

Information Booklet

Naturalization Test (NATEX)

Naturalization Test

On October 1, 2007 the Regulation Naturalization Netherlands Antilles came into effect after which the Regulations by the Minister of Justice of the Netherlands of 15 December 2010, under number 5678825/10 as an adaptation of the Naturalization Test Regulations Sint Maarten was implemented. If you want to become a Dutch citizen, you must take the naturalization test. After you have passed the naturalization test with satisfactory results, you may apply for naturalization.



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GENERAL INFORMATION ON NATURALIZATION

Do you wish to become a Dutch citizen? Based on the stipulations with regard to naturalization, which came into effect on October 1, 2007, you must take the naturalization test in order to apply for Dutch citizenship. After you have passed the naturalization test with satisfactory results, you may apply for naturalization.

You must have sufficient command of the English and Dutch language for this test. You must also have knowledge of life and the institutions, norms and values of Sint Maarten and the constitution of the Kingdom of the Netherlands. You can follow a course or study on your own.

During the test, you must demonstrate what you know and have learned. The Sint Maarten naturalization test is similar to the test in the Netherlands, though it has been adapted on a number of topics regarding culture and society. The format has also been modified.

If you pass all three components, you will obtain a Certificate for the naturalization test from the Division of Examinations. With this certificate you can request your naturalization at the Ministry of Justice. For more information and questions on naturalization you can contact the *Cabinet of the Governor of Sint Maarten*¹.

The naturalization test comprises of three components:

- *Component I: Orientation on Society & the Political system*
- *Component II: English Language Skills (Reading Comprehension, Writing, Listening Comprehension and Speaking)*
- *Component III: Dutch Language Skills (Reading Comprehension, Writing, Listening Comprehension and Speaking)*

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TEST

Have you attended a naturalization course, or have you prepared on your own? Do you wish to take the naturalization test? After you have completed the registration process and have made the required payments you will receive an official summons (test notice).

The naturalization test consists of three components:

Component I **Orientation on Society & Political system**

Component II **English Language Skills**

- a. Reading Comprehension
- b. Writing
- c. Listening Comprehension
- d. Speaking

Component III **Dutch Language Skills**

- a. Reading Comprehension
- b. Writing
- c. Listening Comprehension
- d. Speaking

Central testing

All three Components I, II & III of the naturalization test are done on the computer and organized centrally by the Netherlands (Holland). During the tests, the use of a dictionary is prohibited.

Test level

The test is basically equivalent to the level of the final year of primary education / elementary school.

All your language skills must be on the A2 level (the level of the elementary user as determined in the Common European Reference Framework for Languages) or the level of the elementary user of Dutch as a Second Language.

Test content and structure

The final objectives (page 26) describe what you must be able to do and what knowledge is necessary to be eligible to apply for Dutch citizenship. The level of attainment is tested by means of a test Orientation on Society & the Political System, the English Language Skills test and the Dutch Language Skills test.

The knowledge that you must demonstrate will be itemized in the test in a practical and concrete format.

Component I: Orientation on Society & the Political system

In the central test, you will be asked questions about rules and customs of Sint Maarten and the Kingdom of the Netherlands: social-communal orientation and the political system.

- This is a computer based test consisting of 47 multiple-choice questions.
- The language of instruction used in the test Orientation on Society & the Political System is English.

Component II and Component III: Language Skills

During the Central tests, you must show that you have sufficient command of English and Dutch language. You must have command of the language on the level of an elementary user (A2).

The language tests consist of four test sections:

1. Reading comprehension
2. Writing
3. Listening comprehension
4. Speaking (fluency)

The following quote describes the level of command of an elementary user according to the 'Common European Framework of Reference':
"Is able to understand sentences and common expressions related matters of direct relevance (for instance personal data, family, shopping, local geography, work). Can communicate by way of simple and common tasks that require straightforward exchange on familiar and daily matters. Can describe in simple language aspects of own background, immediate environment and matters in the field of various general needs."

Test dates

The assigned test dates for new registration of **November** (in the current year) will be in **March** (of the following year). All nine tests of the three components will be administered during a two-day period. One day is assigned to administer the Components I & II and one day to administer Component III.

Detailed overview

The table below and the tables on the following pages show a detailed overview of the test content and structure.

