

VAT Refund Netherlands

1. Why am I paying a VAT on the conference Registration Fee?

You are paying a Value Added Tax (VAT) on the registration fee because it is required by the laws and regulations of the EU and its Member States. They establish that VAT must be paid on the fees in the country where the meeting is held. For this conference, the Dutch VAT is applicable on the Registration Fee.

2. Can the VAT be recovered?

Possibly. Only business companies can claim back the Dutch VAT.

To recover the VAT you must provide the details of your company - name, address, VAT number or Tax ID - for all expense invoices and submit all original documentation to your company for its processing.

Pay attention that the VAT refund on certain expenses like food and drinks in restaurants, hotels and cafes are not accepted by the Dutch Tax Administration.

3. What process should companies follow to recover the VAT?

a. EU Companies

EU companies must contact the Tax Administration of their own country for instructions regarding the conditions and process to follow for reclaiming the Dutch VAT. They must submit their claim for a Dutch VAT refund in digital form for the previous year before 1 October of the following year to the tax authorities of the EU country in which they are established. There are also minimum VAT amounts that must be met.

The amount of VAT for which you claim refund must be at least € 50 per calendar year or € 400 per quarter. Please note that these amounts refer to ALL the VAT from the expenses incurred FROM ALL ITS EMPLOYEES in Netherlands for this meeting and any other business-related VAT incurred in Netherlands.

b. Non-European Companies

The Non EU companies can claim refund of the VAT paid in the Netherlands using the form 'Application for VAT refund for entrepreneurs based in non-EU countries'. In order to get to this form, the claimant must register as a foreign entrepreneur.

Thus, for a non-European company, the Dutch tax authorities will only handle the request after its registration as a foreign entrepreneur (registration number is obligatory). The company must send [this Application form](#) together with the Enclosing appendices indicated on the first page of the form at:

Belastingdienst Buitenland
Afdeling klantenregistratie
Postbus 2865
6401 DJ Heerlen
Netherlands

The Non-European companies must send the VAT refund application before 1 July in the year following the year over which they are claiming refund of VAT. Note that the original invoices must be sent with the application. There are also minimum VAT amounts that must be met.

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