

# IMPORTANT

## Healthcare information

It is very important that you register with a General Practitioner (GP), regardless of your medical situation.

**Register with a GP here:**



You can find more information about the Dutch healthcare system on the back of this flyer.



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# Additional information about the Dutch healthcare system

The healthcare system in the Netherlands works differently from what you may be used to in your own country. The most important information is listed below:

- The Dutch healthcare system is based on General Practitioners (GPs), called 'huisarts' in Dutch. Everyone living in the Netherlands is strongly advised to register with a GP.
- The GP is a healthcare specialist and your first point of contact for medical advice or treatment. If necessary, the GP can refer you to a hospital specialist. Without a GP, this is not possible.
- You can contact your GP with any medical questions during office hours. In case of a medical emergency outside of office hours, you can contact the GP Emergency Post via [hapmaastricht.nl](http://hapmaastricht.nl). Do not come to the hospital without an appointment.
- Even if you currently have no medical issues, it is important to be registered. Therefore, find a GP in your area and sign up. An overview of GPs in Maastricht and surrounding areas can be found on the GP Emergency Post's website: [hapmaastricht.nl/en/students-and-expats](http://hapmaastricht.nl/en/students-and-expats). Don't wait until you get sick-register now!
- For more information about health issues, visit: [thuisarts.nl/dutch-healthcare](http://thuisarts.nl/dutch-healthcare)

