

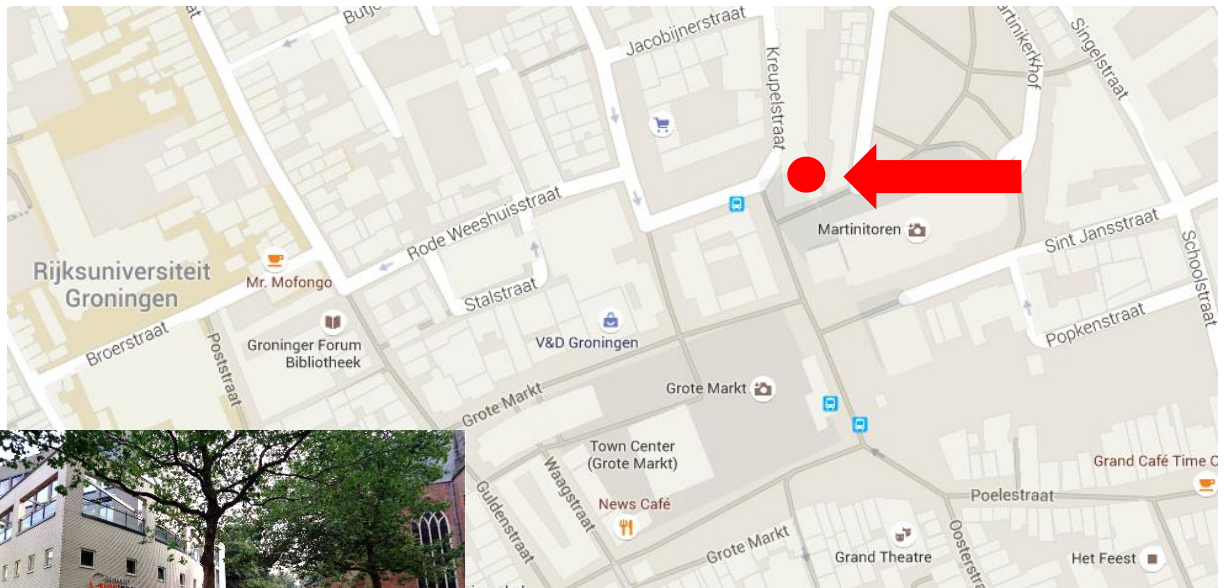
FAQ Student registration at the Municipality

1. Why do I have to register?

Anyone who will stay in the Netherlands for at least four months must register in the Basic Registration of Persons (BRP). You will receive a Social Security number (BSN) after registration. You need this number for communication with the Dutch government, but also to be able to take care of personal matters. For example, to open a bank account, if you want to work, apply for a medical health insurance or to visit the GP or hospital. Moreover, it is important for the government to know how many people live at an address in case of an emergency or disaster.

2. Where should I go to register?

The municipality is located on the Kreupelstraat 1, right next to the Martinitoren. In order to register, you need an appointment. The link to the website to make an appointment can be found here: <https://gemeente.groningen.nl/student-registration-or-deregistration>



3. When can I register?

Once you've got an address in Groningen you can register on this address. It's not possible to register before you're actually staying at the address of registration.

Officially, you have to be registered within five working days after arriving in the Netherlands, but because it's often very busy while registering all the new students, it's not a problem if you have an appointment at the municipality after these five working days.

4. What do I need to register?

Bring a valid passport or ID card to the appointment. A driver's license is not allowed.

Make sure you can clearly tell us the address you need to register to and pay attention to the correct house number. If you're not sure about the way your address should be written or what the correct house number is, please bring your rental contract (can be shown on your smartphone).

5. I stay at a friend's place or in a hotel because I don't have my own living space yet. Can I still register?

You are required to register in the BRP if you will stay in the Netherlands for at least four months. If you don't have your own address yet, we'll first register you at the friend's address where you're staying. If you're staying in a hotel we can also register you there. The hotel has to then give you a written permission to register. Once you have your own place, you can change your address at the municipality.

6. What should I do if I move to another address?

When you change your address, you have to inform the municipality of the place where you will live. In Groningen there are several ways to inform the municipality.

You can find more information on our website:

<https://gemeente.groningen.nl/english/moving-within-the-municipality-of-groningen>

7. If I stay longer in the Netherlands than I anticipated, what should I do?

It's not a problem if you're staying longer in the Netherlands than you indicated at the registration. You don't have to do anything; your registration will be maintained until you report that you're leaving the Netherlands again.

8. Do I have to deregister when I leave the Netherlands after finishing my studies?

Yes. If you leave the Netherlands or stay abroad for at least 8 months, you have to inform the municipality. Check our website for more information about emigration:

<https://gemeente.groningen.nl/english/emigration>

9. Where can I find more information on this subject?

More information and the possibility to make an appointment at the municipality can be found here: <https://gemeente.groningen.nl/student-registration-or-deregistration>