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On 31 December 2018 there were 61,908 listed monuments and historic buildings in the *Dutch National Register of Monuments and Historic Buildings*. These are objects of national importance which are protected by the state.

Extent of protection

The protection extended to these buildings and monuments covers all the immovable elements explicitly mentioned in the description of the property. The entire property is protected, included foundations, façade and façade elements (including doorstep, front steps or terrace), supporting structure, roof, floors, flooring and interior (e.g. ceiling, wall finishings, stairs, doors and fireplaces). Protection does not extend to objects or things mentioned only in the introduction to the description or only in the description of the complex.

History of the *Register of Monuments and Historic Buildings*

The current *Register of Monuments and Historic Buildings* originated with the Monuments and Historic Buildings Act 1961, which provided for the compilation of a national 'register of protected monuments and historic buildings'. The register was digitised in the early 1980s.

Listing procedure no longer on request

A monument or historic building may be listed if:

1. it is compatible with a listing programme as laid down in the *Listing of Protected Monuments and Historic Buildings Policy Guideline 2013* (the *Nieuwe Hollandse Waterlinie*; monuments from the post-war reconstruction period 1959-1965), or
2. its aesthetic quality or significance in terms of academic study or the cultural heritage means it can be regarded as a nationally or internationally important example of Dutch architecture, urban planning, land use, structural engineering or site-specific art and, because of its great rarity, it is clearly a valuable addition to the list of protected monuments and historic buildings.

Following an amendment to the *Monuments and Historic Buildings Act 1988* that took effect on 1 January 2012, the Minister of Education, Culture and Science will no longer institute proceedings for listing monuments and historic buildings on request. Suggestions may be submitted, but a listing procedure will not automatically be launched in response.

Considerations for listing

When a monument or historic building is listed, consideration is given to the prospects for its conservation, in both technical and functional terms. The degree to which the monument or historic building has a positive impact on the quality of its surroundings also plays a role.

Indicatoren bij dit onderwerp

Listed buildings - numbers

At the end of 2018 there were 61,908 listed buildings in the Netherlands. Since 2007 the focus has been on the post-war reconstruction period.

Listed buildings - numbers per category

At the end of 2018, over half (58.6%) of the items on the *Register of Monuments and Historic Buildings* (61,908) were objects in the category 'Buildings and houses' (36,252).