Component I: Orientation on Society & the Political System	
<i>Test section and content</i>	<i>Test format¹</i>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Work and income 2. Social interaction, values, and norms 3. Living 4. Health and health care 5. History and geography 6. Institutions 7. Political organization and the constitutional state 8. Education and upbringing 	<p>Multiple-choice test with 47 questions of three alternatives to be answered online.</p> <p>Will be administered in 60 minutes.</p> <p>Result is reported Pass or Fail.</p>

¹ See details from page 26

Component II: English Language Skills*

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1. Reading

<i>Test section and content</i>	Subjects and situations which the candidate may encounter in daily life, at school or in his/her profession.
<i>Test format</i>	Individual session comprising of reading a number of assignments on the computer, involving daily concerns and interactions. Several scenarios requiring the candidate to read texts and answer multiple-choice questions on the computer.
<i>Number of questions</i>	Maximum 20 multiple-choice questions. Result is reported Pass or Fail.
<i>Duration</i>	30 minutes

2. Writing

<i>Test section and content</i>	Subjects and situations which the candidate may encounter in daily life, at school or in his/her profession.
<i>Test format</i>	Individual session comprising of reading a number of assignments on the computer, involving daily concerns and interactions. Several scenarios requiring the candidate to fill in gaps in order to complete assignments or fill out forms on the computer.
<i>Number of questions</i>	Maximum five scenarios. Result is reported Pass or Fail.
<i>Duration</i>	60 minutes

Component II: English Language Skills*

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3. Listening

<i>Test section and content</i>	Subjects and situations which the candidate may encounter in daily life, at school or in his/her profession.
<i>Test format</i>	Individual session comprising of listening to a number of assignments on the computer, involving daily concerns and interactions. Several scenarios requiring the candidate to answer multiple-choice questions on the computer.
<i>Number of questions</i>	Maximum 20 multiple-choice questions. Result is reported Pass or Fail.
<i>Duration</i>	30 minutes

4. Speaking

<i>Test section and content</i>	Subjects and situations which the candidate may encounter in daily life, at school or in his/her profession.
<i>Test format</i>	Individual session comprising of reading a scenario and then orally responding to an examiner. By way of dialogue, the candidate presents the situation and responds to questions of the examiner.
<i>Number of questions</i>	A scenario. Result is reported Pass or Fail.
<i>Duration</i>	20 minutes

Component III: Dutch Language skills*

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1. Reading

<i>Test section and content</i>	Subjects and situations which the candidate may encounter in daily life, at school or in his/her profession.
<i>Test format</i>	Individual session comprising of listening to a number of assignments on the computer, involving daily concerns and interactions. The candidate has to answer multiple-choice questions on the computer.
<i>Number of questions</i>	Maximum 26 multiple-choice questions. Result is reported Pass or Fail.
<i>Duration</i>	65 minutes

2. Writing

<i>Test section and content</i>	Subjects and situations which the candidate may encounter in daily life, at school or in his/her profession.
<i>Test format</i>	Individual session comprising of reading a number of assignments on the computer, involving daily concerns and interactions. Several scenarios requiring the candidate to fill in gaps in order to complete assignments or fill out forms on the computer.
<i>Number of questions</i>	Five scenarios. Result is reported Pass or Fail.
<i>Duration</i>	50 minutes

Component III: Dutch Language skills*

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3. Listening

<i>Test section and content</i>	Subjects and situations which the candidate may encounter in daily life, at school or in his/her profession.
<i>Test format</i>	Individual session comprising of listening to a number of assignments on the computer, involving daily concerns and interactions. The candidate has to answer multiple-choice questions on the computer.
<i>Amount of questions</i>	Maximum 25 multiple-choice questions. Result is reported Pass or Fail. .
<i>Duration</i>	45 minutes

4. Speaking

<i>Test section and content</i>	Subjects and situations which the candidate may encounter in daily life, at school or in his/her profession.
<i>Test format</i>	Individual session comprising of reading or listening to several scenarios presented digitally. The candidate responds to the situations presented by recording the audio on the computer.
<i>Number of questions</i>	Five scenarios. Result is reported Pass or Fail.
<i>Duration</i>	35 minutes

Applying for the tests

You can register by filling in the registration form online as mentioned in the ad. To take the tests, you must comply with several requirements.

