



# Dutch Resident Benefit Cards Guide



City passes



Transport



Museums



Family activities

Understand local resident benefits

Save money  
✓ Enjoy more  
✓ Live local

TRANSPORT PASS

RESIDENT CITY PASS

MUSEUM PASS

FAMILY ACTIVITY PASS

MUSEUM TICKET

Family fun workshops events & more

Gemeente / Town Hall

Museum

Amsterdam

The Hague

Rotterdam

Tips inside:

- City passes & discounts
- Train subscriptions
- Museum access
- Support for families

# Not Only Tourists Have Passes

- ✓ Residents may get **local benefits** too
- ✓ Some are **city-based**, some **national**
- ✓ Some depend on **income**, some **can be bought**
- ✓ Check first, **save more** through the year

## Tourist card



## Resident pass



# Start With 4 Questions

Find the benefits that fit your life in the NL 



**1** Which gemeente do you live in?



**2** Student, young adult or parent?



**3** Do you travel by train often?



**4** How often do you visit museums or activities?



City pass



Access to culture, sport, attractions and more in your city or region.



Transport



Save on train travel with subscriptions that match your journey.



Museum card





Visit more museums for less with an annual pass.



Family support



Benefits and support for kids' activities, sports and culture. 

Always check the latest rules on your gemeente website! 



## Good to know

- Eligibility may apply
- Prices and rules vary
- Check updates regularly

# What Is a City Benefit Pass?



Common in larger cities or regions



May cover museums, swimming, films, courses and family activities



Eligibility and price depend on the city



Not every pass is open to everyone





# Rotterdam



Many free or discounted activities



Common uses: museums, pools, attractions and films



Students and lower-income residents may have special prices



Check the latest rules for each pass year

# Amsterdam Stadspas

✓ For eligible  
Amsterdammers

✓ Often linked to  
low-income and  
family support

✓ May connect to  
child budgets,  
activities, culture  
and sport

✓ Check income and  
asset rules before  
applying





# Ooievaarspas

✓  Common in  
The Hague, Rijswijk  
and Leidschendam-  
Voorburg

✓  For  
lower-income  
residents

✓  Covers sport,  
culture, courses  
and local outings

✓  Some offers  
are discounted,  
some may be free



[hokimi.com](http://hokimi.com)

# U-pas



A benefit pass for the Utrecht region



Can be used for culture, sport, swimming and museums



Some municipalities share the same system



Applications usually require identity and income checks



# National Options Matter Too

**1** **Museumkaart:**  
compare if you visit museums often



MUSEUMKAART

A blue location pin is placed on the map of Europe, pointing to the Netherlands.


**2** **CJP:**  
culture discounts for young people and students



CULTURE PASS

An orange location pin is placed on the map of Europe, pointing to France.

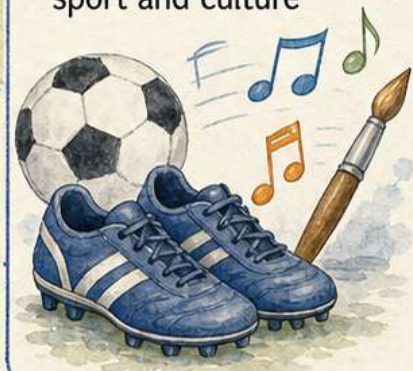
**3** **Library card:**  
more than borrowing books



LIBRARY CARD

A green location pin is placed on the map of Europe, pointing to Germany.

**4** **Youth funds:**  
support for sport and culture



A blue location pin is placed on the map of Europe, pointing to the United Kingdom.



# Do Not Buy NS Blindly



## Dal Voordeel



Off-peak hours

### frequent off-peak travel

- Valid on weekdays
- Outside morning and evening rush hours
- Lower price



## Weekend Vrij

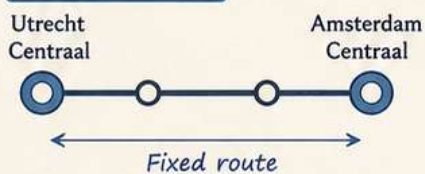


### frequent weekend trips

- Unlimited travel on weekends
- Valid from Friday evening
- Great value for weekend plans



## Traject Vrij



### fixed commute route

- Unlimited travel on your chosen route
- Ideal for daily commuters
- Choose 2nd class or 1st class

