

## Permit and visa information

### **Joining the Shelter YHM for a short term period (1-3 months)**

#### **A) If you are from a European Union (EU) country, no visa or permit is required.**

The following countries are member of the EU/EER:

Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Denmark, Germany, Estonia, Finland, France, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, Norway, Malta, Austria, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Slovakia, Spain, The Czech Republic, The United Kingdom, Sweden. Swiss nationals are also classed as EU/EER nationals.

#### **B) For all other nationalities:**

Only citizen exempted from visa application for the Schengen countries can apply for a short term period in the Shelter YHM. The following citizen do not need to apply for a visa to visit or transit in the Schengen countries. Visa exemptions for:

Andorra, Argentina, Australia, Bolivia, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Croatia, El Salvador, European Union, Guatemala, Honduras, Israel, Japan, Liechtenstein, Malaysia, Mexico, Monaco, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Romania, San Marino, Singapore, South Korea, Switzerland, United States of America, Uruguay, Vatican, Venezuela. In addition, Chinese citizen holding a Hong Kong and Macao passport are exempted from visa application.

If you hold a passport of a country that is not mentioned above, you can NOT apply to join the Shelter YHM for a short term period.

#### **Maximum stay of 90 days in Schengen countries**

IMPORTANT: If you are from a Non-EU country that is mentioned above, you can enter Western Europe without a visa. Upon arrival you will get a stamp in your passport which is considered a so called Schengen Visa (free of charge). With this you are free to stay or travel within the Schengen space for up to 90 days in a period of 180 days. The Netherlands is part of the Schengen area.

It is important to realize that your total time in the Schengen area is a maximum of 90 days. This means that if you sign up for three months in the Shelter YHM, you will not have time to travel to other Schengen countries before your time in Amsterdam! The maximum period in the Shelter YHM is up to three months starting from the date of your arrival in the Schengen area!

The Schengen area consists of the following countries:

Austria, Germany, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxemburg, Malta, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, The Netherlands (effective of 21<sup>st</sup> December 2007)

## **Joining the Shelter for a long term period (6-12 months)**

### **A) If you are from a European Union (EU) country, no visa or permit is required.**

The following countries members of the EU/EER:

Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Denmark, Germany, Estonia, Finland, France, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, Norway, Malta, Austria, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Slovakia, Spain, The Czech Republic, The United Kingdom, Sweden. Swiss nationals are also classed as EU/EER nationals

Note: Citizen from **Romania** and **Bulgaria** do require a work permit!

### **B) For all other nationalities:**

Only if you are from one of the following countries you can apply to join the Shelter YHM for a long term period. Eligible for permits:

Australia, Canada, Japan, Monaco, New Zealand, Vatican city, United States of America, Switzerland, South Korea.

We will have to obtain a **work permit** and a **residence permit** on your behalf. For this you need to meet the following criteria: between 18 and 30 years of age, and recently ended education (less than one year ago), or currently a student, or signed up for education after serving in the Shelter YHM.

We rarely consider applications from the following countries as well:

South-Africa, South American countries.

For these nationalities also a authorisation for temporary stay (**MVV**) will be necessary (in addition to the employment and residence permit). This procedure can be complex and can take 6 to 12 months. You can not start this MVV procedure while you are in The Netherlands, you have to be in your home country.

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