

Of course I'm learning Dutch I'm a Rotterdammer!

More information?

On welfare? Go to your SoZaWe client manager.

Not on welfare or employed? Go to the Central Integration Bureau (CIL).

Or go to one of the language course providers. Also visit www.rotterdam.nl/inburgeren.

Learn Dutch for free!

Do you want a better job? Do you want to be able to talk to your son/daughter's teacher about their progress? Do you want to be able to tell the doctor where it hurts? Rotterdam will help you to learn Dutch – for free!

Learning to speak, write, read and understand Dutch well is important for your future: for you, your partner and your children. We would like you to participate, because, after all, you are also a Rotterdammer!

In Rotterdam you can learn Dutch for free – at your own pace. You start with an extensive interview, in which you indicate what you would like to do. Together, we look at which course suits you best. If you are on welfare, you will have this interview with your SoZaWe client manager. If you are not on welfare, the interview will take place at the Central Integration Bureau ('Centraal Inburgeringsloket' or CIL). Soon after that, you will be able to join a bridging class, where you will be able to take a language test. This test will determine how many hours of lessons you will need and which class you are assigned to. The lessons will be at your level.

You will learn the Dutch language and about Rotterdam and the Netherlands. You will also get to practise the language in the real world, for instance by participating in school activities, playing sport or doing volunteer work. You can also practise at work, or, if you're unemployed, you will be assisted in finding a job.

Will you take part? Of course – after all you're also a Rotterdammer!

Do you have higher education?

The 'state examination' ('staatsexamen') is definitely the route for you. After passing the NT2 'staatsexamen' you can, for instance, study at a regional training centre ('ROC'), university or college for higher education.

Do you want to obtain an MBO certificate?

You can combine an MBO (upper secondary vocational education) with extra Dutch lessons. You will be training directly for a profession, and this will prepare you for the job market.

Introductory course

Perhaps you don't know which course is most suitable for you. You can follow a short introductory course near you. The course lasts seven weeks.

Do you want to become Dutch?

Integration ('inburgeren') is your chance. In many cases, the integration diploma at A2 level is one of the conditions for obtaining a Dutch passport.

If you want to find out which courses you can attend, you can find out at the CIL or SoZaWe (Social Affairs and Employment).

