



Ministry of Education, Culture and  
Science

# Studying at an institution for higher education in the Netherlands





## Can refugees from Ukraine study at an institution for higher education in the Netherlands?

Refugees from Ukraine can study at a university or institution of higher professional education (HBO; university of applied science; *hogeschool*), provided they have the required proof of prior learning. This must be evaluated by Nuffic or the institution at which they want to study. After the candidate's qualification has been evaluated, the higher education institution determines whether the other entry requirements are met. These can be course-specific and/or language proficiency requirements. A candidate may also have to pass an entrance exam or language test.

Contact the university or HBO institution for more information about their entry requirements.



## How much are the tuition fees for students from Ukraine in the 2022/2023 academic year?

Students from outside the European Economic Area (EEA) pay the institutional fees. The amount is set by the university or HBO institution, but is at least €2,209 for the 2022/2023 academic year. Most institutions apply the minimum rate for Ukrainian refugees.



## Are Ukrainian students entitled to financial reimbursement of travel costs and/or other study-related costs?

Ukrainian refugees are entitled to a number of provisions including accommodation, a subsistence allowance and medical care.

They also have the right to work full-time. Ukrainian students are not entitled to reimbursement of travel costs or other study-related costs, or to student finance.

## How is higher education organised?

There are two types of higher education institution in the Netherlands: higher professional education (HBO) and university education (WO).

The following levels exist:

### 1 Associate degree programme (HBO)

An associate degree programme is a two-year HBO course. After obtaining an associate degree, you can start a bachelor's degree programme at an HBO institution.

### 2 Bachelor's degree programme (HBO or university)

A full-time bachelor's degree programme takes 4 years to complete at an HBO institution or 3 years at a university.

### 3 Master's degree programme (HBO or university)

A master's degree programme takes 1 or 2 years. The entry requirements are set by the university or HBO institution. A bachelor's degree or equivalent is usually required.



## Who should I contact if I have specific questions?

You can visit this [website](#) for more information on the Dutch educational system.