

Financing adult learning database

Name of the instrument - Local language	Aftrek studiekosten of andere scholingsuitgaven
Name of the instrument - English translation	Tax reduction for study costs or other education related expenditures
Scheme ID	163
Country	 Netherlands
Reporting year	2015
Type of instrument	Tax incentive for individuals
Type of entry	Single instrument

Short description	Adults can deduct the costs of their education and training -related to their current or future job - from the base of their individual income tax. The State co-funding, in the form of foregone tax revenues, equals to the eligible costs multiplied by the marginal tax rate (between 5 % and 52 % in 2014). Maximum EUR 15 000 can be deducted (2014).
Short description of the related instruments	nap

Level of operation	National
Name of a part of the country	nap
Name of the region (for regional instruments)	nap
Name of the sector (for sectoral instruments)	nap
Relevance	Key scheme
Legal basis	Law on income tax 2001
Objective(s) and target(s)	To stimulate individuals to take care of their own employability and compensate them for the training costs they bear for their career purposes.
Year of implementation	2001

Operation/management	Dutch tax authority
Eligible group(s)	All persons paying income tax
Group(s) with preferential treatment	None
Education and training eligible	Formal education and training programme related to a person's (future) job.
Source of financing and collection mechanism	State (loss of tax revenue) individual
Financing formula and allocation mechanisms	Deduction from tax base
Eligible costs	Fees and other costs related to education and training (costs of training material, depreciation costs).
Frequency of the use	Each year
Volumes of funding	Based on 1996-2002 data, the funding amounted to 105 000 000 per year.
Beneficiaries/take up	No data on beneficiaries is available. Around 2% of the whole workforce of the Netherlands are estimated to take benefit of the scheme each year.
Monitoring/evaluation reports available	http://www.belastingdienst.nl/wps/wcm/connect/bldcontentnl/belastingdie...
Most relevant webpage - in English	na
Most relevant webpage - local language	na
Sources	<p>Explanation of the tax reduction scheme by the Dutch Tax Authority: download.belastingdienst.nl/belastingdienst/docs/studiekost_</p> <p>SEO Economic Research, Effectiveness and Use of the Tax Reduction for Study Costs, 2005 http://www.seo.nl/uploads/media/826_Gebruik_en_effectiviteit_van_de_aft...</p>