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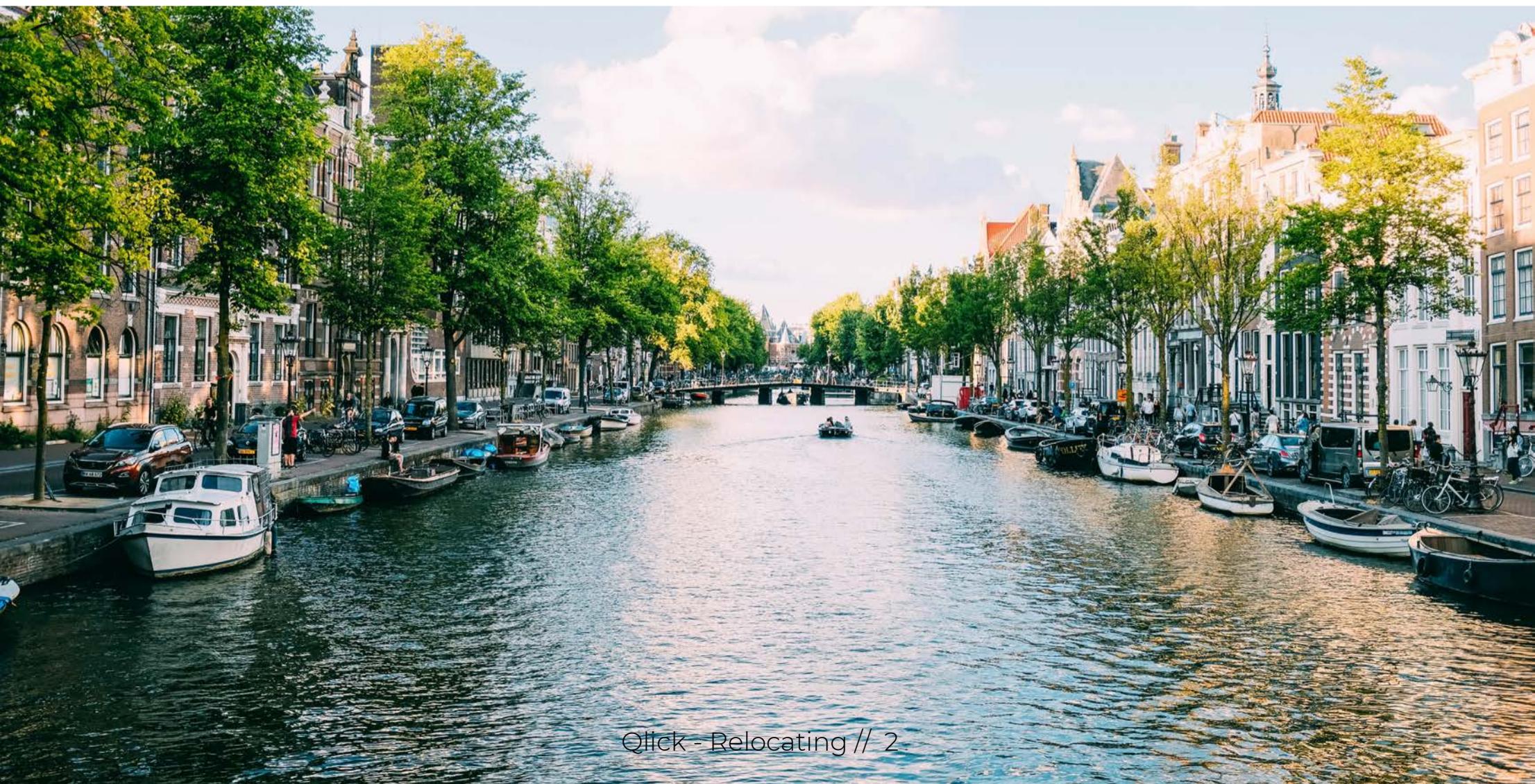
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Relocating to Amsterdam

Our capital Amsterdam has been attracting expats for a very long time. People are drawn to the city by its desirable work-life balance (ranked #1 in 2018's OECD Better Life Index) and the abundance of cultural diversity. International talent can take advantage of the country's 30% ruling tax break, available to skilled foreign nationals. Less tax and your money is worth more in Amsterdam anyway, since the cost of living is amongst the lowest of all of Europe's capitals.

So, if you're looking for a new venture, a good salary, and a laid-back environment, you could do a lot worse than settling down by the Amstel.



The important things you have to arrange, when moving to Amsterdam

Sign up for a tuberculosis (TB) test if required

You have to take a tuberculosis test, unless you are from a country listed here: <https://ind.nl/en/Forms/7644.pdf>

This process can take 3-4 weeks. The requirement is to take the test within 3 months from being issued a residence permit, so it's recommended to sign up as soon as you arrive in the Netherlands.

To sign up: submit the TB test referral form (<https://ind.nl/en/Forms/7604.pdf>) to tbc@ggd.amsterdam.nl.

More info here: <http://www.ggd.amsterdam.nl/english/tuberculosis/immigrants-and/>

Collect your Residence Permit from IND

The HR department will receive a letter, notifying them that your Residence Permit is ready for pickup. After this notification you can pick up your Permit at the IND office.

Get a health insurance

Everyone living in the Netherlands is obliged to have a medical insurance. For questions about this obligation, please call the public information service Postbus 51 on 0800 - 80 51 or +31 10 428 95 51 when calling from abroad.

The first point of contact in getting healthcare in the Netherlands is to register with a general practitioner (GP). To find your local GP, check out <https://www.zorgkaartnederland.nl> (in Dutch) and enter your postal code; or visit your local city hall.

Birth certificate

Get your birth certificate translated and legalized. You will need it for getting your BSN (social security number).

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You will need it for your bank account, your taxes, your insurance etc. To get a BSN, you need to set up an appointment with City Hall. You can set up an appointment by phone. For more information, please go to:

<https://www.iamsterdam.com/en/living/about-living-in-amsterdam/amsterdam-city-districts/stadsdeel-centrum>

Note that it can take up to 4-5 weeks before they have a next available appointment, so best is to sign up ahead of time, right after you got your visa. Check the list of documents you will need for the appointment.

If you already have a rental contract for your apartment, then you can register there. If not, check if they can register you at your employer's address?

Open a bank account:

The main banks in the Netherlands are: ABN AMRO, BUNQ (online bank), ING Bank, Rabobank and SNS Bank.

Tip: ABN AMRO bank is known for their services for expats. At ABN AMRO you can open an account before you have a BSN. After opening your account, you have 4 weeks to pass on your BSN. To open an account, you need to set up an appointment.

For more information, please go to: <https://www.abnamro.nl/en/personal/expats/international-client-desk.html>

Other useful information

Income taxes / tax return:

The Dutch Tax Authority (Belastingdienst) may need you to file a tax return form for the previous working year. Normally they would send you a request, but just to be sure, we advise you to call them yourself and double check. Based on your specific case, they will advise you to file your tax return or not.

Driver's license:

With your country's driver's license you may be allowed to drive in The Netherlands for some time. It depends on the country of issuance, please check <https://www.iamexpat.nl/expat-info/official-issues/driving-licence-netherlands> for more information.

DigiD:

After you have acquired your BSN (see above), you can apply online for a Digital Identity (DigiD). This can be used to log into all websites of governmental authorities. It's not a necessity, but we advise to create an account just in case you need it in the (near) future. Visit <https://www.digid.nl/en/> for more information.

