

Dear madam, sir,

From April 1<sup>st</sup> until June 30<sup>th</sup> 2019 teachers from the European and Caribbean Netherlands can apply for the Teachers Grant for the academic year 2019/2020. Through the Teachers Grant the teachers have the possibility to develop further by broadening and deepening their knowledge.

### **When can you apply for the Teachers Grant?**

- A bachelor or master programme
- A post-initial master programme
- A pre-master or bridging programme preceding a University master's degree programme.

Please note that you cannot apply for a teachers grant for a post-college education.

### **How does the Teachers Grant work?**

With the Teachers Grant qualified teachers in primary education can enroll in a higher vocational education or bachelor's or master's programme. The training must be registered in the Central Registry Higher Education Programmes (CROHO). The educational institution where the teacher will follow the training, can inform further about this.

The teacher receives a grant for study costs, study tools, and travel expenses. Each teacher can receive up to seven thousand euro per year to pay tuition costs and up to seven hundred euros for study and travel costs. The employer can request subsidy in order to grant the teacher study leave and appoint a replacement.

### **Which conditions must you meet to apply for the Teachers Grant?**

- You have a teaching qualification or you are a teacher in hbo and have at least a Bachelor's degree.
- You work at a funded school or remedial educational centre in CN at the time of application. Or you worked there at some point in the 12 calendar months before your application.
- You give classes 20% of your working time, including lesson preparation and the marking of homework/assignments. Internal assistants, care coordinators, remedial teachers and ambulatory accompanying adults do not need to meet these conditions.
- You follow a bachelor, master or post-initial master's programme or a pre-master or preparatory programme preceding a University master's degree programme.
- You follow the training in the Netherlands, the EU in the Caribbean Netherlands or on Aruba, Curaçao and St. Maarten. The training should be recognised or accredited.
- You do not have a teachers' allowance, an education master's allowance, a life long learning credit (LLLK) or a student grant (also no loan or travel product) for the same study programme. There is one exception for the lifelong learning credit: do you receive less from your teachers' grant than you pay in tuition fees? Then you can apply for lifelong learning credit for the remaining tuition fees.

### **How often?**

You can only use the teacher grant scheme once. There are 2 exceptions:

- You have already had a teacher grant for a short study. You can submit a new application for a bachelor's, master's or post-initial master's degree.
- You have already received a teacher grant for a bachelor's degree. You can submit a new application, but only for a master's or post-initial master's degree.

### **The Teachers Grant must be requested annually**

The grant for study costs and the grant for study leave will henceforth be provided for one academic year. To receive a study grant for study costs or study leave in the second

or third year the teacher and the competent authority need to re-apply. This can be done easily via a digital form on the website of DUO. In addition, the teacher needs to obtain at least 15 study points in one year.

**How to apply for the Teachers Grant?**

If you live in the Caribbean Netherlands and if you do not have a social security number, then applying for the Teachers Grant requires a different procedure. You should then use an application form. This can be obtained via [lerarenbeurs@duo.nl](mailto:lerarenbeurs@duo.nl). Put 'application form Teachers Grant' in the subject field.

**To monitor everything, we ask the teachers from Caribbean Netherlands to send a copy of their request to RCN/OCW (Attn: [Maritsa.Silberie@Rijksdienstcn.com](mailto:Maritsa.Silberie@Rijksdienstcn.com)).**

**The new application round for the coming 2019-2020 academic year runs from 1 April to June 30, 2019.**

The grants are awarded per educational sector and on a first come, first served basis. If you or your teachers want to get more information about the teachers' fair, you can check out: [www.duo.nl](http://www.duo.nl) (under: Lerarenbeurs).

With kind regards,

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