

NETHERLANDS

Working Holiday Program

WHAT IS IT?

The program is designed for Canadian students who wish to work in the Netherlands.

IT TARGETS THE FOLLOWING EMPLOYMENT SECTORS:

- industry
- commerce
- science and technology
- tourism
- agriculture and horticulture

Only applicants wishing to work in agriculture or horticulture receive assistance in finding a job. Placement services are available only to students in a university program (either full-time or part-time) in agriculture or horticulture, or graduates from such a program or an equivalent college program.

The Stichting Uitwisseling (agency for youth exchange and agricultural study tours) in the Netherlands will co-ordinate the placement of experienced agricultural/horticultural workers at suitable farms and companies. The type of work depends on the season and on the qualifications and preferences of the participants, so a detailed résumé is required. Once a host family has been found, the participant is contacted for approval.

Participants placed by the Stichting Uitwisseling agency earn approximately 125 florins per week (consult a financial institution, a foreign exchange agent or a newspaper for the current exchange rate) and receive free room and board.

Participants who find employment in the agricultural/horticultural sector on their own may accept whatever wage is offered.

Trainees receive the same treatment as Dutch nationals in all matters concerning the application of laws, regulations and practices regarding health and working conditions.

HOW LONG IS IT?

Participants are eligible for a four-month work permit. This cannot be extended unless it can be proven that the work performed is directly relevant to the student's field of study. The restrictions and regulations of the Young Workers Program will then be applied automatically.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

TO BE ELIGIBLE, YOU MUST:

- be 18 to 30 years of age;
- be a Canadian citizen or landed immigrant; and
- be enrolled (either full-time or part-time) at a university, college, institute of technology or equivalent educational institution, or have graduated from such an institution within the last year. (A copy of your diploma or a certificate from the institution attended is required.)