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Learning Dutch at the University Language Centre

Do you have the right to a subsidy of the City of Ghent ?
Visit the Huis van het Nederlands Gent!

A SUBSIDY OF THE CITY OF GHENT OF 226 EUROS FOR A DUTCH COURSE OF 15 HOURS A WEEK AT THE UNIVERSITY LANGUAGE CENTRE

What?

The student pays 72 euros himself (+10 euros for the handbook) and the City of Ghent offers a subsidy of 226 euros (as from 1/10/2008 and 206 euros until 30/9/2008) for each level to people who want to take a course in Dutch as a foreign language of 15 hours a week at the University Language Centre (Universitair Centrum voor Talenonderwijs - UCT).

Who for?

As a student in receipt of a grant you have to be able to prove before the lessons start that you fulfil the 3 following conditions:

FIRST CONDITION: official address:

at the time of applying for a subsidy, you must be able to prove that you live in Ghent officially. This means that your main residence is in one of the municipalities of Ghent with the following postal codes:

Afsnee	9051	Sint-Amandsberg	9040
Drongen	9031	Sint-Denijs-Westrem	9051
Gent	9000	Wondelgem	9032
Gentbrugge	9050	Zwijnaarde	9052
Ledeberg	9050	Kanaalzone	9042
Mariakerke	9030	<i>(Kanaalzone omvat Terdonk,</i>	
Oostakker	9041	<i>Mendonk, Desteldonk and</i>	
		<i>Sint- Kruis-Winkel.)</i>	

PROOF: you can prove this with a certificate of **domicile** in Ghent, e.g. a certificate showing the family situation, an extract from the national register (= wacht-, vreemdelingen- of bevolkingsregister) or with your residence documents. Only in exceptional cases determined by the Integratiedienst Gent (Integration Service of the City of Ghent) is a specific proof of actual address in Ghent accepted.

SECOND CONDITION: residence criteria:

at the time of applying for a subsidy you must be able to prove that you have currently a legal residence which is likely to result in full legal residence

1. The following persons are eligible:

- those persons in the process of family reunification art. 10/40
- co-habiting couples, not married
- asylum seekers
- settled foreign nationals
- foreign nationals with a residence permit for an indefinite period
- self-employed EU nationals involved in long term economic activity, EU workers with a long term employment contract (= more than 1 year), EU nationals who have currently a legal residence which for other reasons is likely to result in full legal residence
- Belgian nationals
- victims of human trafficking (exception: extended order of 45 days)
- actual stateless persons with a temporary residence permit based on the appearance of being stateless
- recognized stateless persons
- recognized refugees
- people whose official re-registration – right to return procedure is pending
- people for whom the procedure 9,3 is pending, but only in the framework of:
 - change of status from student/worker/self-employed person to worker/self-employed person
 - change of status from a short-term resident to a worker/self-employed person/partner (not a student)
 - (appearance) of statelessness
 - family reunification outwith art. 10/40
 - right to return

2. The following persons are not eligible:

- students, their husband or wife and children
- au pairs
- short-term residents (tourists, businessmen, etc.)
- people with diplomatic residence
- rejected asylum seekers with a temporary residence permit based on a humanitarian clause or a clause of no return
- rejected asylum seekers with a temporary residence permit based on administrative/ situational or medical impossibility of removal
- victims of human trafficking (extended order of 45 days)
- EU job-seekers, EU self-employed people involved in a short or medium term economic activity (= a maximum of 1 year), EU workers with a short or medium term employment contract (= a maximum of 1 year), EU nationals who for other reasons are not likely to gain full legal residence
- foreign nationals who have currently a short term legal residence which is not likely to result in full legal residence
- people with a pending procedure with the Council of State
- people with a pending procedure 9,3 (= other than listed under point 1 and cases of a pending procedure 9,3 based on medical impossibility of removal can be judged ad hoc by the Integratiedienst Gent by way of exception)

PROOF: you can prove this with e.g. your residence permit

THIRD CONDITION: Income:

at the time of applying for the subsidy, you must provide proof of being in receipt of social security benefits or that you are **financially dependent** on someone.

PROOF: you can prove that you receive social security benefits with a document of e.g. the OCMW, ... You can prove that you are financially dependent on someone with a document of the National Health Service, a pay slip, ... The document must have been issued maximum 1 month ago.

NOTES!

The evidential value of your documents is always examined ad hoc. If you do not yet have your documents but you want to enrol in the Dutch classes, you must pay the full registration fee. You will then be entitled to the amount of the subsidy, provided you submit proof before the courses start

Students who fail to sit the entrance test or who fail to attend classes, lose their personal contribution, which is considered a cancellation sum. The students who fail to attend any classes will lose their eligibility to the subsidy if they cannot submit a valid reason for their absence. Valid reasons are illness or an accident preventing the student to attend classes for at least 5 days (doctor's certificate), concluding an employment contract (copy of the contract) and attending VDAB- classes (certificate of the VDAB). All these certificates can be submitted to the UCT until 30 days after the final test of the level in question. Certificates are no longer accepted after this period.

Where to apply?

If you want to know whether you are eligible for this subsidy or not, visit the **Huis van het Nederlands Gent vzw** (the House of the Dutch language – see leaflet). The Huis van het Nederlands Gent vzw will check if you are entitled to the subsidy. Where doubts or exceptions arise, your application will be examined by the Integratiedienst Gent. If you are eligible, you will receive a certificate giving the right to a maximum of one subsidy per level. This certificate must be submitted to the registration secretariat of the UCT.

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