



Dutch Police certificate

The document cannot be obtained by individual applicants. The American Consulate General Amsterdam will obtain this document for immigrant visa applicants for both for immigrants applying in Amsterdam as well as for those applying at other Consulates or Embassies.

The processing Consulate or Embassy should send an e-mail to the Consulate General in Amsterdam:

ImmigrantVisasAMS@state.gov. The request must include:

Applicant's full name(s) ; including- maiden name and aliases;

Date, city/ town and country of birth;

Applicants applying for their immigrant visas at the American Consulate General Amsterdam

The immigrant visa unit will automatically obtain the Dutch police certificate upon receipt of the immigrant visa file from the National Visa Center.

The Consulate General in Amsterdam may need up to 15 working days to obtain the certificate, provided there is no derogatory information concerning the applicant. If there is derogatory information it may take up to five weeks.

The certificate, which is in the Dutch language, covers criminal investigations only. Criminal records are expunged after a number of years, depending on the offense, following termination of the case (i.e., after service of any prison sentence) provided no other offense is committed in the interim. Police records may, therefore, not constitute a full summary of criminal records.

These certificates may and will be used only in processing immigrant visa applications and may not be given to the applicant or to any private individual.

The U.S.Embassy or Consulate General may NOT inform applicants of the source of any derogatory information contained in the police certificate.

Applicants with a criminal history can and must obtain their own conviction record from the sentencing court, and provide a sworn translation into English.