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# Guide

# Learning the Dutch Language

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## Introduction

Whether your stay in the Netherlands is temporary or long term, learning Dutch is important. Being able to communicate in the native language opens doors to the labour market and speeds up social integration. Whether you want to shop easily, read ads and actually understand them, ask for directions or help someone else, a basic knowledge of Dutch is essential. Moreover, for some non-EU citizens, a basic knowledge of Dutch has recently become a prerequisite for obtaining a visa and authorisation to stay in the Netherlands.

Language schools abound in the Netherlands, offering everything from basic survival Dutch to courses that prepare you for proficiency exams. To provide you with an overview of what is available, we have gathered the information necessary to get you started learning Dutch.

The first part of this booklet focuses on learning Dutch as a requirement for obtaining a visa or resident's permit (*Machtiging tot Voorlopig Verblijf*) or for a work or study visa. It also explains the procedures for obtaining the NT2 qualification. In the second and main part of this booklet, we have compiled a list of language schools/institutes. While it is not comprehensive, we have ensured that the contact details are accurate. The third part is an acknowledgement of the sources we have consulted. Other ACCESS information booklets that are available for purchase are also included.

We hope that these brief entries, arranged alphabetically by location, will save you time and help you to better evaluate your options.

## Dutch as a requirement

### **Dutch as a requirement to enter the Netherlands**

The Civic Integration Act came into force in the Netherlands on 1 January 2007. The Act stipulates that everyone who immigrates to the Netherlands and lives in the Netherlands must learn Dutch and understand how Dutch society works. This is referred to as civic integration.

Immigrants subject to civic integration must pass the Civic Integration Examination. In cases where an immigrant is exempt from civic integration requirement under the Civic Integration Act, he/she is still required to the Civic Integration Examination to obtain

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certain permanent residence permits or to qualify for continued residence. Contact local authorities to find out whether you must undergo civic integration and the steps you need to follow to obtain the civic integration certificate.

Nationals from the EU/EEA, Australia, Canada, Japan, Monaco, New Zealand, Switzerland and the United States, as well as temporary knowledge migrants are exempted from this requirement. Family members of EU citizens may also be exempted from taking this examination.

### Civil integration abroad

This examination tests one's basic knowledge of Dutch and Dutch society. The examination is taken orally in Dutch at the Dutch Embassy or Dutch Consulate General abroad. The examination consists of two parts.

Part 1 tests knowledge of Dutch society. Test questions cover topics such as the history of the Netherlands and its form of government.

Part 2 tests knowledge of the Dutch language. It includes the repetition of sentences and the answering of brief questions. The examination fee is currently €350.

Go to [www.ind.nl](http://www.ind.nl) for more information about the naturalisation exam (*inburgeringsexamen*).

Naturalisation Service (IND): A brochure explaining all the steps to take this exam can be found at:

<http://www.ind.nl/EN/algemeen/brochures/Downloaden/index.asp?subhome=&title=&origin=>

Information about the education packet is available at

<http://www.naarnederland.nl/documentenservice/pagina.asp?metnaam=naarnederland>

A registration form for the civic integration examination abroad can be found at

<http://www.minbuza.nl/en/integrationexam>

### Dutch as a requirement to stay in the Netherlands

If you are planning to stay in the Netherlands long term, it is essential to integrate into Dutch society. To that end, the Dutch Government instituted the Integration Act, which makes following an integration course (*inburgering*) compulsory for most people who come to live in the Netherlands. In addition, an integration course may also be compulsory for people who have lived in the Netherlands for some time. The government provides courses for all people who are required to follow this integration course. Proof of integration can be provided by one of the following: integration exam (*inburgeringsexamen*), language proficiency exam, (NT2 *Staatsexamen*), vocational diploma (*beroepsonderwijs*), the short exemption test (*De korte vrijstellingstoets*).

