

## Financing adult learning database

<b>Name of the instrument - Local language</b>	Tijdkrediet
<b>Name of the instrument - English translation</b>	Time credit
<b>Scheme ID</b>	26
<b>Country</b>	 Belgium
<b>Reporting year</b>	2020
<b>Type of instrument</b>	Training leave
<b>Sub-type of instrument</b>	State-supported (longer) scheme with wage replacement paid to individuals
<b>Type of entry</b>	Single instrument

<b>Short description</b>	Individuals taking 'time credit' to enrol in training can (in addition to the national incentive bonus (paid by the federal RVA/ONEM)) apply for a Flemish incentive bonus 'Vlaams opleidingskrediet' (Flemish education credit). Eligible groups for this instrument include employees who have been employed at a company for at least 2 years. No preferential treatment for a particular eligible group is applied in this scheme. The employee receives no wage, but he/she gets an allowance paid by national federal PES (RVA, Rijksdienst voor Arbeidsvoorziening) and the regional PES (VDAB). The financial support depends on previous working time and salary. The minimum duration of the training leave is 1 month, and the maximum duration, 36 months. Learning eligible for this instrument includes accredited education and training courses/programmes. It must be labour market related, to be chosen from the accredited list.
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<b>Level of operation</b>	Regional
<b>Name of a part of the country</b>	Not applicable
<b>Name of the region (for regional instruments)</b>	Flanders
<b>Name of the sector (for sectoral instruments)</b>	Not applicable

<b>Relevance</b>	Further instrument
<b>Legal basis</b>	Not applicable
<b>Year of implementation</b>	2001
<b>Year of latest amendment</b>	2019
<b>Operation/management</b>	Individuals taking 'time credit' to enrol in training can (in addition to the national incentive bonus (paid by the federal RVA/ONEM)) apply for a Flemish incentive bonus 'Vlaams opleidingskrediet' (Flemish education credit). Individuals should first apply for Belgian Federal time credit (training pillar). If this is approved, individuals can apply for the additional Flemish incentive.
<b>Eligible group(s)</b>	Eligible groups for this instrument include employees who have been employed at a company for at least 2 years. General criteria: Private (social profit) sector employee, applying for the education/training pillar of time credit, at least 24 months of seniority with employer, Flanders.
<b>Group(s) with preferential treatment</b>	No preferential treatment
<b>Education and training eligible</b>	Learning eligible for this instrument includes accredited education and training courses/programmes. It must be labour market related, to be chosen from accredited list.
<b>Source of financing and collection mechanism</b>	Funding comes from the Federal PES: RVA (Rijksdienst voor Arbeidsvoorziening) and the Regional PES: VDAB. The employee receives no wage, but he/she gets an allowance paid by national and regional PES.
<b>Financing formula and allocation mechanisms</b>	If time credit is granted, the federal PES will provide a financial support during enrolment in education and training. Financial support depends on previous working time and salary. The minimum duration of the training leave is 1 month, and the maximum duration, 36 months.
<b>Eligible costs</b>	System only applies for accredited training programmes.
<b>Volumes of funding</b>	Not applicable
<b>Beneficiaries/take up</b>	328 in 2018
<b>Organisation responsible for monitoring/evaluation</b>	Flemish Department of Work and Social Economy
<b>Most relevant webpage - in English</b>	Not available
<b>Most relevant webpage - local language</b>	<a href="https://www.vdab.be/tijdskrediet-opleidingskrediet">https://www.vdab.be/tijdskrediet-opleidingskrediet</a>
<b>Recent changes</b>	2019 system is moved to regional level (after Belgian State reform) and is reformed by Flemish Government.

	<p>The rationale is providing incentives for labour market related LLL.</p> <p>Recent changes in response to COVID-19</p> <p>No changes</p>
<b>Sources</b>	<p><a href="https://www.vdab.be/tijdskrediet-opleidingskrediet">https://www.vdab.be/tijdskrediet-opleidingskrediet</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.vlaanderen.be/tijdskrediet-in-de-privesector/tijdskrediet-b...">https://www.vlaanderen.be/tijdskrediet-in-de-privesector/tijdskrediet-b...</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.vlaanderen.be/aanmoedigingspremie-opleidingskrediet-privese...">https://www.vlaanderen.be/aanmoedigingspremie-opleidingskrediet-privese...</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.rva.be/nl/documentatie/baremas/loopbaanonderbreking-tijdskr...">https://www.rva.be/nl/documentatie/baremas/loopbaanonderbreking-tijdskr...</a></p>