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Applying or making changes or stopping Lifelong learning credit 2026-2027

This form

Use this form if you wish to apply for lifelong learning credit and are not/are no longer eligible for regular student finance.
Are you already receiving lifelong learning credit and wish to stop it? If so, you should also use this form. Please note: you must reapply for the credit every academic year.
Are you enrolled in a study programme at the Open Universiteit, you should use the special application form *Applying Lifelong learning credit for Open Universiteit or another type of modular education*.

Sending in the form

Make sure you send us your application in time. You should do this at least two months before you are due to begin studying. It is not possible to apply for a lifelong learning credit retrospectively. Send the completed form to:
Dienst Uitvoering Onderwijs
Postbus 50001
9702 AA Groningen

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1 Your personal details

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Read the explanation

1.1	Citizen Service Number (BSN)	<input type="text"/>			
1.2	Surname (birth name)	<input type="text"/>			
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1.4	Do you have Dutch nationality?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No > Send proof with application			
1.5	Bank account number (IBAN)	<input type="text"/>			
		<p>> This must not be a savings account > You may fill in a non-Dutch bank account number here. Please include the relevant BIC for non-Dutch bank accounts.</p>			
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Explanation

Applying for or making changes to a lifelong learning credit 2026-2027

Re 1.3 Date of birth

You can apply for lifelong learning credit until the first day of the month in which you turn 57. In addition, you must be 30 years or older. If you are under the age of 30, you are only eligible for the credit if you are going to participate in a part-time study programme in higher vocational education (HBO) or at a university, or if you already have a Bachelor's degree (HBO) or Master's degree (university) and now wish to follow a second HBO or university programme.

The lifelong learning credit will continue after your 57th birthday. If you cancel your lifelong learning credit after your 57th birthday, you will no longer be eligible for it.

Re 1.4 Nationality

If you do not have Dutch nationality, but you do have a residence document of type II, III, IV or V, add a copy of this to your application (including a copy of the front and back of the residence document). If you have a type I residence permit, please check duo.nl to find out if you are eligible, and what you need to do.

Re 1.5 Bank account number

DUO deposits the lifelong credit only into your own bank account. Please note: you may not provide a savings account number.

Re 1.6 Address

Do you live in the Netherlands? Then enter the address at which you are resident according to the municipal register. Please make sure that you are always correctly registered with the municipality. When you move within the Netherlands, your municipality will automatically inform DUO of your change of address. If you are living abroad (temporarily) or are planning to move abroad, you have to send your (new) address details to DUO yourself. Foreign address details are not registered with municipalities within the Netherlands.

Re 3.2 Study programme

You are eligible for a lifelong learning credit if you participate in an accredited study programme within the Netherlands. You can ask the educational institution whether the programme is accredited.

Re 3.5 Enrolment date

Enter the date on which you will enrol the academic year 2026-2027. The academic year for higher education runs from 1 September to 31 August. The school year for secondary vocational education runs from 1 August to 31 July.

If your enrolment begins on another date, choose 'other' and enter the date on which you will enrol. If you are not sure which enrolment date to enter, contact your educational institution.

Re 4 Lifelong learning credit

The lifelong learning credit is a loan intended to pay your tuition fees. The loan is paid out on a monthly basis. At the end of your study, you must repay the loan over a period of 15 years. When you are no longer entitled to a lifelong learning credit and DUO has received the date on which your enrolment is terminated, you start paying back the following year. DUO will send you notice a few months in advance. You cannot apply for the lifelong learning credit retrospectively. For example, if you begin your study programme in September and you apply for lifelong learning credit in October, you will only receive the credit with effect from November.

Re 4.2 Compensation for tuition or course fees

By compensation, we refer to any contribution towards tuition fees or course fees by another organization or person, such as your employer or (one of) your parents. If your tuition fees are fully reimbursed, you are not entitled to a lifelong learning credit.

Amount of compensation

Indicate the amount of compensation that you receive from any other organization or individual to pay your tuition fees or course fees.

If you do not receive any compensation, choose No.

Re 4.3 Level of lifelong learning credit

Each academic year, you can borrow the amount of tuition fees or course fees you are due to pay. If you receive a partial payment from a different body or person, you can only apply for lifelong learning credit for the rest of your tuition fees or course fees. See duo.nl for the maximum amounts and information about the use of the accompanying statement from the educational institution.

DUO and your personal details

Your personal details will be held in the computer systems of DUO. In order to fulfil its statutory obligations, DUO uses and protects your personal details carefully. We always comply with the appropriate privacy laws. If you would like to know precisely how DUO uses your personal data, please visit our website: duo.nl. DUO verifies your details with other organizations, in order to ensure that you receive your entitlements. In the event of misuse, DUO will notify the Public Prosecution Service.



Statement regarding tuition fees/ course fees 2026-2027

This form

Fill in question 1 yourself and have the other questions of the declaration filled in by your educational institution.

1 Student details

1.1 Name of student

1.2 Citizen Service Number (BSN)

1.3 Date of birth Day Month Year

1.4 Address Street House number

Postal code Town/City

2 Details of educational institution

Needs to be filled in by your educational institution

2.1 Name of educational institution

2.2 Location

2.3 Institution code

> Does your organization not have a institution code? In that case, it is not possible to apply for Lifelong Learning Credit for your programme.

3 Details of tuition fees or course fees 2026-2027

See explanatory notes

3.1 Name of study programme Erkende opleidingscode

3.2 In which period of the academic year 2026-2027 is the student enrolled?

Higher education

The whole academic year, from 01-09-2026 to 31-08-2027

A part of the academic year 2026-2027, namely from Day Month Year to Day Month Year

Secondary vocational education

The whole academic year, from 01-08-2026 to 31-07-2027

A part of the academic year 2026-2027, namely from Day Month Year to Day Month Year

3.3 How much tuition fees or course fees does the student have to pay in the academic year 2026-2027? €

4 Signature on behalf of Student Administration

I declare that I have completed this form truthfully and in full.

4.1 Name of signee

4.2 Telephone number and email address

Telephone	Email address
Signature	Stamp of educational institution

Explanatory notes

At 3 Details of tuition fees or course fees 2026-2027

The lifelong learning credit is applied for per academic year. That is why a statement of the paid tuition or course fees is required per academic year. An academic year for higher education (HBO or university) runs from 1 September to 31 August. An academic year for secondary vocational education (MBO) runs from 1 August to 31 July.

Non-funded education often has a different starting date. In that case, only mention the period of registration in the academic year 2026-2027. And state the part of the tuition or course fees that the student owes for access to education in the academic year 2026-2027.