Requirements:

- ❖ You can only register for the naturalization test via the online form.
- ❖ You must pay the test fees at the entities listed below.

You can register **ONLY** on the dates assigned by Division of Examinations. When filling in the registration form, you also must email the following documents:

- Original Identification Card (I.D)
- Original passport (page with picture)
- Registration form (basis uittreksel). It may be older than six months if your current home address is on it.

After filling in the registration form online:

1. You will receive an invoice with the exam costs (see next page)
2. You are required to deposit all the examination fees on Windward Island Bank Account number 32480003 or at the Receivers Office
3. Email a copy of payment receipt before the deadline of 12.00 pm.

Financial liability with regards to courses and tests

Taking courses and tests costs money. However, there are no government provisions to cover these costs. This means you will have to pay these costs yourself. The course providers are fully autonomous, so they determine the fees for their courses. Government has no say in or influence on the fees charged for courses.

Test fees

The test fees are stipulated in the Regulations by the Minister of Justice of the Netherlands of 15 December 2010, under number 5678825/10 as an adaptation of the Naturalization Test Regulations Sint Maarten.

Registration for Examinations (first time)		
Test	Description	Cost
Component I	○ Orientation on Society & Political system	Nafl. 275,-
Component II	○ English Language Skills	Nafl. 225,-
Component III	○ Dutch Language Skills	Nafl. 110,-

Registration for RE-Examinations		
Test	Description	Cost
Component I	○ Orientation on Society & Political system	Nafl. 140,-
Component II	○ English Language Skills*	*Nafl. 225,-
	○ Reading Comprehension	Nafl. 75,-
	○ Writing	Nafl. 75,-
	○ Listening Comprehension	Nafl. 75,-
	○ Speaking	Nafl. 75,-
Component III	○ Dutch Language Skills*	*Nafl. 110,-
	○ Reading Comprehension	Nafl. 37,-
	○ Writing	Nafl. 37,-
	○ Listening Comprehension	Nafl. 37,-
	○ Speaking	Nafl. 37,-

**Note:*

- ❖ *If you retake/resit just one section of a Language Skills test it is Nafl. 75,- (English) and/or Nafl. 37,- (Dutch) per section.*
- ❖ *If you retake/resit 3 or more sections you pay only Nafl. 225,- (English) and/or Nafl. 110,- (Dutch)*
- ❖ *You must deposit the test fees, with your invoice, as specified by the Division of Examinations (see details on page 11).*

Procedure after registration

When you register, the Division of Examinations will email you a confirmation of all the components and/or sections you have (re-) registered for and all the documents that you have submitted.

With this confirmation, it is mentioned when you can expect your summons (test notice) via email.

The summons will state the date, location, start time and other requirements about test administration (such as presenting valid identification, etc.).

Please refer to the general test rules and regulations on page 22.

The Division of Examinations will only communicate with a registered candidate via email, so ensure that the email you provide is valid and one you sign into often to check emails.

What must you pay attention to?

Always arrive on time.

For the first Component, the summons will indicate the time that you must be present on the examination date.

If you show up late, you will not be allowed to take the test.

You will then have to re-register and pay again.

You must also bring your printed summons and a valid proof of identity.

Results

You must score a sufficient grade for each test component. You will be informed of the result via email when the results are provided to us from the Netherlands. The tentative result date will be noticeable on your summons. The result letter will be emailed to you and if a retake date is available, it will be noted.

If you have passed all the components, you will receive a verification email with your personal information. Confirming your personal information via email is the last step to have your certificate printed.

Retesting

If you have failed the test or components/sections of the test, you may retake that part of the test. You must re-register via the Division of Examinations. The tentative re-sits exam dates are mid-October and end-January, which will be published in the media.

Certificate

You will receive the Certificate of the naturalization test once you have scored satisfactory results for all tests (Components I, II and III). Upon receiving the Certificate of the naturalization test, you can make an appointment at the Cabinet of the Governor of Sint Maarten to finalize the naturalization process.

Appendix

Sample questions

You can practice on the computer.

Below you will find a sample question of each test component. These will give you an impression of what to expect.

Component I: Orientation on Society and Political system

Sint Maarten is

- A Dutch colony.
- Autonomous country within the Kingdom.
- Part of the European Union.

