

Debit card payments in the Netherlands are going to change. The same convenience, more possibilities.

In the Netherlands, virtually all merchants accept Maestro and V PAY debit cards. Debit Mastercard and Visa Debit will be added. This infographic provides some background information.

Debit card payments (with Maestro and V PAY) are broadly accepted in all sectors in the Netherlands.

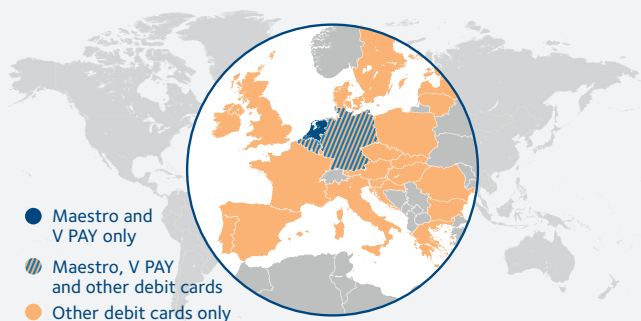
More than half of all merchants also accept credit cards. The acceptance varies per sector and location (tourism, along national borders). Merchants who already accept credit cards also accept Visa Debit and Debit Mastercard, unlike merchants who only accept Maestro en V PAY.



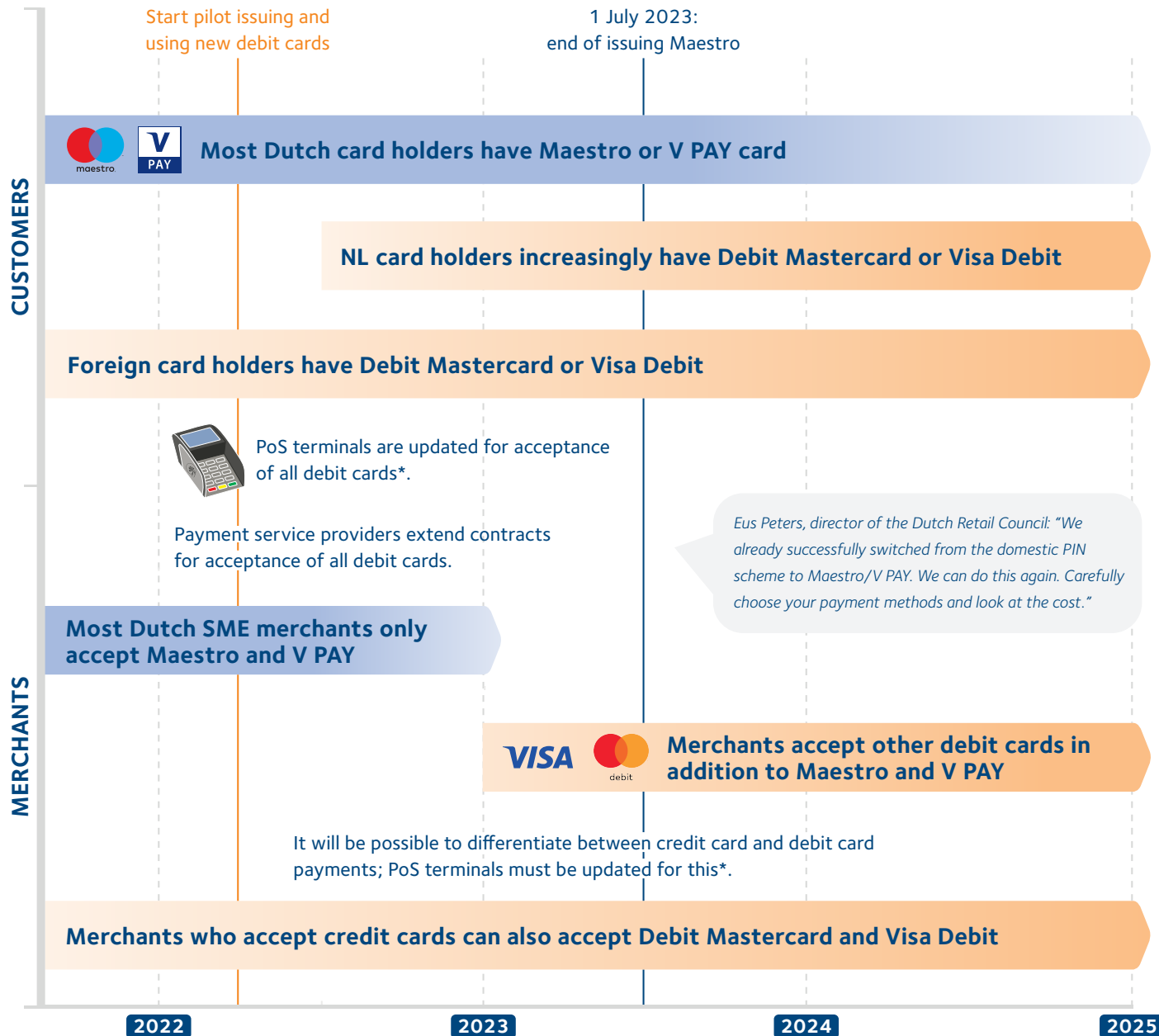
● Maestro or V PAY debit card ● credit card

Increasing number of Debit Mastercard and Visa Debit cards in circulation.

More than 6 billion Mastercard and Visa cards are in circulation worldwide. 60% of these are debit cards that cannot be used to pay at Dutch merchants who only accept Maestro and V PAY debit cards. Cardholders with Visa Debit or Debit Mastercard can only pay cash at these merchants. These new cards will also be issued in the Netherlands in the coming years.



The Netherlands is increasingly an exception in Europe



Eus Peters, director of the Dutch Retail Council: "We already successfully switched from the domestic PIN scheme to Maestro/V PAY. We can do this again. Carefully choose your payment methods and look at the cost."

* Most PoS terminals will be updated by an automatic software update.