

Learning Dutch in Midden-Brabant

For job seekers and employees who (still) don't speak Dutch

Introduction

Speaking and understanding Dutch well helps with work, education, and participating in society. In the Midden-Brabant region, there are many opportunities to learn the language – from free practice to professional courses. There's already a lot you can do on your own, without taking a course:

- Practice with free apps and websites (Duolingo, Oefenen.nl, NT2taalmenu)
- Watch and listen to Dutch media (Jeugdjournaal, radio, TV with subtitles)
- Practice daily with colleagues, neighbours, or friends
- Write down a few new words every day

1. Start at the Taalhuis (Language House)

You can start learning Dutch in many ways by yourself. But at the Taalhuis, you get professional advice right away: experienced staff help you choose the path that best fits your situation and abilities. You can find the Taalhuis in the libraries across the region. On the website of Taalhuis Midden-Brabant (www.taalhuismb.nl), you can find all the exact locations. Here you'll get free and personal advice on how to best learn Dutch, which route suits your situation, and which organizations can help you.

2. Options depending on your situation

- **Yonder** Education and Integration – Dutch language courses for non-native speakers (NT2) and basic skills courses. Yonder works with professional teachers.
- **Yonder** Language and Work – educatie@yonder.nl (lessons in general language skills, workplace skills, professional language for care or technical sectors, and internships)
- **Bogaers** Language Institute – (Intensive training, tailor-made programs available) – info@bogaerstalen.nl
- **MST** Language School – for non-native speakers (NT2)
- **Employer** or employment agency – ask about possibilities to follow a course (including the Dutch Language Budget – Doorzaam)
- **Volunteer** organizations such as ContourdeTwern – language groups and language buddies
- **Learning** language at the workplace – www.werkvloertaal.nl / www.taalbuddy.nl
- **Special** programs such as Language + Work – register via www.rangeerterrein.nl
- **Tilburg** University – language courses for higher educated individuals

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3. Possible financial arrangements

- **Dutch** Language Budget – up to €1,500 reimbursement via employment agency (Doorzaam)
- **Training** fund or collective labour agreement (CAO) arrangement via employer
- **Extra** subsidy for language learning at the workplace
- **Financial schemes** for employers in the field of language – complete national overview: www.ser.nl/nl/thema/werkwijzer-vluchtelingen/inburgering/financiele-regelingen-werkgevers

4. Partners and contact information

- **Taalhuis** Midden-Brabant – www.taalhuismb.nl
- **Yonder** Education & Integration – www.yonder.nl | educatie@yonder.nl
- **MST** Language School – www.msttilburg.nl
- **ContourdeTwern** – www.contourdetwern.nl
- **Tilburg** University – language courses for higher educated individuals – registrationsLC@tilburguniversity.edu
- **Nederlands leren** – www.werk.nl/werkzoekenden/solliciteren/baankansen/ontwikkel-uzelf/nederlands/
- **Werkcentrum** Midden-Brabant | www.werkcentrummb.nl | info@werkcentrummb.nl

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