





Driving & Biking in The Netherlands

Main Points

- Traffic Signs
- ·Significant Differences
- Parking
- ·Driver's License
- Insurance & Accidents
- Biking Basics
- Public Transportation

Dutch Road Signs

• Prohibition Signs: Round, with red border











• Information Signs: Blue with white lettering



o PROHIBITION SIGNS























No access for vehicles with more than 2 wheels



No access for goods vehicles



No access for motor vehicles that cannot exceed 25 km/h



No access for riders, cattle, wagons, motor vehicles not able to exceed a speed of 25 km/h, microcars, bicycles, mopeds or invalid carriages



C10 No access for motor vehide towing trailers



C11 No access for motor cycles



C12 No access for motor vehicles



C13
No access for mopeds, motor-assisted bicycles or motor-powered invalid carriages



C14
No access for bicydes or for non-motor-powered invalid carriages



C15
No access for bicycles, mopeds and invalid carriages



C16 No access for pedestrians



C17
No access for vehicles or combinations of vehicles with a length, including the load, greater than indicated



C18
No access for vehicles with a width, including the load, greater than indicated

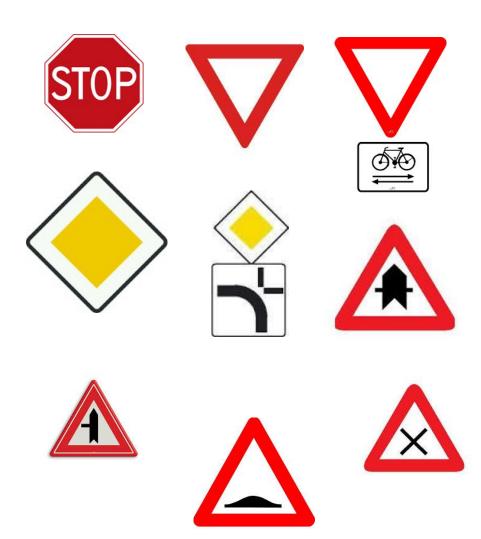


C19
No access for vehicles with a height, including the load, greater than indicated



C20 No access for vehicles with an axle load greater than indicated

o Warning signs





J9 Roundabout



J10 Level crossing with barrier or gates ahead



J11 Level crossing without barrier or gates ahead



J12 Level crossing with single track



J13 Level crossing with two or more tracks



J14 Tram (crossing) ahead



J15 Opening or swing bridge ahead



J16 Road works ahead



J17 Road narrows on both sides



J18 Road narrows on the right side



J19 Road narrows on the left side



J20 Slippery road



J21 School crossing



J22 Pedestrian crossing



J23 Pedestrians



J24 Cyclists and moped riders



J25 Loose chippings



J26 Quayside or river bank



J27 Wild animals



J28 Livestock

o Information signs













Significant Differences

Traffic: drivers, bicycles, and pedestrians

Road: car lane + bicycle lane + sidewalk!

- Cyclists are part of traffic
- No Right Turn on Red

Except occasionally for cyclists:

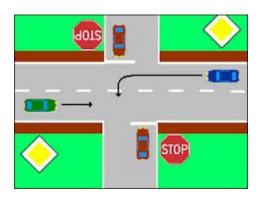


"Give way (yield) to the right"

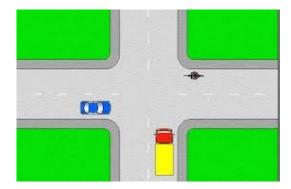
Establishing Priority

Junctions:

Marked



Unmarked



Round-Abouts



Establishing Priority

·Signs















·Shark's
Teeth
(Same as yield)