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## **The naturalisation exam (inburgeringsexamen)**

To obtain Dutch citizenship, you will have to take this exam. In the course preparation for it you will learn the Dutch language as well as learn about life in the Netherlands. The approximate cost of this exam is €230. More information: [www.ind.nlen/Images/bro\\_inburg\\_buitenland\\_tcm6-150503.pdf](http://www.ind.nlen/Images/bro_inburg_buitenland_tcm6-150503.pdf)

## **NT2 language proficiency exam (NT2 Staatsexamen)**

The NT2 State Examination is taken under the auspices of the Dutch Ministry of Education, Culture and Sciences. The examination is intended for adults and young adults from foreign countries, who would like to work or study in the Netherlands. The examination will result in a diploma, which certifies proficiency in the Dutch language to start study programme in Dutch or to work.

### **The NT2 State Examination consists of two programmes:**

Exam Programme I: For people who are looking for a course or a job in the Netherlands at a lower level, but are still above the unskilled labour level.

Exam Programme II: For people who have previously taken a course, which will enable them to follow a course at either an intermediate or higher level, or to be completed at that level. With reference to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages of the European Board, both exam programmes are at level B, “independent user”.

Both exams are divided into four main sections: reading, listening, speaking and writing. All four sections are covered independently. A certificate of proficiency is awarded provided a satisfactory result is achieved. Four certificates for one programme entitle the student to a NT2 State Examination Diploma (I or II). The NT2 State Examination can be taken only in the Netherlands.

For more information about these exams, materials to study, list of institutions offering training for the NT2, go to: [www.expertisecentrumnt2.nl](http://www.expertisecentrumnt2.nl)

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## **The vocational diploma (Beroepsonderwijs Diploma)**

This option is designed for those who, aside from learning Dutch, want vocational training. This programme takes longer than the others because it requires focus on the chosen theme. Professional qualification (MBO-1 and MBO-2) is awarded upon successful completion.

## **The short exemption test (De Korte Vrijstellingstoets)**

The short exemption test is an option for those who are already proficient in the language, which means you can understand Dutch and make you understood without additional lessons.

The examinations are held several times a year at various locations in the Netherlands. Be aware that there is a deadline for registration and fee payment that precedes the examination date. You will not be allowed to take the exam if you have not registered and paid the exam fee before the deadline. For more information, contact city hall in your city of residence. For a complete list, go to: <http://almanak.overheid.nl>

## **Integration facilities**

The Dutch government intends for all newcomers to learn Dutch even if they are not required to follow the integration process (*inburgering*). This usually includes citizens of the European Union. Even when they are not required by law to learn Dutch, it is highly recommended for them to do so, to facilitate integration into Dutch society. These candidates may be eligible to obtain financial assistance from the social services to follow the course. For more information, contact the social services at city hall.

In Amsterdam, see: [www.inburgering.amsterdam.nl](http://www.inburgering.amsterdam.nl)

In The Hague, call (070) 302 60 00 or visit the website: [www.inburgerendenhaag.nl](http://www.inburgerendenhaag.nl)

## **Integration budget**

There are two types of integration budgets. The first one is general and it includes the education in some centres attached to the social services of each city council. Normally, they will include the well-known educational centre ROC. There is another type of budget, called personal *inburgering* budget, which is assigned to people with high levels of education and are able to learn the language at an accelerated pace, generally. This includes language training in universities.

Each city council has its own rules in this regard, so the best way to learn more about the possibilities is to contact the social services of your municipality, which will direct you to the service *inburgering* point in your city of residence.

## **Useful websites about integration in the Netherlands**

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**Informatie Beheer Groep IB-Groep.** You will find information about the integration requirement (*inburgering*) along with a video that explains the various options. You can also apply for a loan from the *IB-Groep* to pay the fees for your language course. If your exam score is high enough and is taken within a set timeframe, you may have to repay only a portion of the borrowed money.