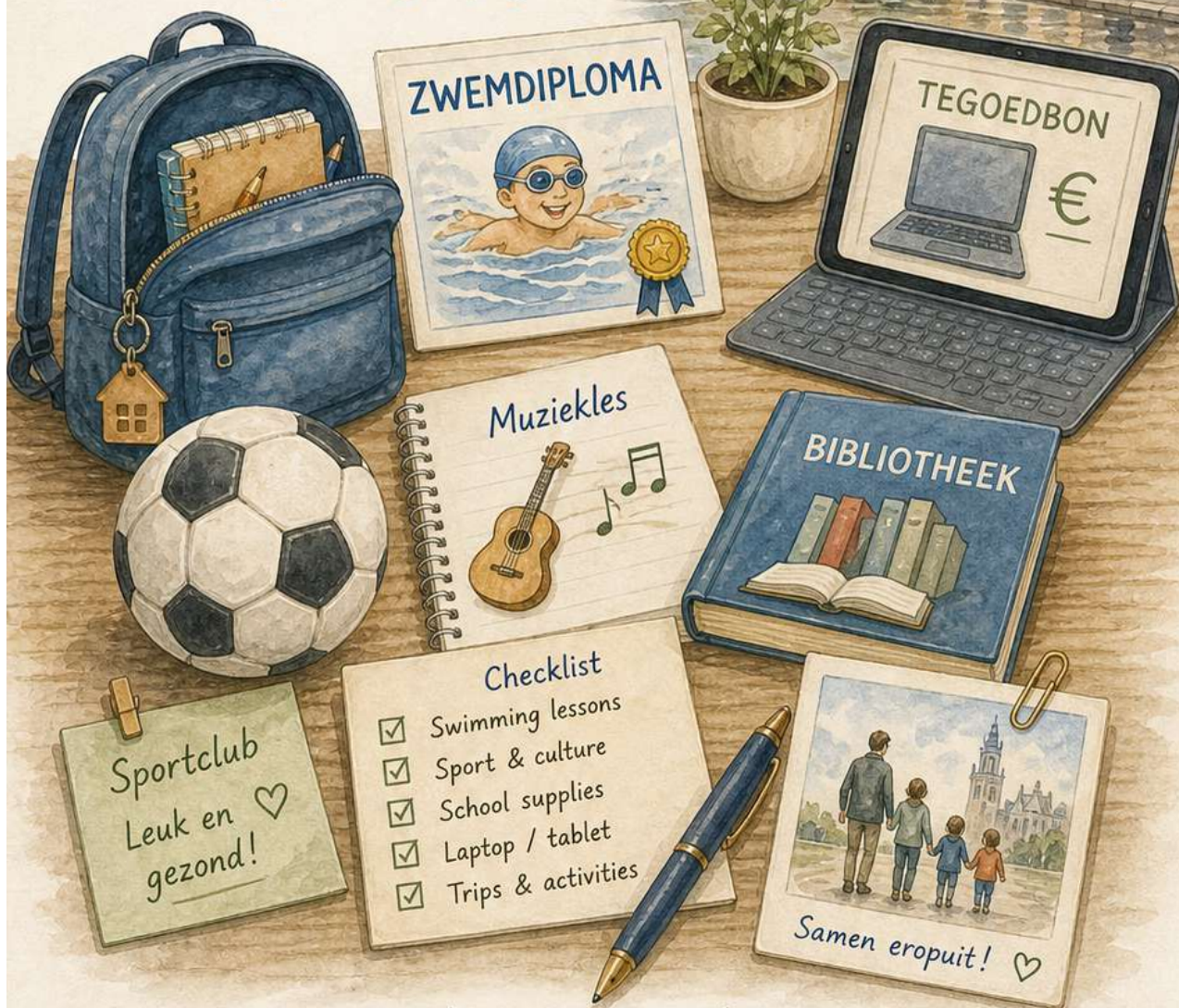


## Calculate your real monthly train use first

- 1. Count your monthly trips**  
 Workdays, weekends, visits, etc.
- 2. Estimate cost per trip**  
 One-way or return ticket price
- 3. Compare total monthly cost**  
 With and without your subscription
- 4. Choose what really fits you**  
 Change or cancel if needed

# Families Should Check Extra

- ✓ Municipalities may offer **child budgets**
- ✓ **Swimming lessons, sport and culture** may be supported
- ✓ **School costs, laptops and activities** may have schemes
- 🔍 Search terms:  
**kindtegoed, leergeld, jeugdfonds**



# Not Sure Your City Has One?

Search these terms:

- 🔍 gemeente + stadspas
- 🔍 gemeente + minimaregeling
- 🔍 gemeente + meedoenregeling
- 🔍 gemeente + sportfonds
- 🔍 gemeente + cultuurfonds



Go to your gemeente website



## Zoekresultaten

### Stadspas en voordeelpassen

Wonen & leven > Meedoen  
Informatie over de stadspas, voordeelpassen en kortingen voor inwoners.

### Minimaregelingen

Werk & inkomen > Laag inkomen  
Regelingen en ondersteuning bij een laag inkomen.

### Meedoenregeling

Werk & inkomen > Meedoen  
Ondersteuning voor meedoen aan sport, cultuur en andere activiteiten.

### Sportfonds

Wonen & leven > Sport & bewegen  
Hulp bij sportkosten voor kinderen en volwassenen.

### Cultuurfonds

Wonen & leven > Cultuur  
Ondersteuning voor culturele activiteiten en cursussen.

Check what might be available for you!

Tip ☆

Different names, similar support.

# Calculate Before You Buy



Choose the pass that fits your life and budget.

Check these 5 points

Your notes

	What is the yearly or monthly fee?	<input type="checkbox"/>	----- -----
	How many times will you use it?	<input type="checkbox"/>	----- -----
	Does it require booking?	<input type="checkbox"/>	----- -----
	Is it limited to one city?	<input type="checkbox"/>	----- -----
	Does it renew automatically?	<input type="checkbox"/>	----- -----

Good to know

- ✓ Rules and prices can change
- ✓ Some offers have great value
- ✓ Some require early booking



Quick math

Times used x average saving  
- fee  
=  
Estimated yearly benefit



Decide smarter



Great value for you

Not worth it this time

Check eligibility and rules

# Common Misunderstandings

1 Tourist card = resident pass



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2 A BSN means you qualify



3 Forgetting validity and city limits




4 Checking discount but not booking rules



5 Forgetting to cancel transport subscriptions



 Rules, prices and availability change. Always verify on the official website.



# Save This Guide



Check your **gemeente**



Compare **real yearly use**



Keep **documents and deadlines**



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