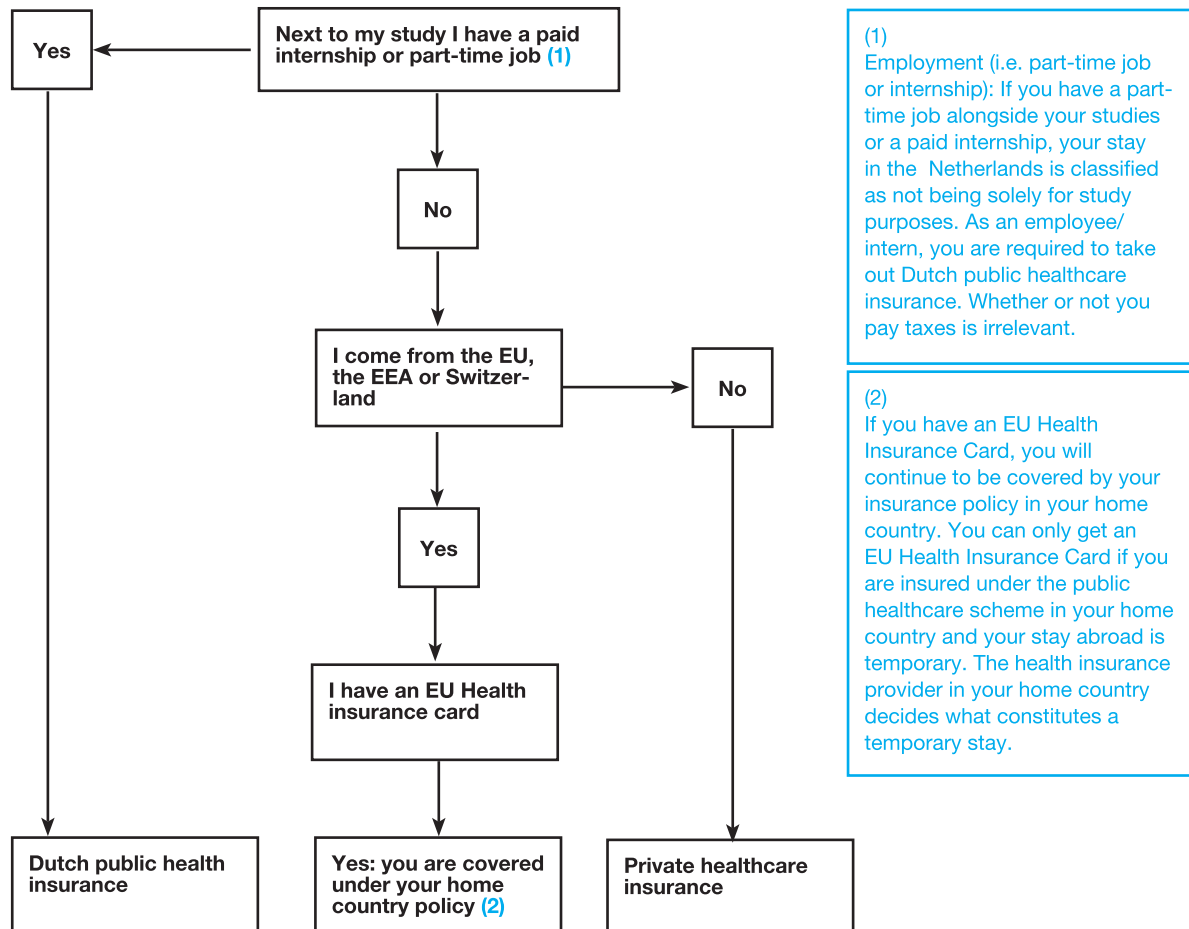


Healthcare insurance for international students in the Netherlands

This factsheet explains what international students in Holland must do to be properly insured. For some students, this means that they are obliged to take out a public healthcare insurance policy (in Dutch: *Basisverzekering*). For the others, there are alternative, less expensive options.



Students

Students who are in Holland solely for study purposes (and are not in a part-time job or paid internship) are exempt from the general requirement to take out Dutch public healthcare insurance. They will have to make alternative arrangements for healthcare insurance. Perhaps you are covered under a public healthcare insurance plan at home. If this is the case make sure this provides adequate coverage during your stay in Holland. If you are from an EU country, your insurance company can provide you with an EU Health Insurance Card.

Otherwise you will have to make other arrangements, for example by taking out a private insurance policy. There are private packages on the market especially for international students. Ask at the international office of your higher education institution which insurance package they recommend.