For more information, go to: [www.inburgeren.nlinburgeraar/default.asp](http://www.inburgeren.nlinburgeraar/default.asp)

**Het begint met taal** - This website is an initiative of the Ministry of VROM (Housing, Spatial Planning and the Environment). You will find information about the integration requirement; to find a language school near you type in your postal code. [www.hetbegintmettaal.nl](http://www.hetbegintmettaal.nl)

**Naar Nederland** – On this site you will find information about the Civic Integration Exam, required for some immigrants for their temporary residence permit (MVV) This website provides with information about the Civic Integration Examination Abroad.

The website content can be found in English at:

<http://www.naarnederland.nl/documentenservice/pagina.asp?pagkey=53768>

For information about the examination packet, other course books and (correspondence) courses visit:

[www.nederlandsalstweedetaal.nl](http://www.nederlandsalstweedetaal.nl)

[www.bol.com](http://www.bol.com)

[www.bruna.nl](http://www.bruna.nl)

[www.opwegnaarnederland.nl](http://www.opwegnaarnederland.nl)

## Learning Dutch for self-development, career advancement or hobby

### Language institutes

There are several types of language institutes in the Netherlands, among them: private schools, universities and colleges, (see our list in the following section) international schools (*scholengemeenschappen* – see our list in the following section). Course levels range from beginner to advanced and can include specific courses for certain professions. Some schools are accredited.

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Courses are available on a part-time or full-time basis and can be given at the workplace. Most require attendance at a language laboratory. Choices can be made between individual or group instruction; private schools can tailor the course to individual needs.

Dutch public universities or *volksuniversiteiten* are open to everyone regardless of previous training, age or background. Courses are followed in groups in an informal atmosphere, which makes learning easier and more pleasant. Although the wide variety of courses offered at *volksuniversiteit* are taught by expert teachers, they do not lead to a diploma or degree. There are about one hundred *volksuniversiteiten*, which reach about 200,000 students annually. All are autonomous, non-profit foundations. Some, not all, local governments have subsidised these schools with financial or material aid, so fees from school to school will vary. Go to [www.volksuniversiteit.nl](http://www.volksuniversiteit.nl) to find a school near you.

Courses given at ROCs (*Regionaal Opleidings Centrum*) are subsidised and are heavily subscribed. Registration at a ROC may require compliance with certain criteria e.g. a valid residence permit, an address in the locality of the school, unemployed status, etc. Prep courses for the NT2 Exam are usually offered.

For more information, go to

[www.roc.nl/default.php?fr=opl&type=NT2&language=nl&language=en](http://www.roc.nl/default.php?fr=opl&type=NT2&language=nl&language=en)

### How to begin

First decide what kind of course you want to follow and where. Then, you will need to confirm dates, textbooks and fees. If you have a previous knowledge of Dutch, you will be, most likely, required to do a placement test (fees are possible).

### Dutch for Beginners intensive language course offered through ACCESS

At Home Abroad – Access Nederland’s course for beginners is an intensive four- week course for those who want to make a running start with learning Dutch.

In addition, you are expected to prepare for each class on your computer at home, with the help of the CD-ROM that accompanies the course book. On average this takes an additional twelve hours per week. In short: it is a course for people who can invest a fair amount of time in a concentrated period. At the end of the course you will be able to have short conversations on everyday subjects such a shopping, food, housing, travelling, going out, health, relationships, asking for directions, making appointments, giving your opinion and making inquiries at the municipality. Simple writing assignments are also part of the programme.

### Learning Dutch with “At Home Abroad” means:

- Serious learning in a relaxed and sociable environment
- A course leader with over thirty years of language teaching experience

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- Groups of four to six people
- Main focus on conversation
- 90 % of the lessons in Dutch only
- English translation of wordlists, standard phrases and points of grammar are provided
- Some four hours preparation on the computer at home per class
- Time for personal questions and socialising half an hour before and after the lessons

Further information: 06 571 94 646

### **Dutch for Beginners intensive language course offered through ACCESS**

Dutch Language Training for Beginners and Intermediate Dutch Conversation

Led by Caroline van den Bogaard, a professional Intercultural coach and language trainer at CC Transitions.

