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When you intend to live in the Netherlands longer than 3 months, than most immigrants who are not citizens of the EU, Switzerland, Turkey, or the European Economic Area countries have to learn Dutch and pass an integration exam before you can apply for for your resident visa. A resident visa for the Netherlands is called an MVV Visa. The examination is about the basic knowledge of the Dutch language and the Dutch society and is called the Civic Integration Examination.

What is the civic integration examination?

It is a test that an applicant must take at the Dutch embassy or consulate in his/her country of residence before applying for a MVV visa. People applying for an MVV must first prove that they have passed the examination. You need an MVV to apply for a residence permit - which is necessary for a stay of over three months in the Netherlands. The civic integration examination is a test given in the Dutch language.

Candidates will be tested on their knowledge of Dutch society and their command of the Dutch language. Anyone who prepares properly should be able to pass the examination.

The examinations are administered at the Dutch Embassy in your home country. The examination consists of two parts.

## Part 1 - Dutch Language - Listening and reading

This part of the examination tests the candidates knowledge of the Dutch language. They will judge the candidates on their pronunciation, fluency, sentence structure and vocabulary. In this part of the examination the candidate will have to:

- \* Sentence Repetition - the candidate hears a sentence in Dutch and has to repeat it word for word.
- \* Short Answers - the candidate has to give short answer to simple questions.
- \* Word Opposites (Antonyms) - the candidate hears a word and gives the opposite word.
- \* Story Repetition - the candidate will hear a short story and has to retell it.

## Part 2 - Simple reading and understanding Dutch

This part of the examination tests the candidates level of reading in Dutch. Candidates have to read simple sentences and answer simple questions.

- \* Reading out loud short sentences and stories using text displayed.
- \* Reading short sentences and stories using text displayed and answer questions
- \* Reading short sentences and complete the sentence by giving missing words
- \* Reading stories using text displayed and answer questions

## Part 3 - Knowledge of Dutch Society

This part of the examination tests the candidates level of knowledge of Dutch society. Candidates are shown a picture book which contains 100 images from the film "Naar Nederland". There is a question about each photograph. Part 2 of the examination consists of 2 sample questions and 30 questions from the picture book.

## Learn Dutch Online for the Civic Integration Exam

To learn and study for the exam you can go to a Dutch school in your home country. The problem however is that in a lot of countries around the world there are no qualified Dutch schools to teach you enough to be able to pass the exam. Another problem is that in countries where there qualified Dutch schools the courses are very expensive.

In above mentioned cases there is a solution. A website called DutchTutor has developed a special online Dutch Civic Integration Course to be able to learn everything you need to know to pass the Dutch Civic Integration Examination at the Dutch Embassy online through the internet. You can learn at your own time on your own computer without going to school. You only need an internet connection and a computer. Also the course is not expensive and as an extra option you can also learn with a skype teacher.

DutchTutor started the courses more than 3 years ago and hundreds of students already passed the exam without any problems. In these 3 years the website became the market leader for the online course for the Dutch Civic Integration Exam.

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