

FAQ Foreign jumpers in the Netherlands

So, you have arrive in the Netherlands and you want to make a skydive. Welcome! And what a good idea. What do you need to know and do before you can jump?

Paperwork

You must be able to show:

- Membership of a foreign parachuting federation.
- Parachuting licences. In the Netherlands we follow the FAI COP system of A, B, C and D. <https://www.fai.org/page/ipc-certificates-proficiency>
- Parachuting logbook.
- Parachuting equipment papers, as per your foreign parachuting federations regulations. (see below)
- Third party liability insurance, which must be valid in the Netherlands up to € 1.500.000 per claim covering sportparachuting. If you do not have an insurance, or one which does not meet the € 1,5 million limit, contact KNVvL for information on how to arrange this, by email to para@knvv.nl This can take some time, so do it as soon as possible.
- Medical declaration, up to B-licence, with the medical requirements as per your country's standard. A Class I and Class II medical are accepted as well.

Basic Safety Regulations

In Holland, the Basic Safety Regulations are called "Basis Veiligheidsreglement, BVR " In this BVR all KNVvL rules and regulations regarding sportparachuting are written down. What do you need to know?

- Deployment altitude is a minimum of 2500 feet AGL.
- Hard helmet is compulsory up to A-licence.
- Sturdy and closed footwear is compulsory up to B-licence.
- Adequate footwear and headgear is compulsory up to C-licence.
- Jumping with glasses or lenses is allowed.
- Up to 200 jumps the wind limit is 9 m/s.
- For periodical emergency procedures (if any) KNVvL follows the rules of your foreign parachuting federation.
- Camera - photo and/or video - equipment, regardless of size or manufacturer may only be used if:
 - It is not deemed dangerous by an instructor, for parachuting deployment of main and reserve.
 - Written authorisation by an instructor.
 - Minimum of B-licence and 200 freefall jumps.

- For CF, FS and static line jumps additional requirements apply, contact the dropzone or KNVvL.
- Freelyjumps:
 - Handdeployed on legstrap is not allowed.
 - Audio altimeter is compulsory.
- Wingsuitjumps:
 - Minimum of 200 freefall jumps + B-licence.
 - Openingsystem: BOC only.
 - Audio altimeter is compulsory.
 - First 25 wingsuitjumps: camera not allowed, open-face helmet compulsory, non-elliptical main parachute with a wingload not higher than 1,3.
 - First 50 wingsuitjumps: RSL compulsory.

Parachuting equipment

- All paperwork needs to be signed by a rigger, regarding airworthiness and date of repack.
- An AAD is compulsory. The accepted AAD's in the Netherlands can be found at https://www.parachute.nl/fileadmin/knvvlp_upload/pdf/BVR_bijlage_C_2018_9_januari.pdf
- The repack cycle for your own gear is accepted, if meeting the rules of your foreign parachuting federation.

exemptions AFF / Tandem

AFF and tandemjumps are not allowed with a respective foreign licence. An exemption to this can be filed through KNVvL: <https://www.parachute.nl/ontheffingen.html>

Alcohol, drugs, medication, health

Of course, not allowed during all parachuting activities.

- Drugs: not allowed at all.
- Alcohol: only allowed up to 10 hours before parachuting.
- Medication: not allowed if any negative influence on parachuting is possible.
- No parachuting is allowed when physically or mentally this cannot be done safely.