CC Transitions offer Career Coaching programs, Intercultural / Career Workshops and Dutch Language and Culture Training for those who have decided to make the best of their assignment in the Netherlands.

Private Training on demand Dutch for Beginners

CC Transitions offers Dutch language training for people who have just arrived and would like to learn the language and develop an understanding about the Dutch culture at the same time. The language training will focus on Dutch in daily situations, pronunciation, the basics and grammar in order to make a quick start.

For those who have received previous Dutch classes and would like to become more confident and proficient in speaking the language. We focus on grammar, daily conversations, discussions, reading and grammar.

Two courses for very small groups (3/5), guaranteed with personal focus on your progress.

**Dutch@work Course - “Nederlands als werktal”**

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Small group guaranteed (3/5). Training for advanced students who want to prepare well for the Dutch job market. Learn to present yourself in Dutch. Contact: Caroline van den Bogaard

Tel: (061) 537 43 71

Email: [info@cctransitions.com](mailto:info@cctransitions.com)

[www.cctransitions.com](http://www.cctransitions.com)

### Teach yourself Dutch

Dutch is not as difficult as it seems at first glance. Learning Dutch can even be fun, if enough time is taken to understand the dynamics of the language and attempts are made to speak Dutch whenever possible. It is full of expressions that are the best sample of the Dutch society.

If you are not up to following a formal Dutch course, you can always learn it from home at your own pace. The internet has endless tools to learn languages, many of them free of charge.

### Useful websites for teaching yourself Dutch:

[www.dutchgrammar.com](http://www.dutchgrammar.com)

[www.dutchtoday.com/](http://www.dutchtoday.com/)

[www.eoidiomas.com/idiomas/EjerciciosNeerlandes/index.htm](http://www.eoidiomas.com/idiomas/EjerciciosNeerlandes/index.htm)

[www.learn dutch.nu/](http://www.learn dutch.nu/)

[www.leesenschrijf.nl](http://www.leesenschrijf.nl)

### Career advancement or hobby

[www.lesexpres.nldutch/](http://www.lesexpres.nldutch/)

[www.livemocha.com/](http://www.livemocha.com/)

[www.taalklas.nl](http://www.taalklas.nl)

[www.taalthuis.com](http://www.taalthuis.com)

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[www.dutchgrammar.org/](http://www.dutchgrammar.org/)

A practical Dutch grammar guide in several languages is provided (in English available just as a book)

[www.talencoach.nl/item/235](http://www.talencoach.nl/item/235)

Order the e-book “Why You Hate Learning Dutch and Seven Reasons to Change It” here. Dutch e-lessons are offered online or at their offices in Amsterdam.

[www.verbix.com/languages/dutch.shtml](http://www.verbix.com/languages/dutch.shtml)

Provides conjugation of the most important Dutch verbs.

[www.leesenschrijf.nl](http://www.leesenschrijf.nl)

Courses can be followed on-line. Request two workbooks for free, and they will be sent to your home.

<http://www.quia.com/jfc/144469.html>

For flashcards of irregular Dutch verbs.

