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The new Donor Act will take effect from 1 July 2020. From that date onwards, everyone aged 18 and above who is registered as resident in a municipality in the Netherlands will automatically be included in the new Donor Register. In the new Donor Register, you can indicate whether you wish to make your organs and tissues available to patients in the event of your death. This could be your kidney, lungs or skin, for example. Once you have made your choice, your next of kin or partner will know whether or not you wish to be an organ donor. You can register your choice at www.donorregister.nl. If you have already entered your choice, you do not need to take any further action.

Think, decide and register your choice.

Many people have already recorded their choice about whether they want to be a donor. But many people have not. If you have not yet made up your mind, now is the time to think about it. You can talk about it with your family or friends. How do they feel about it? Once you have decided, register your choice in the Donor Register. You can change your mind at any time, if you wish. Have you already recorded your choice in the Donor Register? And are you completely happy with that choice? Then you don't need to do anything.

What happens if I do not register my choice?

Everyone in the Netherlands will be sent information from the government about the new Donor Register by 1 July 2020. After that, you will be sent a number of letters:

- If you have not yet indicated your choice in the Donor Register, you will receive a letter after 1 July 2020 asking whether you would like to register your choice.
- If you do not indicate your choice in the Donor Register after the first letter, you will receive a second letter about six weeks later.
- If you still do not register any choice, you will be registered as 'No objection to organ donation'. You will receive another letter to inform you of this.

What does 'No objection to organ donation' mean?

If you do not register a choice in the Donor Register, the government will record your preference as 'No objection to organ donation' on your behalf after 1 July 2020. This means that your organs can be used to help a patient in the event of your death. The doctor will discuss this with your family first. If your family is absolutely sure that you did not wish to be an organ donor, and makes this clear to the doctor, your organs will not be used.

It is therefore important that you are aware of your own next of kin's preference. Please register your choice at www.donorregister.nl

What options do I have in the Donor Register?

Option 1: Yes, I give permission for my organs to be available for donation.

You wish to become a donor. You may not want to donate certain organs and tissues. You can specify this.

Option 2: No, I do not give permission for organ donation.

You do not wish to become a donor.

Option 3: My family and next of kin may decide on my behalf.

You want your partner or family to decide on your behalf after your death.

Option 4: A nominated person of my choice may decide on my behalf.

You want someone else to decide on your behalf after your death.

Whichever option you choose, you can always modify your choice in the Donor Register later.

How do I register my choice?

You can register your choice in three ways:

1. Log in using your DigiD at www.donorregister.nl.

- Go to www.donorregister.nl.
- Click on the button 'Vul uw keuze in' (Register your choice).
- Log in using your DigiD.
- Follow the steps to register your choice.

2. Register without DigiD or by post on www.donorregister.nl.

- Go to www.donorregister.nl.
- Click on the button 'Vul uw keuze in' (Register your choice) and then on 'Invullen formulier' (Complete form).
- Within three weeks, you will be sent a form by post. This form will show the preference that you have already entered.
- Check that your name and address have been entered correctly and whether the choice registered is correct.

Then add the date and your signature to the form. Return the form in the envelope provided.

3. Complete a printed form and send this by post.

- You complete a printed donor form. Add the date and your signature to the form. Send the form by post in an envelope.

How do I know if my choice has been recorded correctly in the Donor Register?

After you have registered your choice in the Donor Register, you will receive a letter by post confirming your choice. You will then have four weeks to check that your choice and other details are correct in the Donor Register.

After those four weeks have passed, your choice is confirmed. In the event of your death, doctors can consult the Donor Register to see whether or not you wish to become a donor.

Can I view my choice myself?

You can check the Donor Register yourself at any time.

There are two ways to do this:

1. On www.donorregister.nl via 'Uw registratie' (Your registration)
2. Contact the Donor Register by telephone on 0900 821 21 66 or by e-mail at info@donorregister.nl.

Can other people see my choice in the Donor Register?

Your choice in the Donor Register is secure and nobody else can see it.

Only doctors and nurses in a hospital can see the choice you have made, and they can only view this information just before your death or after your death.

The law states that nobody else can view the Donor Register.

The legal guidelines on privacy are always followed.

What should I do if I change my name or address?

You cannot change your name or address in the Donor Register yourself.

If there is an error, or if you are moving house, you must notify your municipality of this. Your municipality will then change your information using the official Personal Records Database.



More information

More information about the Donor Register itself can be found on www.donorregister.nl. On www.transplantatiestichting.nl you can find information about how donation of organs and tissues works. This is the website of the Dutch Transplant Foundation.

You can also call the Donor Register on 0900 821 21 66. The telephone line is open from Monday to Friday from 8:30 to 19:00.