requirements are the same, with some minor exemptions. For the complete list of requirements, please check the following Government webpages:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Citizenship: <a href="#">link</a></li> <li>2. Permanent Residence card: <a href="#">link</a></li> </ol> <p>Following is a summary of the key requirements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Have lived in the Netherlands legally for 5 consecutive years</li> <li>2. Should have a non-temporary visa at the time of application. List of Visas to check: <a href="#">link</a></li> <li>3. Inburgering Diploma <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Dutch Language tests: Reading, Listening, Writing Speaking (A2 till 2023. Could increase to B1 in future).</li> <li>b. KNM test: Knowledge of Dutch Society</li> <li>c. ONA: Orientation on the Dutch labour market. People already working in NI can apply for an exemption.</li> <li>d. Some useful sources to prepare for the exams: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. <a href="https://www.inburgeringonline.nl/en">https://www.inburgeringonline.nl/en</a></li> <li>ii. <a href="https://www.adappel.nl/">https://www.adappel.nl/</a></li> <li>iii. Official practice tests: <a href="#">link</a></li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> <li>4. Legalized birth certificate. Check the following Government webpage to know the legalization process of documents: <a href="#">link</a></li> </ol> |  |
| <b>Process and costs</b>  | <p>Government webpage: <a href="#">link</a></p> <p>Costs:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Inburgering diploma exams: ~ € 250</li> <li>2. Application: ~ € 210</li> </ol> <p>Processing time is around 2 months after application.</p>  | <p>Applications for naturalisation are made to your municipality of residence.</p> <p>Costs:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Inburgering diploma exams: ~ € 250</li> <li>2. Application: ~ € 970. Combined with a partner: ~ € 1230</li> </ol> <p>Processing time is around 12 months after application.</p> |
| <b>Validity</b>           | <p>Permanent, unless:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. You have been outside the Netherlands for more than 6 continuous months</li> <li>2. For 3 years in a row, you have been outside of the Netherlands for more than 4 continuous months.</li> </ol> <p>Government webpage: <a href="#">link</a></p>   | Permanent  |
| <b>Indian Citizenship</b> | <p>Stays, since you do not become a Dutch citizen.</p>   | <p>Have to give up since the Government of India does not allow dual citizenship.</p> <p>Can apply for an Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) card.</p> <p>Government webpage: <a href="#">link</a></p>  |