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/>

DUTCH-ENGLISH-STUDY-GROUP to share experiences with other Dutch learners. Paid online courses are also available, with benefits such as a permanent tutor who will help you with your progress; we list a few of these e-courses for you:

[www.leernederlands.nl](http://www.leernederlands.nl)

[www.lerenonline.nl](http://www.lerenonline.nl)

[www.nti.nl](http://www.nti.nl)

Watching TV is another good way to learn words and common phrases. Most teachers recommend watching children’s programmes because they use easy vocabulary. One such programme is: [www.etv.nl](http://www.etv.nl)

### **A voluntary organisation that helps you feel at home**

Netherlands Guild is an umbrella organisation of approximately 65 guilds. Guilds are voluntary associations whose members are 50 years and older. Members share professional or hobby knowledge, expertise and experience with others. Individuals, non-profit organisations and entrepreneurs have free use of their services. Guild volunteers advise on all areas, give lectures, organise tours or converse with Dutch native speakers. There are approximately 6000 active members. [www.gilde-nederland.nl](http://www.gilde-nederland.nl)

### **Classes for children**

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Children learn faster than adults, but require a different method of instruction. There are several international schools which offer special courses for children.

Private institutes such as: Lorre Language Club: <http://www.lorrelanguageclubs.nl> also provide courses for children.

EXPATICA provides a list of Dutch Language schools:

[www.expatica.com/nl/listings/details/Education/language-schools.html](http://www.expatica.com/nl/listings/details/Education/language-schools.html)

LANGUAGE COURSE FINDER can also help locate a language school. [www.language-learning.net/](http://www.language-learning.net/)

*HAAGS TAALKOMPAS* is an initiative of The Hague and provides information on learning Dutch in The Hague. Although the website focuses on the survey of institutions offering Dutch courses, you will also find helpful suggestions and addresses. There is information about compulsory language courses. Possibilities for self-study are also included.

The information on this site can also be found in the booklet "*Haags Taalkompas*" (The Hague Language Compass). Both the website and the booklet are in Dutch. The booklet is available at various organisations in town, such as public libraries in The Hague, the municipal contact centre, city district offices, welfare centres, embassies, among others [www.haagstaalkompas.nl](http://www.haagstaalkompas.nl)

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## List of schools by location:

### Amsterdam

#### **Berlitz Language Centre**

Weerdestein 205a

1083 GN Amsterdam

Tel: (020) 622 13 75

Website: [www.berlitz.nl](http://www.berlitz.nl)

Berlitz offers a variety of courses including group, semi-private and individual instruction as well as a total immersion programme. Courses can be tailored to any level from beginner to advanced and are offered during the day and in the evening.

#### **British Language Training School (BLTC)**

Oxford House, N.Z.

Voorburgwal 328E

1012 RW Amsterdam

Tel: (020) 622 36 34

Fax: (020) 626 49 62

Email: [bltc@blte.nl](mailto:bltc@blte.nl)

Website: [www.bltc.nl](http://www.bltc.nl)

Intensive language courses are offered at all levels including general and business, small groups and individual. NT2 Exam courses are also offered. Group courses begin throughout the year in January, May and September. All courses can be taken during the day or in the evening.

#### **European Language Centre**

Hogehilweg 15

1101 CB Amsterdam Zuidoost

Tel: (020) 609 79 70

Fax: (020) 609 79 63

Email: [info@europeanlanguagecentre.nl](mailto:info@europeanlanguagecentre.nl)

Website: [www.europeanlanguagecentre.nl](http://www.europeanlanguagecentre.nl)

This centre is a professional training institute with a business focus. Flexible, intensive tailor-made courses within the Amsterdam region are offered either at the institute, in-company or at home. All levels are taught, from beginner to advanced.

#### **Taal, Den Hartog & Zevenbergen**

WG Plein 566

1054 SJ Amsterdam

Tel: (020) 685 1562

Fax: (020) 685 1562

Email: [info@taaldenhartogzevenbergen.nl](mailto:info@taaldenhartogzevenbergen.nl)

Website: [www.taaldenhartogzevenbergen.nl](http://www.taaldenhartogzevenbergen.nl)

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This is a language institute that specializes in teaching Dutch as a second language. Courses accommodate all levels and abilities. Individual, small group and company courses are offered as well as exam training for NT2 II. Instruction is also available in Alkmaar, Haarlem and The Hague.

