

COVID-19 outbreak

Because of the outbreak of the COVID-19, also in the Netherlands several measures had to be taken to prevent the spread of the virus. The MOD and AFMP and MARVER also took measures in their own organizations in line with the guidelines of the Dutch advising institute for public health and safety to the government (RIVM).

The MOD and military trade unions decided to cancel all formal and physical meetings until May 6th. However, we also decided not to stop all conversations. Subjects that lend themselves to this will be discussed further via a conference call or other digital tools. At the end of April, it will be decided whether formal consultations can be restarted. This decision depends on RIVM guidelines and government policy on the situation around the coronavirus. This decision of using a temporary method will lead to delays in the progress of files and subjects.

FNV Security - the partnership between the AFMP, MARVER and the Dutch Police Association NPB - has also responded to the cabinet's call to contribute to blocking the spread of the Coronavirus. The unions united in FNV Security also follow RIVM's measures. One of the measures taken has been to cancel all physical union meetings and proceed where necessary with digital tools. Our employees have been given the tools to work at home to ensure that our services to our members can continue as best as possible.

In line with this other measures, also all tax service activities at home and abroad of the AFMP and MARVER have been canceled and/or suspended. Our umbrella organization FNV, requested the tax authorities to grant central postponement so that not everyone should have to apply for an individual postponement. Unfortunately, this request has been rejected and our members will have to apply for postponement themselves.

AFMP and MARVER will support their members with their tax return as much as possible with digital tools.