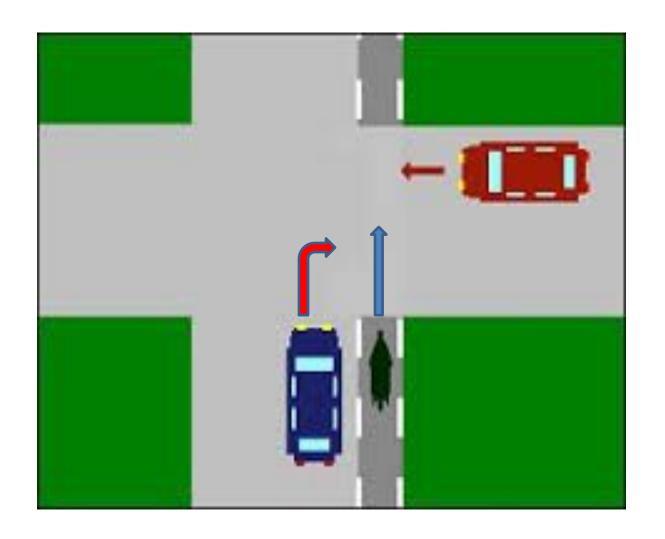
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·No signs...









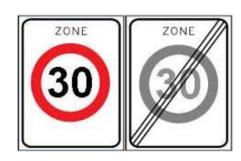
Cyclists usually have right of way

Rule: **Pedestrians** also have right of way:

When they are <u>on</u> a pedestrian crossing (Zebra crossing).



- When they <u>have the intention</u> to cross a Zebra
- When you are in a 30-zone or a 15-zone







Narrow lane or intersection, yield to oncoming traffic





Narrow lane or intersection, priority over oncoming traffic

Roundabouts

 Yield to traffic already in the roundabout.



- Notice "shark's teeth" at entrance.
- Always travel to the right.
- Signal when leaving—or risk a fine!
- Yield to bikes/peds crossing when entering/exiting roundabout!

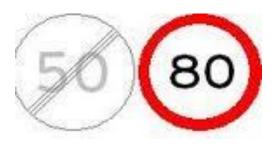
Speed Limits

• 30 to 50 km/h in town

- 70 or 80 km/h outside of town (like N44)
- Maximum 100 on the highways
 - Except at night—shifts to 130 (unless otherwise)
- Digital signs indicate changes to speed limit











Speed Cameras







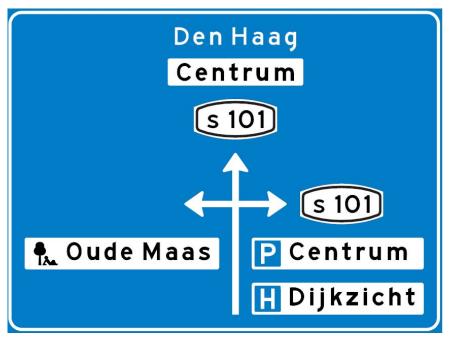


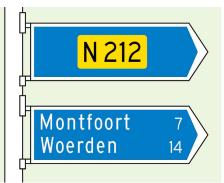




Ticket comes in mail after two weeks. 2 km/h over speed allowed, then pay per km!

Direction Signs









-Street signs less common!

Traffic Conditions/Closures

Digital

Information about distance or time due to traffic

Major road/tunnel closures

"dicht" = "closed"



Important Information

- Seatbelts mandatory
- · Children <1.35m (4ft. 5in.) need booster/car seat
- Hands-free mobile phones
- Insurance mandatory
- · Pass on left, no slow in left lane
- · Must have an NL driver's license after 6 mo.

Alcohol and Driving

- Blood Alcohol Limit is 0.05%
- 0.02% for new drivers (less than 5 years)
- Includes scooters and mopeds



0.05% = 2 glasses per hour

Street Parking

- Most machines accept bank cards
- Pay by app: Yellowbrick, ParkMobile
 - Look for zone code
- . ParkBee
 - Reserve a space in a garage or lot
 - Discounted rate
 - parkbee.com











Blue Zones (Free Parking)

- Blue paint on road
- Set dial for arrival time (nearest half hour)
- Valid for two hours (usually)
- No parking dial = possible fine!
- Buy in Kruidvat, etc.
- Most of Wassenaar, including Jumbo





Short parking (max. half hour)



