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What and for whom?

The CNaVT exam is the official, international exam of Dutch as a Foreign Language for all who learn Dutch all over the world. The Catholic University of Leuven organises the exam. The Dutch Language Union has commissioned this collaboration.

Why and which exam to take?

By passing an exam a language learner proves that he or she has mastered enough Dutch to be able to speak it, listen, read and write in certain contexts. People learn Dutch for a variety of reasons: to go on holiday in the Netherlands or Belgium for example. Or to study, live or work in a Dutch-speaking environment. For this reason the CNaVT has developed different profile exams. The language learner can choose which profile (exam) suits his or her needs best. One can make a choice out of the following:

Profile tourist and informal language proficiency - PTIT

For those who want to maintain social contacts with their Dutch-speaking family or friends. Also for those who want to demonstrate that they can manage as a tourist in a Dutch-speaking area, or for those who want to communicate with Dutch-speaking tourists in a non-professional context in their own country.

Profile societal language proficiency - PMT

For those who have an interest in the Dutch language and culture or want to live in the Netherlands or Belgium for an extended period of time.

Profile professional language proficiency - PPT

For those who would like to work in an administrative or service-oriented profession and therefore need Dutch (e.g. as a secretary or bank employee).

Profile language proficiency higher education - PTHO

For those who would like to study at a Dutch-speaking college of higher education or university.

Profile academic language proficiency - PAT

For those who have neared completion of their education in Dutch as a foreign language or for those who would like to teach Dutch as a foreign language. It is also for people who want to work in a Dutch-speaking academic environment, e.g. as a researcher.

Certificate of Dutch as a Foreign Language

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Where, when, how and how much?

A candidate can take a CNaVT exam in May of every year. The examiner (usually the Dutch teacher) in ones' own country facilitates this. The candidate must register with the examiner who sends the registration forms to the CNaVT-secretariat before the 20th of March. If the candidate is learning Dutch through home-schooling, registration can best take place through a local language institution. For more information consult the website or contact the CNaVT-secretariat. Recommended registration fee is 75 euros.

How do candidate and teacher prepare themselves?

On the website the candidate can find sample exams to practise with. The teacher can furthermore help the candidate prepare by using tasks from the exam-bank. The exam-bank can be found on the website but is only accessible to teachers.

What is the exam like?

The exam consists of three parts. In part A the tasks are based on audio fragments. In part B reading and writing proficiency is tested. Part C is an oral test in which the teacher and the candidate have a one-to-one conversation. Part A and B are tested in the classroom setting while Part C is an individual test.

How does correction of the exams take place and when do the results come out?

All the exams are sent to Leuven where trained raters mark the exams in June. In July the examiners and candidates are informed of the results. Candidates that have passed receive a certificate.

Would you like to know more?

Look on our website www.cnavt.org for more information. You can also contact the CNaVT-secretariat (Sonia De Becker and Rudy Michiels).

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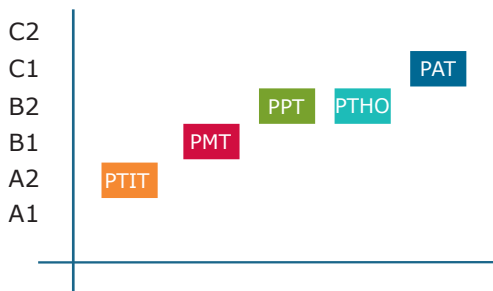
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CNaVT and CEFR

The CNaVT has linked the different profile exams to the Common European Framework Reference (CEFR). Here a distinction is made between six levels of language proficiency from A1 to C2:



CNaVT and ALTE

ALTE (Association of Language Testers in Europe) is a collaboration between institutions that produce examinations of European languages (like Cambridge Assessment, WBT and Alliance Française). The CNaVT has been a member of ALTE since 1996 and exchanges expertise with members in other countries and other language areas. ALTE members strive to offer the highest possible quality of language exams.
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