### Arnhem

**Elsevier Talen** (see: Elycio Talen)

Kronenburgensingel 505

6831 GM Arnhem

Tel: (026) 361 28 43

Fax: (026) 361 34 52

Website: [www.elyciotalen.nl](http://www.elyciotalen.nl)

Elycio Talen is CEDEO certified and offers business language and communication courses. Levels are from beginner to intermediate. Small groups and individual classes are offered. Intensive programmes with certificate upon completion (50 hours in ten weeks) are also offered.

**Den Haag/The Hague** (see also Voorburg)

Website: [www.haagstaalkompas.nl](http://www.haagstaalkompas.nl)

The publication "The Hague Language Compass" (*Haags Taalkompas*) lists available courses and can be collected from municipal contact centres or public libraries.

### The British School in the Netherlands Language Centre

Vrouw Avenweg 640

2493 WZ Den Haag

Tel: (070) 315 40 80

Fax: (070) 315 40 81

Email: [languages@britishschool.nl](mailto:languages@britishschool.nl)

Website: <http://www.britishschool.nl/languagecentre/Pages/DutchforAdults.aspx>

Dutch language courses for adults, offers courses from level 1 – 7, starting twice a year (February and September). Day, evening and intensive courses available. At the completion of level 7, students are eligible to take the NT2 Exam.

### BABEL Den Haag

Prinsegracht 40

2512 GA Den Haag

Tel: (070) 335 52 63

Fax: (070) 381 43 73

Email: [info@babel.nl](mailto:info@babel.nl)

Website: [www.babel.nl](http://www.babel.nl)

Private individual lessons are given in a language laboratory and include beginner to advanced levels. NT 2 Exam training is also offered. An instructor is always present to provide materials, answer questions and assist with test taking. CEDEO approved.

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Also on offer: conversation classes, beginners to advanced, 10 lessons of 1 hour each, once a week. One can attend a free sample class.

### **Dutch for Expats**

Witteburgerweg 190

2244 CJ Wassenaar

Tel: (070) 514 02 25

Fax: (070) 511 75 50

E-mail: [info@dutchforexpats.nl](mailto:info@dutchforexpats.nl)

Website: [www.dutchforexpats.nl](http://www.dutchforexpats.nl)

Dutch classes at the beginner, intermediate and advanced levels are given weekdays in small groups (6-10 students). Classes cover conversation, grammar, Dutch culture and traditions.

### **Kickstart School**

Koninginnegracht 72

2514 AG Den Haag

Tel. (070) 324 4530

Email: [info@kickstartschool.nl](mailto:info@kickstartschool.nl)

Website: [www.kickstartschool.nl](http://www.kickstartschool.nl)

They offer au-pair courses, courses for expats , NT2 exam and writing courses. Courses can be given in classes, small groups or individual and are available for all levels: beginner, intermediate and advanced.

### **Mondriaan College (ROC)**

Brouwersgracht 50

2512 ER Den Haag

Tel: (088) 666 37 40

Email: [info@rocmondriaan.nl](mailto:info@rocmondriaan.nl)

Website: [www.rocmondriaan.nl](http://www.rocmondriaan.nl)

Open enrolment for the higher educated non-natives as well as a tailored programme (*Taal op maat*). The tailored course consists of an individually- arranged programme lasting a pre-determined number of weeks.

### **Vader Centrum Adam**

in the borough of Laak

Jonckbloetplein 24

2523 AR Den Haag

Tuesday's 19.00h – 21.00h

Tel: (070) 395 40 97

Learning the Dutch Language: A basic Dutch language course offered to males. Expats learning Dutch in a community centre is to be considered as 'The Hague Bridge' in action. Registration: Daily 13.00h - 21.00h Fee: 0.50 cents per lesson, min. 10 lessons.

