

# **21+ for students without diploma**

## **No diploma, but interested in higher education?**

Do you not have the correct secondary\* school diploma with which you are admissible to the higher education study programme of your choice? Will you be 21 years old or older on 1 October of the year in which you would want to start an Associate degree programme or Bachelor programme? Register for the Admissions Assessment 21+. If you complete it successfully, you will be admitted to a study programme after all.

\*vwo is pre-university level; havo is senior secondary level; mbo 4 is senior secondary vocational level; mbo-lang is an older senior secondary diploma without level indication.

## **Assessment 21+ Exams**

The Admissions Assessment 21+ for International Business consists of:

1. English reading
2. English writing
3. Economics

You must first pass the English reading with a minimum grade of 5.5 before you can proceed with the other exams. Once you have also passed English writing and Economics (a 5.5 is the minimum grade per exam), you will have also obtained the 21+ Admissions programme. You are entitled to one re-sit per subject.

Please note: your study programme may set additional requirements or apply its own selection procedure. Please check with [your programme](#).

## **Costs**

The price of the Admissions Assessment 21+ is € 190. The programme consists of exams, and any re-sits. The price excludes any preparatory courses.

## **Admissions certificate**

Once you have passed the Admissions Assessment 21+ of the Rotterdam University of Applied Sciences, you will receive an admissions certificate that is valid for the next academic year and the academic year after that.

## **Preparation exams**

You can get ready for the exams by preparing independently. Please refer to the [literature list](#) for the necessary materials. In addition, you can prepare with the [sample exams](#).

## Exam dates

### Part 1: reading exam

You will start with the exam 'English reading'. You will sit your reading exam in one of the exam rounds listed below, on one of these dates:

#### Exam round 1

Exam	Re-sit
28 March 2023	6 April 2023
25 April 2023	11 May 2023

#### Exam round 2

Exam	Re-sit
30 May 2023	15 June 2023
27 June 2023	6 July 2023

### Part 2: study programme-specific (other) exams

After you have passed the reading exam, you can proceed with the study programme-specific exams. The date of the reading exam determines in which round you will sit the study programme-specific exams.

The exams are held on:

Round	Exam	Re-sit
1	5 and 6 June 2023	10 and 13 July 2023
2	17 and 18 July 2023	14 and 15 August 2023

## Purchase exams

After your study programme registration has been processed, you will receive a link to HINT, our intranet, and our online Shop. You can purchase the complete set of exam subjects for the Admissions Assessment 21+, including the Reading Exam. Please do so as soon as possible after your Studielink registration.

## Registration

**Register no later than 1 May 2023 if you want to start your study programme as of 1 September 2023.**

Purchase the set of exam subjects as soon as possible after your Studielink registration and before **22 June 2023**, if you want to start your study programme on 1 September 2023.

Register as follows:

1. Go to Studielink
  - a. Click on 'Log in with DigiD' (if you reside in the Netherlands) or on 'Open Studielink account without DigiD' (if you reside abroad)
  - b. Fill in the desired (personal) data
  - c. As soon as you have entered all data, you will be sent an e-mail including an activation link. Click on this link.
2. After the account activation, you can submit a request for registration. First you will be shown the page 'Pre-study programme'. Because you do not have an admissible diploma, you can skip this entire section. Click on the Next button ('Volgende') at the bottom of the page.
3. You will get a notification that you have not entered a pre-study programme. Accept the notification and click on 'Yes'.

4. Now choose the study programme for which you want to register. Next you will see this note:  
*'I am aware that no pre-study programme has been entered. I may be eligible for the colloquium doctum/21+ programme. I can read about all options on the website of the educational institution'.* Accept this notification by placing a checkmark, and follow the registration steps to finish the process.
5. After you have registered for the study programme through Studielink, within two weeks you will receive an invitation to activate your student account. Your log-in will provide access to the network (Hint) of Rotterdam University of Applied Sciences. Within 10 working days you will receive a second message, from the Student Service Center (SSC), including a link for the Hint shop. In this message the steps are explained for the purchase of the set of exam subjects and/ or a preparatory course. If you did not receive this message in time, please contact Student Service Center (SSC).
6. Purchase the set of exam subjects via the Hint shop.
7. Payment is processed within five work days. You will get a confirmation e-mail. Should you not receive this e-mail, contact the department Admissions and Education Support via [toelatingsexams@hr.nl](mailto:toelatingsexams@hr.nl) or call 010 - 794 6000.
8. Prepare for the Reading exam by means of independent study. First sit the exam English reading. Only once you have passed this exam, can you proceed with the other exams.
9. In September you can start the study programme for which you have registered, as long as you have passed the exams successfully. Please also be aware of any additional requirements or selection procedure of your study programme.

Check Hint for additional information. In case you have questions about the Admissions Assessment 21+, please contact the Admissions and Education Support Team via [toelatingsexams@hr.nl](mailto:toelatingsexams@hr.nl) or call 010 - 794 6000.

## Assessment 21+ Art Study Programmes

The art study programmes of the Willem de Kooning Academy (WdKA) apply a different Admissions assessment 21+ than the other study programmes of the Rotterdam University of Applied Sciences. This programme consists of an assessment of the artistic and visual competencies and an extensive WdKA exam 21+:

- [WdKA Exam 21+ examples](#)

### Registration

If you want to participate in the WdKA Exam 21+ you must first register for your higher education study programme via Studielink. Please read the information under 'Register' for the instructions. After your registration has been processed, you will receive the log in data with which you can get access to HINT (our intranet) and can buy your exam subjects.

In order to have your visual competencies assessed on Portfolio day, you can register at [www.wdka.nl](http://www.wdka.nl). If you are (still) abroad and cannot be present at the Portfolio day, please contact WdKA. Should it become clear that you possess sufficient competences, you can purchase the WdKA Exam 21+ via HINT.

### Flow chart registration WdKA Exam

1. Registration Studielink

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2. Register via [www.wdka.nl](http://www.wdka.nl)

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3. Assessment artistic and visual competencies during WdKA portfolio day

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4. Purchase the WdKA Exam 21+ via HINT

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5. Sit the WdKA Exam 21+

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## **Costs**

The price of the WdKA Exam 21+ is € 100.

## **More information**

Should you have any questions about art study programmes, please contact the Willem de Kooning Academy: 010 - 794 4631 or visit [www.wdka.nl](http://www.wdka.nl). For questions about the 21+ programme, contact the Admissions & Support team: [toelatingsexams@hr.nl](mailto:toelatingsexams@hr.nl) or call: 010 - 794 6000.