

## Education plan DubbelTaal – Training NT2 op maat

### Our goal

At DubbelTaal we want to help (new) non-Dutch speaking residents of the Netherlands with learning the language or improving their Dutch. We help you to learn Dutch up to the language level you want to achieve. The aim of the language lessons is to help you with language as fast as possible to quickly feel at home in the Netherlands and to be able to do what you want to do in this country.

### Our method

At DubbelTaal we believe that you learn the language best if you can learn in your own way and at your own pace. Every person is different and learns the language in a different way. We find individual attention very important and that is why we only teach in small groups of a maximum of 8 students.

### Who can take lessons at DubbelTaal?

At DubbelTaal you can take lessons if you have to integrate.

### Please note:

- Civic Integration Act 2013: all integrators (all language levels)
- Civic Integration Act 2021: **only family migrants** (B1 route only)

You can also take lessons if you want to improve your Dutch (all language levels), without an integration requirement.

DubbelTaal can also organize lessons for employees who have to or are allowed to improve their language from work (all language levels).

### How big are the classes?

A class consists of a maximum of 8 students.

Private lessons or lessons in smaller groups (2-4 people) are also possible.

For a group of employees, the maximum is 10 students, depending on the objective and the language level of the participants.

### Who is in a class?

In a class, students can have different language levels. We always try to place students together who are at approximately the same language level and learning level.

The teachers are experienced in teaching groups with students who do not all do the same thing.

### **When can you start? And how long does a course take?**

There is no fixed start and end date in the year for a course. New students can start when a space becomes available in a class or when a teacher has time to teach additional classes. So the students in a group change from time to time. Of course, we always check whether a new student fits into the group.

You decide how long you want to take lessons at DubbelTaal.

### **How much does a lesson at DubbelTaal cost?**

For group lessons with 4-8 students, the hourly rate as of January 1, 2024 is 17 euros per hour. The group lessons always last 3 hours. Each student pays 51 euros per lesson. This excludes teaching materials and exam fees. If the group is 3 or smaller, you pay a higher hourly rate, please check the website for the exact amounts. A private lesson costs a minimum of 65 euros per lesson hour.

### **Is there an intake?**

First you come for an intake interview. We talk about what you want to achieve, which exams or other goals, and when that needs to be done. You usually do a writing test and sometimes also a reading test. Then we know well what the language level is at the start of the course.

We also talk about lesson times and materials, and how many lessons you want. All this is then stated in the intake report and in the contract.

### **What does a lesson look like?**

The lesson starts with the whole group: speaking exercises, reading or listening exercises, reading-listening-talking about the news, exercises to improve the use of grammar.

After that you will receive separate time from the teacher. You look at your homework with the teacher: what did you do at home, maybe you read a text together or do an extra speaking exercise. You can ask questions, maybe you want extra practice for something, and you agree what you will do for the next lesson.

### **Which textbooks?**

At DubbelTaal we can work with many methods. We look at which method suits you well and also whether it suits the group as a whole. Sometimes a student comes up with a book himself, and then we continue with that book, if possible.

We often work with the method TaalCompleet (Colourful Publishers) and LINK+ (Boom Publishers).

But we can also work with:

- the series Van Start / In sight / Vooruit / De Finale and the other books of this series such as De opmaat / De Sprong and the series Klim op / Wind mee / Blink uit (Boom Publishers)
- the series Dutch in gang / Dutch in action / Dutch at level / Dutch to perfection (Coutinho Publishers)
- the Diglin+ method
- the method of literacy developed by Publisher Colorfuler

For KNM we work with the book by TaalCompleet or Welkom in Nederland.

In class we often use other teaching materials to better explain grammar, but also to practice reading and speaking.

At DubbelTaal we can help you with your ONA portfolio, simply as part of all the exams you have to take. We often do that after the KNM part.

We do not give separate ONA lessons.

And in principle you do the ONA final interview. So we hardly ever give a 64-hour statements for ONA.

You can only get a 64-hour statement if you have completed more than 50 hours of internship or volunteer work in your desired profession.