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## Eindhoven

### ROC Eindhoven

Sterrenlaan 10

5631 KA Eindhoven

Tel: (040) 269 40 00

Email: [info@roceindhoven.nl](mailto:info@roceindhoven.nl)

Website: [www.roceindhoven.nl](http://www.roceindhoven.nl)

On offer is the course “Dutch for Non-native Speakers”. To register contact Infocentre, School for Adult Education, Tel: 040 269 44 44.

There are also locations in Best, Cranendonck, Eersel, Nuenen, Valkenswaard and Veldhoven.

## Groningen

### Universiteit Groningen Language Centre

Harmoniegebouw 1st floor

Oude Boteringestraat 44

9712 GL Groningen

Tel: (050) 363 91 11

Fax: (050) 363 58 86

Email: [languagecentre@rug.nl](mailto:languagecentre@rug.nl)

Website: [www.rug.nllanguagecentre](http://www.rug.nllanguagecentre)

The university offers intensive, semi-intensive and extensive Dutch language courses including NT2 Exam training. Certificates are awarded after successful completion of the course. Also available is a Dutch Studies Programme that introduces students to the Dutch language, culture, history and art.

## Haarlem

### ISLA Languages

Uit den Bosstraat 14

2012 KL Haarlem

Tel: (023) 532 36 10

Fax: (023) 532 29 74

Email: [info@isladam.com](mailto:info@isladam.com)

Website: [www.isladam.com](http://www.isladam.com)

Courses include group and individual lessons, all levels from beginner to advanced and intensive or extensive. Instructors are also willing to give courses at corporate locations. Also offered are culture courses and NT2 Exam training.

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### Universiteit Leiden

Inter Consultancy Bureau, Leiden University

Rapenburg 70

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2311 EZ Leiden  
Tel: (071) 527 27 27  
Fax: (071) 527 54 99  
Email: [info@icb-leiden.nl](mailto:info@icb-leiden.nl)  
Website: [www.icb-leiden.nl](http://www.icb-leiden.nl)

The language consultancy is affiliated with the university; however, Dutch language courses are open to non-students. Day and evening group courses at all levels are available as well as tailor-made courses. The consultancy also offers acculturation and intercultural management courses.

### Maastricht

#### **Berlitz Schools of Languages B.V.**

Maastricht (Berlitz)  
Brouwersweg 100  
6216 EG Maastricht  
Tel: (043) 346 72 31  
Website: [www.berlitz.nlen/maastricht/default.html](http://www.berlitz.nlen/maastricht/default.html)

Courses are available at all levels and include group, semi-private and individual instruction, daytime or evening. A total immersion programme is also available.

#### **Talencentrum Universiteit Maastricht**

Sint Servaasklooster 39  
6211 TE Maastricht  
Postbus 616  
6200 MD Maastricht  
Tel: (043) 388 39 50  
Fax: (043) 325 72 46  
Email: [talencentrum@languages.unimaas.nl](mailto:talencentrum@languages.unimaas.nl)  
Website: [www.languages.unimaas.nl](http://www.languages.unimaas.nl)

Courses are available at all levels; for groups, individuals and non-students. Other available courses include NT2 Exam training, “Crash Course in Dutch” (summer/ winter programmes) and tailor-made “Language for Specific Purpose” (LSP) courses for professionals, individuals and groups. Courses for beginners are offered for native German, Scandinavian & Afrikaans speakers.

### Nijmegen

#### **LTC (Language Training Centre)**

St. Canisiussingel 27  
6511 TG Nijmegen  
Postbus 373  
6500 AJ Nijmegen  
Tel: (024) 323 73 49  
Fax: (024) 360 16 60  
Email: [info@ltc.nl](mailto:info@ltc.nl)

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Website: [www.ltc.nl](http://www.ltc.nl)

LTC is a CEDEO approved language institute with a business focus. Practical, tailor-made language and communication training is offered for individuals or business professionals.