Obtaining an NL Driver's License

- ·If 30% tax ruling, no test. Turn in foreign license
- ·Complete Medical Form online www.cbr.nl
- Application through Gemeente (City Hall)
- ·Turn in foreign driver's license (translated if other alphabet)
- •Two EU Passport Photos
- Passport
- ·30% ruling letter from employer
- Pay with cash or pin

Obtaining an NL Driver's License

If no 30% ruling, need to take lessons and test

- Sign up with driving school
 - https://www.cbr.nl/nl/rijschoolzoeker.htm
- Take lessons
- Pass theory exam and practical driving test
- Teenagers: '2todrive' program start theory at 16 and start driving at 16.5, exams at 17
- Drive with assigned coach for 1 year

Auto Insurance

- Required by law, minimum
 WA-Verzekering (Third party liability)
- Required at car purchase
- Car dealer or Bank can suggest

What to Carry Inside Vehicle

- Proof of Insurance (Green Card)
- Deel 1A & 1B (Car & personal Registration Papers)
- European Accident Form
- (Originals only, no photocopies)
- Fire extinguisher & hammer (break glass)
- Yellow vests, warning triangle, first aid









Traffic Accidents

- Stay at place of accident
- Ambulance or Police: Call 112
- Police, non-emergency: Call 0900-8844
- Move vehicles unless there is a discrepancy
- Fill out the European Accident Form
- Exchange a copy with both signatures
- Send copy of accident form to your insurance

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European Accident Form

https://www.abw.nl/media/SAF-Engels.pdf

Biking in the Netherlands



Significant Differences

- Not always free Right Turn on Red
- Yield to the RIGHT (like all drivers)
- Stay on bicycle lanes if available
- Walk bike on sidewalks or ped streets

"Voetgangers" = Pedestrians



Important Bicycle Information

- Bikes must follow traffic rules, but many do not look out for them! (cars at fault if crash)
- Hand signals point to indicate turns
- Separate traffic lights for bikes at major intersections
- Bike theft common lock your bike!
- Bike Insurance (optional)
- Phoning/texting while biking <u>illegal</u>



All Bikes Need:

- Lights: white on front, red on back
- Bell
- Reflectors: front, rear, pedals and wheels
- Helmets not required, your decision



- https://www.marktplaats.nl/
- Kringloop (thrift store)
- Facebook marketplace



Traffic signs for cyclists







Bromfiets/ Fiets

 If no sidewalk, or in parks, pedestrians can walk on fietspad or road, take care!



Bromfiets/ Two-way Bike Path



Signs for cyclists



No entry, bikes included



Free right for bikes



Bike-specific speed limit



Except for bikes



"Cars as guest"
Bikes in front of you



No bike parking

"geen fietsen hier plaatsen"

Bike paths: Usually red and marked, not always



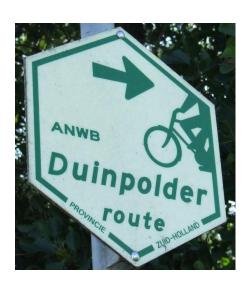






Direction signs for cyclists









Public Transportation

- Bus: Wassenaar □Hague #43/44
- Tram
- Train
- Google maps for schedule/route







OV-Chipkaart

- Works on all Netherlands Buses, Trams, Trains, and OV Bicycles (age 4+)
- Not on international trains
- Buy at grocery, train station
- Reloadable
- Generic or personal
- https://www.ov-chipkaart.nl
- Since this year, you can also check in and out of public transport tapping your ATM card









OV-Fiets

- Bicycles at train stations
- €3.95 for 24 hours
- Download season pass onto OV
- https://www.ns.nl/en/door-to-door/ov-fiets





Buying tickets

- Bus: from driver
 - 4-hour, day pass, etc.
- Tram: ticket machine on tram
- Train: ticket window at station
 - https://www.ns.nl/en
- International train: also at station
 - https://www.nsinternational.com/
 - Brussels: 2 hours, €60
 - Paris: 3 hours, €150
 - Bring your passport!



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