Component II English and Dutch Language skills

On pages 18 through 21 are instructions to various examples of the tests for Component II – English Reading, Listening and Writing on the computer.

Component III Dutch Language skills

Oefentoets Lezen:

<https://telettoets.optimumassessment.com/spa/assessment-login/#/PSV8>

Oefentoets Luisteren:

<https://telettoets.optimumassessment.com/spa/assessment-login/#/JP9T>

Oefentoets Spreken:

<https://telettoets.optimumassessment.com/spa/assessment-login/#/B9VU>

Oefentoets Schrijven:

<https://telettoets.optimumassessment.com/spa/assessment-login/#/JFTT>

Other updated links are:

Go to the website <http://www.inburgeren.nl/>

Click on <https://www.inburgeren.nl/examen-doen/oefenen.jsp>

Choose from the three options to practice

“Schrijven”, “Spreken”, “Luisteren” or “Lezen”

Instructie toets afname Algemeen

Toets maken

Als je bent ingelogd zie je een of meer toetsen.

Toetsoverzicht

Openstaande toetsen

- Engels Lezen A2 (E) - 3
- Engels Luisteren A2 (E) - 3
- Engels Schrijven A1-A2 - 3 (E) (DB)
- Nederlands Lezen A1-A2 I
- Nederlands Luisteren A1-A2 CV
- Nederlands Schrijven A1-A2 CV

Start

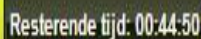
Afgeronde toetsen

Er zijn de laatste tijd geen toetsen gemaakt.

- ❖ Hier staan de toetsen die je nog moet maken en toetsen die je al gemaakt hebt.
- ❖ Zoek de toets die je gaat maken en klik op het bolletje.
- ❖ Klik daarna op Start.
- ❖ De toets begint dan.
- ❖ Druk op F11 op je toetsenbord. De toets vult dan het hele scherm.

Knoppen

Op het toets scherm zie je een aantal knoppen.
Hieronder zie je waarvoor de knoppen dienen:



Hier zie je hoe lang je nog over de toets mag doen.



Klik als je accenten of leestekens wilt gebruiken.



Klik als je de vorige vraag of het vorige scherm wilt zien.



Klik als je de volgende vraag of het volgende scherm wilt zien.



Klik als je de volgende vraag of het volgende scherm wilt zien.



Klik als je wilt stoppen met de toets.
Let op: hiermee stop je de toets definitief!

Toets stoppen

Als je alle vragen hebt beantwoord zie je het volgende scherm:



Als je *niet* alle vragen hebt beantwoord zie je het volgende scherm:



- ❖ Als je op het pijltje klikt, ga je terug naar de vraag. Je kunt die vraag dan nog beantwoorden.
- ❖ Als je klaar bent met de toets, klik je op *Ga verder* en *Stop Toets*. Je stopt dan definitief met de toets.

Instructie leestoetsen

Je gaat een leestoets maken. Eerst krijg je een instructie.

Daar staat wat je moet doen. Daarna krijg je een oefenopgave.

Deze opgave telt niet mee voor de toets.

Na de oefenopgave kun je beginnen met de toets.

Testtoets Luisteren/Lezen Vraag 1 van 2

Testtoets luisteren/lezen Vraag 1 van 2

Lees de tekst en de vraag. Klik het goede antwoord aan.

Ik ben Jeffrey. Ik ben getrouwd met Cora. Wij hebben drie kinderen. Onze zoon heet David. Onze dochter heet Loes. Lena is net geboren, dat is onze jongste dochter.

Hoeveel dochters hebben Jeffrey en Cora?

1

2

3

Ga verder →

Dit is een voorbeeld van een toetsscherm.

- ❖ Je ziet de instructie, de tekst en een meerkeuzevraag.
- ❖ *Let op: bij sommige teksten moet je scrollen!*
- ❖ Lees de tekst.
- ❖ Klik op het bolletje om het goede antwoord te kiezen.
- ❖ Je kunt dit antwoord nog veranderen.

Instructie luistertoetsen

Je gaat een luistertoets maken. Eerst krijg je een instructie. Daar hoor wat je moet doen. Daarna krijg je een oefenopgave. Deze opgave telt niet mee voor de toets. Na de oefenopgave begin je met de toets.