## Digital learning resources

At DubbelTaal we mainly want to use the lessons to practice speaking, reading and listening, explaining and practicing grammar, discussing homework and doing the extra exercises that often come with a method. Almost all textbooks work with online exercises. The teacher can often follow the students online and know how far a student is online and how the online practice is going.

If students wish, someone in class can do online exercises on a notebook. But we prefer you to do that at home.

Sometimes the teacher uses a notebook for a student to provide special online exercises during class.

At DubbelTaal we have more than 10 notebooks to work online at school. Students who do not have a laptop at home are always welcome to come and make online exercises on a notebook during other lessons at school.

Sometimes students can borrow a notebook during a holiday if they do not have a laptop at home and would like to continue studying. There is no charge for this, but we do trust that you are very careful with the notebook.

## Online classes

At DubbelTaal we prefer to teach at school. If there is really no other option, for example due to a lockdown or because you live too far from school, we can talk about online lessons.

Online lessons are shorter than lessons at school, usually one and a half or two hours. The costs are the same as for a regular lesson.

Lessons for employees take place online more often, especially if the employees have to go abroad for work or cannot easily leave the office due to work. This is always done in consultation with the teacher and the employer. DubbelTaal can provide in-company lessons, if desired.

Are you sick and would you like to attend class? Then you can ask the teacher if you can attend part of the lesson online.

## Study duration

The group lessons (5-8 students) are 2x, sometimes 3x a week, and always last 3 hours. How often and how long the lessons are for smaller groups or private lessons, we decide together. Most private lessons last one and a half hour, lessons for groups of 2 or 3 students often last 2 hours.

We determine the duration of lessons for employees in consultation with the employer and the participants.

How long your course lasts depends on:

- the aim of your course: which exams or which language level
- how easily you learn the language
- how much you study at home
- how much you practice the language outside of class.

## Study load

We expect you to study hard at home and complete the online exercises with your textbook. We want people to come to class well prepared and to ask questions. That's how you really learn best.

The teachers discuss the homework for the next lesson per lesson. But if you want to do more, you can of course always do more 😊.

We prefer that you study at home for at least 1-2 hours every day. And not only read new texts and make new exercises, but also repeat a lot! Because by repeating a lot you learn better and faster.

Besides studying from the textbook(s), it is also important to watch Dutch TV, or listen to Dutch songs, or watch Dutch films. Or practice Dutch outside of school, for example with a language coach or in the (digi)Taalhuis (also read: What else can you do?)

### **Teacher support**

The teacher knows exactly where you are, every lesson, and what you are already good at and what you still find difficult. And occasionally you look at the goal of your lessons: are you going fast enough, do you want to go faster or just a little slower: you discuss everything with the teacher. And together you ensure that you learn what you want to learn, at a pace that suits you.

But the teacher will also tell you if you are going too slowly. We don't want to teach you longer than necessary. Life outside and after language classes is more important and that's why you take classes, right?

### **Exams and diploma**

You plan exams together with the teacher. At school you can practice well for all exams, at every level. If the teacher thinks it is possible, you can take the exam. Please do not register for an exam without consulting the teacher.

If you are not going to take an exam, you can receive a certificate for the lessons you have followed at DubbelTaal. The certificate states how many lessons you have taken and what you have learned.

### **Other learning activities**

Extra practice with the language is possible at the (digi)Taalhuis of your municipality or in Katwijk. When you can practice there and *what* you can do there is different for every Taalhuis. Inquire at the (digi)Taalhuis in your municipality.

Are you looking for a language coach? Tell the teacher! DubbelTaal works together with the (digi)Taalhuis Katwijk. We try to provide a language coach to every student who would like to have one.

Are you looking for volunteer work? Talk to your teachers or Janine Dubbeldam. We always try to think along and can give you tips where you can find more information or questions.

Are you looking for work? The teacher can help you! With telling you where to look for work, we help look at a job posting and discuss the words in the job posting. And we help you write a cover letter and CV. The teacher can also help you practice for an interview.