



Rijksdienst Caribisch Nederland  
Studiefinanciering



Do you live in the Caribbean Netherlands and are you going to study at or in one of the approximately thirty islands and countries in the Caribbean, the United States or Canada? Then you may qualify for a BES Study Grant. You do need to meet a number of conditions.

# Study in the Caribbean, the US or Canada? Apply for a BES Study Financing!

## Education

The BES Study Financing applies to fulltime senior secondary vocational education (MBO) (level 1, 2, 3 or 4), higher professional education (HBO) or university education. The level of the education must be of sufficient quality.

## Age

To qualify for a BES Study Financing you must be aged 30 or younger.

## Nationality

You must have the Dutch nationality. Do you not have the Dutch nationality? Then you must have lived in the Caribbean Netherlands for at least ten years to qualify for the BES Study Financing.

## Gift, performance-related grant and loan

Are you starting senior secondary vocational education at level 1 or 2? Then you can receive a BES Study Financing for at most four years in the form of a gift. You do not have to repay this gift. In addition to your gift you can borrow extra money. Is it taking you more than four years? Then you can only borrow an amount for another three years. Are you starting senior secondary vocational education at level 3 or 4, higher professional education or university education? Then you can receive a performance-related grant for the official duration of your education. In addition to your performance-related grant you can borrow extra money, if you want to. Is it taking you longer to complete your education? Then you can only borrow an amount for a maximum of another three years. You always have to repay the loans. You pay interest on the loan. The said interest is adjusted annually. In 2018 the interest is 0.0%.





## What is the performance-related grant?

The performance-related grant is paid as a provisional loan (with interest). If you obtain your diploma within ten years then this provisional loan becomes a gift. The interest on your performance-related grant is then waived. Are you not obtaining a diploma? Then you have to repay the performance-related grant with interest in full.

## Amounts of the BES Study Financing

The BES Study Financing is intended to pay for, for instance, books, tuition, public transport, accommodation, living expenses and transport to another island or country. It is an expenses allowance. This means that you may not be able to cover all these expenses with the BES Study Financing.

The level of your BES Study Financing depends on the type of education and where you start the education. Go to our website for the amounts ([www.rijksdienstcn.com/monthlyamounts](http://www.rijksdienstcn.com/monthlyamounts)).

## Apply

You can apply with the (Dutch) form on the website of RCN-Study Financing ([www.rijksdienstcn.com/applying-for-a-studyfinancing](http://www.rijksdienstcn.com/applying-for-a-studyfinancing)). Here you can also find an explanation of the form in English.

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