

Dutch as a second language

You have already gained a certain degree of comprehension of the Dutch language. Having simple conversations such as a neighbourly chat about the weather or filling in your personal details are relatively easy. In this course you will improve your Dutch language skills further. At the end of the course your Dutch language skills will be sufficient for you to continue with the state exam Nederlands als tweede taal.

The end result

Once you have passed the complete exam you will receive the diploma Dutch as a second language. This diploma will prove that your Dutch language skills are sufficient to practise certain professions and to pursue most vocational training courses.

Two levels

There are two levels: State exam Dutch as a second language (NT2) Programme I and State exam Dutch as a second language (NT2) Programme II. Programme I is not set up as preliminary training for Programme II. You will either follow Programme I or Programme II. Which one you choose depends on the level of education you have had and what you intend to do with your diploma.

Programme I

This programme is intended for people who wish to fulfil a job position at an intermediate level and therefore are planning to follow a professional course at, for instance, NTI MBO-College. With this course you will attain language proficiency level B1 of the Common European Framework.

Programme II

This programme is intended for those who wish to hold middle or higher management positions. To achieve this you will need a degree from a school for higher vocational education (bachelor) or university, for instance at Hogeschool NTI or NTI University. With this course you will attain language proficiency level B2 of the Common European Framework.

Previous qualifications

No specific previous qualifications are required. Depending on your knowledge of the Dutch language – and your level of education – you choose one of the four courses. If you have no existing knowledge of Dutch, we recommend that you take the complete Dutch as a second language course at NTI. This will take you from level A1 through B1 or B2. At NTI you can choose from four different NT2 courses, depending on your knowledge of Dutch.

Courses

Programme II (level A2-B2)

You require a Dutch as a second language diploma to be able to study at a school for higher vocational education or to increase your job opportunities in the Dutch labour market. You already have a reasonable knowledge of Dutch (Common European Framework level A2) and you wish to pursue further education. This course is suitable for those at higher-education level.

Programme II (level A1-B2)

You speak little to no Dutch. You will follow the same course, but will start at a lower level. This course is suitable for those at higher-education level.

Programme I (level A2-B1)

You require a Dutch as a second language diploma to be able to study at a vocational school at intermediate level. You already have a reasonable knowledge of Dutch (Common European Framework level A2) and you wish to pursue further education. This course is suitable for those at intermediate level.

Programme I (level A1-B1)

You speak little to no Dutch. You will follow the same course, but will start at a lower level. This course is suitable for those at intermediate level.

Exam

The state exam Nederlands als tweede taal (abbreviated: NT2) is organized by the Dienst Uitvoering Onderwijs (DUO). This exam is intended for persons aged 18 or over whose native language is not Dutch and who want to demonstrate that their command of the Dutch language is sufficient to be able to work or study in the Netherlands. There are different kinds of training programmes or jobs and there are two different exam programmes accordingly: programma I and programma II.

The exam consists of 4 disciplines: Reading, Listening, Writing and Speaking.

In this course we will pay attention to exam training. You will be able to practice at home with mock exam exercises. You can find all the information you need about the exam training and the official exam in our Study manual. You will receive a certificate for each of the four disciplines that you pass. These four certificates can be exchanged for the Dutch a second language (NT2) diploma. You are offered the opportunity to resit any failed disciplines at a later date. Check www.duo.nl for more information.

Materials

In this course you can study by yourself from home. You will receive a corresponding CD-ROM which contains the following auxiliary languages: Spanish, French, Turkish, Arab or English.

In both study programmes you will be provided with a useful study manual.

Study manual in English, French, Spanish Turkish or Arabic

The study manuals have been for the most part translated and are now available in one of the five auxiliary languages. You can order the study manuals free with your teaching package in both study programmes. Please indicate which language you require when you enrol.