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Guide

Studying In The Netherlands

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1. The Dutch system of vocational and higher education

It is more common these days, to continue your higher education abroad. If you have completed your secondary schooling in an international school, within or outside the Netherlands, this ACCESS Guide will help you find information about the Dutch vocational and higher education system, together with a brief description. Having successfully completed a secondary school education you have the following options:

Secondary vocational education (MBO)

Third level vocational education, college (HBO) or so called universities of applied science.

MBO (*middelbaar beroepsonderwijs*) This is a senior secondary educational course takes from one to four years,

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It is always an emotional moment for international students when they bid farewell to their family and move to a foreign country, and there are usually some difficulties at the beginning. Here we present some essential information for international students concerning housing, financial matters and working in the Netherlands.

Housing

All students towns share the difficulty of finding accommodation at a reasonable price, especially in cities such as Amsterdam, Utrecht, Rotterdam and The Hague. It might be possible that the university of your choice has housing options available, but every town or city has an organization that helps those looking for a place to live. You might do also try:

<http://www.asva.nl>

<http://www.isn-amsterdam.nl>

<http://www.huurders.info>

<http://www.directwonen.nl>

<http://www.kamernet.nl>

<http://www.studentenkamers.nl>

<http://www.studenten.startpagina.nl>

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<http://www.kamerweb.nl>

<http://www.funda.nl>

<http://www.foreignstudents.nl>

The best help may be available from the higher education institutes themselves. They often have dedicated departments to help students find a suitable accommodation. They may even have a department that helps foreign students. Your faculty could be a good place to start your search.

Finance

Studying abroad is a dream for many students, but financing it can be difficult. Higher education is subsidized by the government in the Netherlands. This enables universities and institutions for professional higher education to charge a relatively low tuition fee. The annual tuition fee for enrolment in a degree programme or course at higher education starts currently at EUR 1,538 for students from the European Union. The costs of programmes or courses for non-EU students are generally higher. For more information visit: <http://www.studyin.nl>.

Scholarships and grants

If you wish to take an undergraduate or postgraduate degree in the Netherlands, there are several ways to obtain funding without visiting the bank.

Huygens Scholarship Programme (HSP): a scholarship programme for students with exceptionally high grades from around the world, who want to study in the Netherlands in the final phase of their bachelor's or during their master's studies. For more information and the application procedure visit: <http://www.nuffic.nl>.

<http://www.grantfinder.nl> is the online search engine with information on a range of Dutch scholarships for international student. Select the country and type of course to find a list of available grants. Grants are often related to specific universities and/or degree programs.

Higher education grants: Some higher education institutions have special funds for students. Once you have selected the university or professional higher education institution of your choice, contact their career service or international office to receive information about available grants. You can apply for a contribution to tuition or course fees for EU and EEA students or for a loan tuition fee. Visit

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<http://www.ib-groep.nl> and click on “international visitors” for more information about study grants and the restitution of tuition fees, or telephone : +31 50 599 7755 from Monday to Friday between 09:00 and 17:00 (Dutch time).

Jobs

Many students have part-time jobs in cafes and restaurants. Please note that there is a maximum income allowed which changes every year. These and other kinds of jobs can be found through an employment agency or special websites, as mentioned below.

<http://www.Studentjob.nl>

<http://www.studentenwerk.nl>

<http://www.studentenvacature.nl>

<http://www.studentsforstudents.nl>

<http://www.adamsrecruit.nl>

<http://www.dutchisnotrequired.nl>

<http://www.octagon.nl>

<http://www.aiesec.nl>

<http://www.karl.aegee.org>

<http://www.secretariesbyadams.com>

<http://www.bluelynx.com>

<http://www.undutchables.nl>

<http://www.uniquemls.com>

<http://www.expatica.com/jobs>

<http://www.englishlanguagesjobs.com>

<http://www.cooljobs.com>

<http://www.monsterboard.nl>

<http://www.jobnews.nl>

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<http://www.career.nl>

3. Sources

Useful websites with English options unless stated:

<http://www.nlnrp.nl> (vocational education)

<http://www.rocva.nl/sf/sf.cgi?20039>

<http://www.mboraad.nl/?category/126232/english.aspx>

<http://www.roc.nl> (Dutch website)

<http://www.rijksoverheid.nl/#ref-minoc>

<http://www.eurogates.nl>

<http://www.nuffic.nl/international-students>

<http://www.studyin.nl> (database with higher education courses in English and other useful information)

http://www.nuffic.nl/international-students/dutch-higher-education/search-international-study-programmes/ispac_search_form (Database of English courses and universities)

<http://www.nuffic.nl/international-organizations/dutch-higher-education/universities>

<http://www.internationalstudy.nl>

<http://masters.qompas.nl/en/> (database for Masters courses)

<http://www.mastersportal.eu>

<http://www.expatica.com>

<http://www.netherlands-embassy.org.uk/culture/index.php?i=217>

<http://www.educaide.nl>

Other useful websites:

These three websites are in Dutch but give links to all the universities and colleges, with most of them having English options.

<http://mbo.startpagina.nl/>

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<http://hbo.startpagina.nl/>

<http://universiteiten.startpagina.nl/>

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ACCESS guides available for downloading, free of charge, from the ACCESS website:

- Banking
- Childcare and playgroups
- Food from home
- Health care
- Housing and accommodation
- Inheritance and wills
- International primary and secondary education
- Learning the Dutch language
- Marriage , registered partnership, cohabitation and ending a relationship
- Obtaining a driving license in the Netherlands
- Post Office
- Public Transport
- Social Security
- Starting your own business
- Studying in the Netherlands
- Telephone, internet and television
- What to do when leaving the Netherlands
- Working in the Netherlands

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