

Categorie 1 (before and including 31 December 2001)

Person(s) who came to the Netherlands Antilles before the 31st of December 2001 and who has (have) never left the island. These person(s) can apply for their resident permit based on their own merits. In other words they can sign for themselves. If your family is also on the island and they are dependent on your situation, then you can apply for them at the same time.

Documents needed:

1. Proof when the person(s) came to the island (a copy of their passport with the stamp on it)
2. Proof that the person has never left the island.

Point 2 can be proven by the following documents:

- one or more permits, and/or
- a copy of their application of their resident permit, and/or
- proof that the person(s) is written in at the Census Office, and/ or
- proof that the person(s) is/are insured (SVB or other insurance card), and/or
- proof that the person(s) pays taxes, and/or
- The person(s) should also submit their job history from the time they came to the Antilles, and/or
- Any other proof, such as GEBE bills, Cable, Internet etcetera.

Categorie 2 (1 January 2002 until 31 December 2005)

Group A: undocumented persons who are working on the Netherlands Antilles. Employer has to give an Act of Guarantee for the employee and/if their spouse/children

Documents for person from Group A:

- Proof when the person(s) came to the island (a copy of their passport with the stamp on it)
- Proof that the person(s) have been working for their employer for 6 months or more
- Proof from the employers that they were paying income tax during the period that the employee has been working for them (Go to the tax office, request proof of payment for “ sociale premies/incometax”)
- Proof that the company have been operational for a year for the time that the residence permit was requested
- Proof that the company are solvable (annual financial statements from a registered accountant, also payment of taxes)
- The labor contract from the person(s) (their contracts must be for 1 year or more with a workweek of 40 hours.

- The person(s) should earn Naf 1500 guilders or \$834 per month
- The person(s) should have reasonable housing
- The person(s) should also submit their job history from the time they came to the Antilles
- The person(s) have to write a letter stating if they are married and have kids. If, they do then they have to explain where their families are living when the resident permit was requested.
- The person(s) also have to give their permission to the government to conduct a criminal background check.

Group B: undocumented person(s) living with/ married to Dutch nationals and (also kids)

Documents needed:

- Proof that/if the children are going to school
- Proof that there is reasonable housing
- Proof that the person has been living with the Dutch national from the time they entered the island until today
- The must also have adequate monetary funds/money to provide for the person(s)

Categorie 3 (January 1st 2006 - present)

Unfortunately, undocumented person(s) who came in after this year will have to leave the island. However, the person(s) can apply from abroad as a first time applicant and await the process of the application in their own country.