

Admission with a foreign diploma

NT2 Admissions Programme (Dutch as a second language)

If you have a foreign diploma that is comparable to the required Dutch diploma, you can enrol in a study programme at the Rotterdam University of Applied Sciences. Clearly your Dutch must be at sufficient level for our Dutch-language study programmes.

Your command of the Dutch language must be at the B2 level of the Common European Framework, because almost all of our study programmes are in Dutch. Whether your command of the Dutch language is sufficient, can be determined with the NT2 admissions programme of the Rotterdam University of Applied Sciences, or the State Exams Dutch as a Second Language – II.

The Admissions Programme NT2 of the Rotterdam University of Applied Sciences consists of three phases. Once you have completed a phase with a minimum score of 5.5, you may proceed to the next phase.

Phase 1: Reading

The Reading exam consists of a selection of short and long texts and of 45 multiple choice questions about the texts.

Phase 2: Writing

For the Writing Exam you must complete two writing assignments: a report and an argument.

Phase 3: Oral exam

For the oral part of this exam, you must demonstrate that the level of your speaking and listening skills is sufficient to be able to complete a study programme at the Rotterdam University of Applied Sciences. The date is of the oral exam, per exam round, is stated on Hint, our intranet.

Once you have passed the NT2 Programme, and you also meet the general admissions requirements, you may start your higher education study programme.

Costs

The price of the NT2 Programme is €105. This is including one re-sit per section, and excluding the NT2 preparatory course.

Preparation for the NT2 Admissions Programme (Dutch as a second language)

You can prepare for the NT2 Admissions Programme of the Rotterdam University of Applied Sciences by means of a preparatory course or by preparing independently.

Preparatory course

If you are not sure whether your Dutch is of sufficient level to succeed at the NT2 admissions Programme of the Rotterdam University of Applied Sciences, you can register for the NT2 preparatory course.

The content of the course is as follows:

- Written and oral skills
- Writing of letters and reports
- Formulating ideas and thoughts, oral exercises, holding a discussion
- The most important grammar rules
- Extensive vocabulary

In addition, a sample exam is part of the preparatory course. In order to be admitted to the preparatory course, you must have a fair knowledge of the Dutch language. This course is not for beginners! The study load is a minimum of 8 to 10 hours per week, including the lessons.

Costs of the preparatory course

The price of the preparatory course is €150 (excluding the book). This amount is excluding any exams or re-sits.

Preparatory year

If your Dutch is not of a sufficient level to participate in the preparatory course NT2, we recommend that you enter a transition year (hbo/wo). The transition year starts in September 2021 and runs through to July 2022. During the transition year you prepare for higher education and improve your general command of the language. The transition year is offered by Albeda (Dutch)/Vavo Rijnmond College (other subjects) and Erasmus University in Rotterdam. In order to enrol, please contact the organisation of your choice.

Independent preparation

If you prefer to prepare for exams through independent study, please refer to

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M. Beersmans, W. Tersteeg *De Finale: voorbereiding op het staatsexamen NT2 II (2^e druk)*.
Publisher: Boom uitgevers Amsterdam; ISBN: 9789461055712

You will also need this literature if you decide to participate in a preparatory course. In addition, you can also download the following sample exams:

- NT2 reading | [questions](#) | [answers](#)
- NT2 writing | [questions](#)

Exam dates

NT2 exams (Dutch as a second language)

If you want to prepare by means of independent study, you can sit the exam on the following dates:

Exam round 1

- Reading exam: 2 or 23 March 2021
- Re-sit: 16 March or 6 April 2021
- Writing exam: 19 April 2021
- Re-sit: 25 May 2021
- Oral exam: 20 May or 17 June 2021 (the exact date will be communicated later)

Exam round 2

- Reading exam: 26 April or 18 May 2021
- Re-sit: 18 May or 1 June 2021
- Writing exam: 14 June 2021
- Re-sit: 15 July 2021

- Oral exam: 8 July or 9 August 2021 (the exact date will be communicated later)

Exam round 3

- Reading exam: 22 June or 5 July 2021
- Re-sit: 8 or 13 July 2021
- Writing exam: 22 July 2021
- Re-sit: 12 August 2021

- Oral exam: 9, 12, 23, 24 or 26 August 2021 (the exact date will be communicated later)

NT2 preparatory course

The exact dates will be published on the current website.

State Exams Dutch as a Second Language II (Dutch as a second language) Instead of participating in the NT2 Programme of the Rotterdam University of Applied Sciences, you can also sit the State Exam NT2-II, organised by DUO (the Dutch Office of Education). Should you have successfully completed the State Exam Dutch as a Second Language II, it will not be necessary to complete the NT2 Programme of the Rotterdam University of Applied Sciences. You will be able to enrol in your study programme, provided that you meet the other general requirements. Your certificate of the State Exam NT2-II, can be submitted to the Student Service Center of the Rotterdam University of Applied Sciences. If you have failed the State Exam NT2, you must complete the NT2 Programme of the Rotterdam University of Applied Sciences.

Registration

Register no later than 1 May 2021* if you want to start your study programme on 1 September 2021.

Make sure that you purchase your set of exam subjects as quickly as possible after registration via Studielink, so that you can start your study programme on 1 September 2021.

* For study programmes that apply a selection, the final date of registration and/or application procedure will deviate. Please refer to the study programme of your choice whether this applies to you/your study programme.

1. First register for the study programme of your choice via [Studielink](#).
2. After registration submit [these documents](#), or send to:
Rotterdam University of Applied Sciences
Student Service Center
Postal box 25035
3001 HA Rotterdam
3. After you have registered for the study programme through Studielink, you will receive your log-in data within two weeks which will provide access to the network (Hint intranet) of the 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. This e-mail includes steps for purchase of the set of exam subjects and/or a preparatory course.
4. Purchase the set of exam subjects via the Hint shop.
5. Payment is processed within five work days. You will get a confirmation e-mail. Should you not receive this e-mail, contact us: toelatingsexams@hr.nl or call 010 - 794 6000.
6. If desired, purchase a preparatory course for the other exams in the Hint shop. Each course has a set exam date; this date replaces the earlier date.
7. Once you have passed the first phase of the NT2 programme (Reading), you will receive an invitation for the second phase (Writing) via your student e-mail account. After successfully completing these two phases, you will be notified for completion of the third phase (Oral).
8. In September you can start the study programme of your choice, as long as you have passed the exams successfully.

Check Hint for additional information. In case you have questions about the NT2 Programme, please contact the Admissions and Education Support Team via toelatingsexams@hr.nl or call 010 - 794 6000.

Exemption

In some cases it is possible to be exempted from NT2 Admission exams (Dutch as a second language). You can apply for an exemption in the following cases:

1. Last year you have successfully completed the phases of the NT2 Programme of the Rotterdam University of Applied Sciences. The phases that you have obtained are valid for the next academic year.
2. You have obtained all four sections of the State Exams II programme. Exemption is not possible for separate sections. In which case you will still have to complete the NT2 Programme of the Rotterdam University of Applied Sciences.

After your registration via Studielink, you can find information on Hint (our intranet) about applying for exemptions.