Dit is een voorbeeld van een toets scherm. Je ziet luidsprekers:

- ☞ Klik op de eerste luidspreker om de instructie te horen.
- ☞ Klik op de tweede luidspreker om naar de tekst te luisteren.
- ☞ Klik op de luidspreker bij de vraag om de vraag te horen.
- ☞ Klik op de luidspreker bij de antwoorden om ze te beluisteren.

Let op: je kunt de tekst ook terugspoelen of opnieuw beluisteren.

- ❖ Klik op het bolletje om het goede antwoord te kiezen.
- ❖ Je kunt dit antwoord nog veranderen.

Instructie schrijfoetsen

Je gaat een schrijfoets maken. Eerst krijg je een instructie. Daar staat wat je moet doen. Na de instructie kun je beginnen met de toets.

The screenshot shows a test interface with a yellow header. The header contains the text 'Testtoets Schrijven Vraag 1 van 1' in bold black font. Below the header, the text 'Testtoets Schrijven Vraag 1 van 1' is repeated in a smaller font. The main content area has a white background and contains the following text: 'B2' followed by the instruction 'Lees de tekst. Maak de opdracht.' Below this is a grey box containing a paragraph: 'U bent lid van een sportvereniging. Een bestuurslid heeft aangegeven er mee te gaan stoppen. Het bestuur heeft u benaderd met de vraag of u lid wilt worden van het bestuur.' This is followed by the instruction 'U reageert per brief op deze vraag.' and 'In uw brief:'. A list of five bullet points follows: '- bedankt u voor het aanbod;', '- schrijft u graag lid te worden van het bestuur;', '- geeft u drie argumenten waarom u lid wenst te worden van het bestuur;', '- geeft u aan welke functie u wilt uitoefenen binnen het bestuur. U kunt kiezen uit de functies Penningmeester of Secretaris;', and '- geeft u twee argumenten waarom u deze functie wilt hebben in het bestuur.' At the bottom of the grey box is a large empty rectangular area for writing the answer.

Testtoets Schrijven Vraag 1 van 1

Testtoets Schrijven Vraag 1 van 1

B2

Lees de tekst. Maak de opdracht.

U bent lid van een sportvereniging. Een bestuurslid heeft aangegeven er mee te gaan stoppen. Het bestuur heeft u benaderd met de vraag of u lid wilt worden van het bestuur.

U reageert per brief op deze vraag.

In uw brief:

- bedankt u voor het aanbod;
- schrijft u graag lid te worden van het bestuur;
- geeft u drie argumenten waarom u lid wenst te worden van het bestuur;
- geeft u aan welke functie u wilt uitoefenen binnen het bestuur. U kunt kiezen uit de functies Penningmeester of Secretaris;
- geeft u twee argumenten waarom u deze functie wilt hebben in het bestuur.

Dit is een voorbeeld van een toetsscherm.

Je ziet een instructie en een opdracht. Verder zie je lege velden waarin je kunt typen. Klik een veld aan en typ je tekst in.

Test Regulations

Based on the Stipulations of the Statute Law on Dutch nationality in the Netherlands Antilles, section 8, part one, introduction and under d.

There are regulations for taking part in the naturalization test, which you are required to comply with.

A General rules

1. The Ministry of Education, Culture, Youth and Sport Sint Maarten, through Division of Examinations, is the official entity/ authorized body to administer the naturalization test.
2. The candidate will receive an email confirmation, after (s) he has registered at the Division of Examinations and paid the test fees.
3. The candidate will receive the email summons from the Division of Examinations, at the latest 10 workdays before the test.
4. The naturalization test comprises of three components:
Component I: Orientation on Society & the Political System and
Component II: English Language Skills and
Component III: Dutch Language Skills.
5. The Division of Examinations can choose the order which to administer the tests, depending on availability of the exam room.
6. The candidate must score a sufficient mark for each section of a test.
7. Component I, II and III will be computer-generated, except for the section for English Speaking.
8. No separate appeal or protest can be lodged against the evaluation as it does not jeopardize the candidate's interests other than his/hers request for naturalization. The evaluation of the results of the naturalization test is merely of importance in the light of the final decision on requests for naturalization.