### Rijswijk

#### **Elycio Talen**

Verrijn Stuartlaan 42c

2288 EM Rijswijk

Tel: (070) 399 24 71

Fax: (070) 399 44 99

Email: form on the website

Website: [www.elyciotalen.nl](http://www.elyciotalen.nl)

Elycio Talen is CEDEO approved and offers business-focused language and communication courses. Levels range from beginner to intermediate and small groups and individual classes are offered. In addition, intensive programmes with certificate on completion (50 hours in ten weeks) can be taken. There is a distance education option via the TMM method.

### Rotterdam

#### **Albeda College (ROC)**

Rosestraat 1101-1103

3071 AL Rotterdam

Tel: (010) 290 10 10

Email: [albeda@albeda.nl](mailto:albeda@albeda.nl)

Website: [www.albeda.nl](http://www.albeda.nl)

For vocational and language training, day and evening sessions. There is also an “*inburgeringscursus*”, or integration course, aimed at newcomers and others who are not sufficiently conversant in Dutch. There are about 20 locations in Rotterdam.

#### **Dutch Language Institute ITHA**

Mathesserlaan 253

3021 HD Rotterdam

Tel: (010) 425 45 79

Email: [info@itha.nl](mailto:info@itha.nl)

Website: [www.itha.nl](http://www.itha.nl)

Flexible, intensive Dutch language programmes are on offer at all levels and are primarily business focused.

#### **ITA Talencentrum**

Scheepmakershaven 29 A

3011 VA Rotterdam

Tel: (010) 411 88 65

Fax: (010) 411 75 58

Email: [info@ita-talencentrum.nl](mailto:info@ita-talencentrum.nl)

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Website: [www.talen-centrum.nl](http://www.talen-centrum.nl)

Business language training of Dutch at every level.

### **Language Partners**

Beursplein 37 3

011 AA Rotterdam

Tel: (010) 405 23 45

E-mail: [info@languagepartners.nl](mailto:info@languagepartners.nl)

Website: [www.languagepartners.nl](http://www.languagepartners.nl)

“Dutch for non-Dutch” language, Dutch social life and culture, Dutch legal language and Dutch business or managerial courses are offered for groups and individuals.

### **Utrecht**

#### **Babel Taaltrainingen**

Lucasbolwerk 5

3512 EG Utrecht

Tel: (030) 232 40 40

Email: [info@babel.nl](mailto:info@babel.nl)

Website: [www.babel.nl](http://www.babel.nl)

Tailor-made with a business focus. Also regular courses “Dutch as a Foreign Language” group courses for beginners, intermediate and advanced. U-pass holders receive a 20% reduction on fees.

#### **Capita Language Services BV**

De Hoogt 2-4

3951 KB Maarn

Tel: (034) 343 13 03

Email: [info@capitalanguage.nl](mailto:info@capitalanguage.nl)

Website: [www.capitalanguage.nl](http://www.capitalanguage.nl)

Capita Language Services is a CEDEO approved institute which offers tailor-made “Dutch for Expats” language programmes with a business focus for individuals and groups

#### **Linguarama Nederland**

Cenakel Convent

Amersfoortsestraat 18

3769 AR Soesterberg

Tel: (034) 633 25 75

Email: [soesterberg@nl.linguarama.com](mailto:soesterberg@nl.linguarama.com)

Website: [www.linguarama.nl](http://www.linguarama.nl)

Courses include individual intensive courses with a business focus, corporate group programmes

intercultural and residential programmes and language for specific purposes e.g. report writing presentations, and policy documents.



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<http://www.quia.com/jfc/144469.html>

<http://www.roc.nl/default.php?fr=opl&type=NT2&language=nl&language=en>

<http://www.taalklas.nl>

<http://www.taalthuis.com/>

<http://www.talencoach.nl/item/235>

<http://www.verbix.com/languages/dutch.shtml>

<http://www.volksuniversiteit.nl>

<http://almanak.overheid.nl> <http://inburgeringsformulier.minbuzamail.nlcivic/en/>

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