

integrating at ID College



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People from many different countries live in the Netherlands. In order to be able to understand one another, it is important that everyone speaks Dutch and knows something about the Netherlands. The Integration Law was introduced on January 1, 2007 for that purpose. The law states that people who come to the Netherlands and live here must learn to speak Dutch and know how our society functions. This is what we call civic integration. For people to whom this law applies, integration is compulsory. They must pass an exam.

What is civic integration?

Civic integration means that everyone:

- can speak, read and write Dutch;
- can understand what is being said in Dutch;
- knows how we live and get along with each other in Dutch society.

In this country we have made a series of agreements about integration, which together form the Dutch integration system.

In order to become integrated, you must take an exam. The civic integration examination shows you whether you can speak, read and write Dutch well enough and whether you know enough about Dutch

society. Once you have passed the exam, you are officially integrated.

Who must become integrated?

The city government will call you in to determine whether or not the integration law applies to you and whether you are eligible for an integration benefit. In that case, the government pays most of the costs.

It is also possible to become integrated even if you are not required to do so. The city government will then decide whether or not to help pay for your costs.





In some cases, the government will not pay for your costs even though you are obliged to take the examination. If you take the course at an institution that has the Keurmerk Inburgering (Integration Hallmark), you can borrow the money for the course under favourable terms from the government's Informatie Beheer Groep. The ID College has this hallmark.

For more information, you can visit the site of the Informatie Beheer Groep, www.inburgeren.nl
Information about the hallmark can be found on www.blikopwerk.nl

Each course is tailored to your possibilities, and you yourself can determine how many sections you want to take. Therefore it is difficult to give an indication of how much the course and the exam will cost. At your request, we can make an estimate for you.

For more information about our courses, you can call 0800 222 0800 (free). Our staff will be pleased to give you more information.

Where can you take a civic integration course?

ID College is one of the schools offering civic integration courses in this region. ID College offers courses at all levels. This means that no matter what kind of schooling you have had in your own country, there is always a course that is right for you. The tempo, method, number of hours per week and total length of the course are adjusted to your level of education. As part of the programme it is possible to do a work placement study that fits your original training or profession. During or after the course you can also do vocational training. This way you will have a better chance of getting work in addition to becoming integrated. There is always a branch of the ID College in your area where you can take a civic integration course. The addresses are on the back of this folder.





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