

Financing adult learning database

Name of the instrument - Local language	Studiefinanciering
Name of the instrument - English translation	Study grant
Scheme ID	165
Country	 Netherlands
Reporting year	2020
Type of instrument	Grant for individuals
Sub-type of instrument	Lump-sum support
Type of entry	Single instrument

Short description	Middle-level VET students (ISCED 3-4 levels) older than 18, but younger than 30 who decided to follow a full-time or dual VET pathway (BOL - school-based learning) can access the grant providing a monthly subsidy. The grant is financed by the State and managed by Dienst Uitvoering Onderwijs (DUO) - an agency of the Ministry of Education, Culture, and Science. The grant for students in vocational education and training (ISCED 3 and 4) is a monthly amount of EUR 867,39 for students not living at home and EUR 643,74 for students living at home. These amounts include a loan of EUR 192,76. Eligible costs include different ones related to the living of a student (including tuition fees/fees for participation (external providers), costs for training materials (e.g. books), costs for home office, travel and accommodation costs, daily allowance for subsistence, etc). No possibilities for re-use are foreseen.
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Level of operation	National
Name of a part of the country	Not applicable
Name of the region (for regional instruments)	Not applicable
Name of the sector (for sectoral instruments)	Not applicable
Relevance	Key instrument

Legal basis	Student Finance Act 2000 (Wet Studiefinanciering 2000)
Objective(s) and target(s)	To enable persons to take up vocational education and training.
Year of implementation	1986
Year of latest amendment	2015
Operation/management	The whole grant is managed by Dienst Uitvoering Onderwijs (DUO) - an agency of the Ministry of Education, Culture and Science, that checks eligibility, pays out student finance, organises repayments of the loans and monitors the data which is sent then to the Ministry of Education.
Eligible group(s)	The target group is students older than 18, but younger than 30. If he/she is going to do a full-time or dual VET course, he/she chooses the 'vocational training pathway (BOL)' (school learning). In that case, he/she is, in principle, entitled to student grants. If the student is not yet 18, he/she will not get it. This is because he/she does not yet pay tuition fees under the age of 18. However, he/she can apply for the 'student travel product'. If the student is between 18 and 30 years of age, but chooses a 'professionally oriented learning path' (BBL) within the study programme, he/she will not receive any study financing. This is because a BOL course is a lot more expensive than the BBL variant of a VET course. However, he/she will often be able to recover part of the cost of the course through taxation. The student studying at VET level 3 or 4 is entitled to a student grant for a maximum of 4 years. After these 4 years, he/she may borrow for another 3 years.
Group(s) with preferential treatment	No preferential treatment. If any, students whose parents income are lower than a certain threshold
Education and training eligible	Vocational education and training at ISCED 3 and 4 levels
Source of financing and collection mechanism	The source of funding comes from the State
Financing formula and allocation mechanisms	The student grant is based on unconditional basic grant, a supplementary grant and a loan component. The amount depends on whether the student is living at home and has to pay tuition fees or not. The maximum amount is EUR 867,39, including a grant and a loan component.
Eligible costs	Eligible costs include different ones, including tuition fees/fees for participation (external providers), costs for training materials (e.g. books), costs for home office, travel and accommodation costs, daily allowance for subsistence, etc
Volumes of funding	2017 - EUR 305 000 000 2018 - EUR 306 000 000 2019 - EUR 311 000 000

Beneficiaries/take up	2018 - 220 600 2019 - 213 400 2020 - 226 500
Organisation responsible for monitoring/evaluation	http://www.ib-groep.nl/particulieren/studievoorschot/maatregelen.asp
Most relevant webpage - in English	not available
Most relevant webpage - local language	https://duo.nl/particulier/studiefinanciering/
Recent changes	01-09-2015. Overall change of the law on study financing for students. Grant is replaced by loan for persons after graduating in VET taking up higher education studies Recent changes in response to COVID-19 No changes
Sources	Website of DUO (Ministry of Education Agency responsible for study loans) https://duo.nl/particulieren/mbo-er/studiefinanciering/weten-hoe-het-we... Web Information portal: http://financieel.infonu.nl/geld/133824-bedragen-studiefinanciering-201... https://www.onderwijsincijfers.nl/kengetallen/mbo