



# Getting started with civic integration

Information for asylum migrants

Welcome to Den Bosch. It is important that you learn the language quickly and start working or studying so you can participate in the Netherlands. That is the purpose of civic integration. Civic integration is mandatory and involves several components. Your work & integration counsellor will assist you. Your integration consists of:

## Social guidance

The Dutch Council for Refugees will assign you a social worker to help you arrange practical matters, such as insurance, healthcare, schools and daycare. Dutch society will be explained to you, and you will receive help with growing your social network.

## Money management

The municipality pays certain fixed expenses from your social assistance benefit for six months. You will be taught how to manage your financial affairs.

## Participation Statement Process

You will learn about what is important in the Netherlands, such as that everyone is equal, and that you can choose your beliefs freely. Upon completion, you will sign the participation statement.

## Labour Market & Participation Module (not required for the Education pathway)

You will learn more about working in the Netherlands and how to find a job.

### Learning pathway:

There are three learning pathways:

#### B1

- Language at level B1.
- Knowledge of Dutch Society.

#### Education

- Language at level B1 or higher.
- Knowledge of Dutch Society.
- Subjects such as maths and English.
- Skills such as computer literacy and learning skills.
- Labour market orientation.

#### Self-reliance

- Language at level A1 or higher.
- Knowledge of Dutch Society.

## Civic integration requirement

Under the civic integration requirement, you must:

- Complete the Participation Statement Process;
- Complete the Employment & Participation Module (not required for the Education pathway);
- Pass the exams associated with your learning pathway.

You must complete these requirements within 3 years.

## Participation and Integration Plan (PIP)

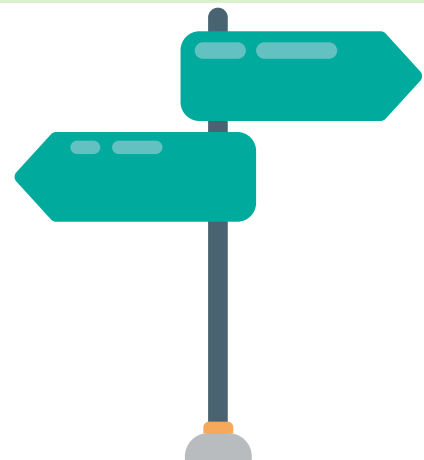
You will make agreements with your work & integration counsellor, such as regarding which learning pathway you will follow. The agreements are recorded in your Participation and Integration Plan (PIP).

## What we expect from you

- You are motivated and working actively to achieve all parts of the civic integration requirement.
- You must attend the appointments with your work & integration counsellor.
- You must take the learning ability test.
- You must participate in the transition class.
- You must comply with the agreements in the PIP.
- You must participate in social counselling provided by the Dutch Council for Refugees.

## What can you expect from us?

- Your work & integration counsellor will support you throughout your integration.
- They will work with you to create your Participation and Integration Plan (PIP).
- We will pay for your learning pathway.
- Your finances will be managed for six months. This means that your bills will be paid for you from your social assistance benefit.



Section 7 of the Civic Integration Act 2021 defines the civic integration requirement.  
Section 11 of the Civic Integration Act 2021 specifies when the civic integration period begins.  
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If you have any questions or something changes in your situation, please contact your work & integration counsellor.