9. The candidate will be notified via email of the results for the respective test components, at the latest 15 workdays after the test.
10. The Division of Examinations is authorized to grant Certificates of the naturalization test to the candidates that have passed the test.
11. You may finalize naturalization at the Cabinet¹.of the Governor of Sint Maarten, after you receive the certificate of naturalization.
12. If a candidate has failed any part of a test, (s)he will be eligible to sit a retest. Retesting will be administered when dates are available.
13. With regards to retesting, the Division of Examinations will publish a notice in the media.
14. The candidate must re-register at the Division of Examinations and pay the stipulated test fees before (s)he is allowed to participate in the retesting sessions.
15. A candidate is eligible for dispensation and exemption from the test if he meets the requirements as stipulated in the Statute Law. The Governor is authorized to consider petitions to this end.
16. Requests for dispensation must be submitted to the Governor.
17. Information about the rules and regulations governing dispensation and exemption can be obtained from the Cabinet of the Governor of St. Maarten

¹ Cabinet of the Governor of Sint Maarten, Falcon drive 3, Harbour view, Philipsburg, Sint Maarten (Tel.: (1721)542 1160, E-mail: kabinet@kabgxm.com)

B Regulations during the test

1. For each exam day, the summons will indicate the time that you have to be present for instructions.
2. If a candidate arrives late, and instruction for the test has already started, (s)he will not be allowed to participate in the test.
3. In this case, the candidate will be eligible to take part in the resit, however (s)he will have to pay again.
4. It is not permitted to bring friends and/or relatives or a dictionary to the test.
5. For admittance to the test, you must show your printed summons and legitimate proof of identity (a valid ID-card, license or passport). Without valid ID you cannot participate in the test.
6. Concerning the dress code we wish to draw your attention to what IS expected of your attire: Presentable wholesome business attire; Showing NO evidence of inappropriate display of flesh (e.g. midriff, décolletage, thigh-high, strapless, jeans trousers or ripped clothing); and appropriate conservative business inspired shoes (e.g. NO slippers, sandals, peep-toe and sneakers of any kind).
7. You must sign the attendance list.
8. You are not allowed to carry paper, pens, pencils or other writing utensils into the examination room.
9. You are not allowed to take food or drinks into the examination room.
10. Your handbag and mobile phone (turned off!) must be placed at the assigned table or locker.
11. Smoking is prohibited in the examination room.
12. During the test, you are not allowed to talk to the other candidates or to the supervisor.
13. You are not allowed to ask the supervisor questions about the contents of the test prior to, during or after the test.

14. You are not allowed to cause a disturbance or disrupt the procedures. If you cause a disturbance you will receive one (1) warning. The second time around, you will be asked to leave the room/premises.
15. You are not allowed to leave the examination room for the duration of the test, unless you must make an urgent trip to the bathroom.
16. Visits to the bathroom must be as brief as possible and will take place under surveillance of a supervisor. Time will not be added.
17. When you have finished Component I, II and III you call the supervisor in the computer lab at the Division of Examinations.
18. You may leave the room when the test session is concluded.
19. In case of fraud prior to, during or after the test, the candidate in question will be discharged immediately and expelled from the examination room and the test results will be invalidated.
20. A candidate, who was unable to attend the test, is eligible for retesting. However, this is only allowed under the following conditions:
 - the only valid reason for absence is illness or a funeral of a close relative of the first or second degree;
 - proof of absence must be submitted to the Division of Examinations on the first workday after the date of the test in question;
 - the candidate is eligible for retesting depending on availability.In this case (and only in this case), a candidate need not pay for retesting. In all other cases a candidate must pay the test fee again in order to gain access to the retesting sessions.

Final Objectives

Component I: Orientation on Society & the Political System

1.1 The eight essential domains are:

1. Work and income
2. Social interaction, values and norms
3. Living
4. Health and health care
5. History and geography
6. Institutions
7. Political organization and the constitutional state
8. Education and upbringing

1.2 Detailed objectives for the eight essential domains of Orientation on Society & the Political System:

1. *Work and income*
The candidate is able to undertake steps in order to seek and regain employment and to provide for him/her.
2. *Social interaction, values and norms*
The candidate knows how to proceed with local manners, values and norms.
3. *Living*
The candidate is able to look for an adequate housing and regulate utilities. S(h)e takes care of the safety in the home, and the environment and a clean living environment.
4. *Health and health care*
The candidate is able to make use of existing health care.

5. *History and geography*
With knowledge of history and geography, the candidate is able to be involved in the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the society of the Caribbean islands that form part of the Kingdom of the Netherlands.
6. *Institutions*
The candidate is informed with regard to the services of the local government, the tax services, the police and the organizations for social and legal assistance.
7. *Political organization and the constitutional state*
By knowing the political organization of the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the Caribbean islands that for part of that Kingdom, the candidate is able to be involved in the society in which s(h)e lives.
8. *Education and upbringing*
The candidate knows the educational system and acknowledges the importance of education in the society and attaches great importance to minor children attending school.

Component II and III - English and Dutch Language Skills:

I *READING*

Objectives

The candidate:

1. must be able to read intensively (close reading, comprehension) and extensively (global reading, scanning).
2. is able to recognize and comprehend words, phrases and text fragments, and see connections between words, phrases and text fragments.
3. recognizes and comprehends the essence of a text.
4. is able to find terms, notions, names, numbers in authentic texts and letters within a limited time.

Types of texts

- Informative texts.
- Instructional texts.
- Persuasive texts.
- Formalized texts.

Test content:

- Standard letters, notes and memos for e.g. school trips, parent-teacher meetings.
- Instructions, e.g., in a phone booth or on a soft drink vending machine.
- Reports, messages, announcements, advertisements in newspapers.

Subjects

- Subjects that the candidate may encounter in daily life.
- Subjects that the candidate may encounter at school.
- Subjects that the candidate may encounter professionally.

II LISTENING

Objectives

The candidate:

1. is able to understand in general (global listening) what is said in a listening fragment.
2. is able to recognize and select specific information from a listening fragment.
3. is able to predict the probable message of certain contents.
4. understands listening fragments both in face-to-face as in non-face-to-face situations.
5. understands simple descriptions, help that is offered, complaints, apologies and warnings.
6. is able to understand information, advice and/or explanations.

Types of texts

- Informative texts.
- Persuasive texts.
- Directive texts.

Test content:

- Announcements from radio and TV programs.
- Instructions e.g. by traffic police.
- Appointments, commercials in a supermarket.
- Telephone operators and automatic information services.
- Weather reports.

Subjects

- Subjects that the candidate may encounter in daily life.
- Subjects that the candidate may encounter at school.
- Subjects that the candidate may encounter professionally.

III WRITING

Objectives

The candidate:

1. has the writing skills and linguistics means to express him-/herself in situations concerning daily life, school and profession.
2. is able to ask for and provide information.
3. is able to describe objects, persons, actions and situations.
4. is able to fill out forms and write simple letters.
5. is able to write simple words, in correct spelling.
6. is able to recognize deliberately misspelled words in sentences and correct these.

Types of texts

- Individual (completion) sentences.
- Short, simple texts.
- Short, simple letters.
- Forms.

Subjects

- Subjects that the candidate may encounter in daily life.
- Subjects that the candidate may encounter at school.
- Subjects that the candidate may encounter professionally.

IV SPEAKING

Objectives

The candidate:

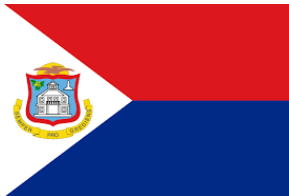
1. has the oral skills and linguistics means to express him-/herself in situations concerning daily life, school and profession.
2. is able to ask for and give advice.
3. is able to describe an event.
4. is able to apologize.
5. is able to request, complain and indicate differences.
6. is able to judge and evaluate.
7. is able to paraphrase.
8. knows the forms of address.
9. is able to say his name, explain who he wants to talk to, indicate what he is calling about, say he will call back and say goodbye.
10. is able to carry on short, simple telephone conversations.
11. is able to ask someone to spell something.

Test content:

- Asking for the meaning of an unknown word or concept.
- Making or changing an appointment.
- Requesting information.
- Introducing himself or someone else.
- Apologizing, congratulating, and asking for directions, exchanging a product in a store.
- Praising, approving.

Subjects

- Subjects that the candidate may encounter in daily life.
- Subjects that the candidate may encounter at school.
- Subjects that the candidate may encounter professionally.
- Short routine telephone conversations.



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