

21+ Admissions Test

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1. Whom is the 21+ Admissions Test intended for?

Don't have a diploma that grants access to the 3- or 4-year Bachelor's degree programme you want to start? And will you be 21 years or older on 1 September 2021? Then you can sit the 21+ Admissions Test. If you pass this test, you have met the educational entry requirement. Of course the test cannot predict that you will successfully complete the degree programme.

The test is a generic ability test that measures your intellectual capabilities. We are not going to test your knowledge of secondary school subjects relevant to the programme. We recommend you familiarize yourself with the required reading at senior general secondary education or pre-university education level in the profile subjects of your degree programme.

2. Statutory provisions concerning admission to education at a university of applied sciences

The legal basis for the 21+ Admissions Test can be found in Article 7.29 of the Dutch Higher Education and Research Act (WHW).

It states that prospective students aged 21 and over who do not hold the diploma required for admission may be admitted if they achieve a pass in this examination.

Successfully passing the 21+ Admissions Test enables you to demonstrate that you meet the educational entry requirement. If any additional requirements or work-related requirements apply to the programme you wish to study, you must, of course, fulfil those as well. You should therefore check carefully whether any such requirements apply to your chosen degree programme.

See www.thehagueuniversity.com/programmes.

You should also check carefully on the degree programmes page what the core subjects of your intended degree programme are. The Hague University of Applied Sciences (THUAS) chooses not to test knowledge in one or more of the profile subjects in addition to a generic aptitude test. This means that you must ensure yourself that you possess the required background knowledge. For this reason, we strongly recommend that you familiarise yourself with the required reading at Dutch senior general secondary education (havo) or pre-university education level in the profile subjects of your degree programme. THUAS does not offer any courses for this purpose.

3. The aptitude test

The aptitude test has been specially developed for The Hague University of Applied Sciences by NOA-VU. NOA is a psychological consultancy and research agency that works closely with the department of Social & Organisational Psychology at VU University Amsterdam. An ability test is a test that measures your cognitive abilities to determine whether you generally have the level required for a degree programme at a university of applied sciences. The results you achieve in this ability test are compared against the results of a control group, which then makes it possible to establish whether you have the desired level of ability for a degree programme at a university of applied sciences.

The ability test consists of 8 sub-tests: Numeracy Skills, Components, Word Relationships, Figure Series, Proofing, Mirror Images, Word Analogies, and Exclusion. These tests jointly measure your abilities in four sub-areas: logical argumentation and spatial awareness, numerical skills, verbal skills, and speed of perception.

The test consists of multiple-choice questions, each with only one correct answer. For each sub-tests you have a maximum amount of time during which you answer as many questions as possible. In total the test takes around 65 to 75 minutes to finish.

Depending on the degree programme that you intend to study, you may be required to achieve a minimum score for certain sub-tests.

If you are going to study an English-taught programme, you will sit the 21+ Admissions Test in English. If you are intend to enroll in a Dutch-taught programme, the test is in Dutch.

4. Preparation for the exam

It is possible to prepare somewhat for an aptitude test. In the practice environment of NOA-VU, you will find sample tasks for the eight sub-tests in the aptitude test, which are taken for the 21+ Admissions Test of The Hague University of Applied Sciences: <https://www.noa-online.net/open/mct-h-HH>. The example / practice assignments are mainly meant to give an impression of the type of questions that you can expect, but do not necessarily reflect the level of difficulty.

In the NOA app, which is currently only available for android, you can get an idea of the type of questions asked. The app can be downloaded from the Google Play Store, search for 'NOA app'. The app is also available in English, choose from menu 'Languages'.

You can also practise answering the types of questions that will be set on the website www.123test.nl.

It is important that you are well rested and fit when you take the examination. Should you be unfit, please report this by no later than 2 hours prior to the aptitude test by sending an email to bit@hhs.nl. Then you can move the date of the examination to another examination date on which spaces are available free of charge. If you cancel your attendance for the final examination date before 1 September, you cannot choose to resit at another time and there will be no refund of the exam fee.

5. Language requirements and additional requirements

Please note that, in addition to passing the 21+ admission tests, there may be other entry requirements.

For some programmes additional requirements apply, or you need to have a job that meets certain standards. Go to www.thehagueuniversity.com/programmes to check if this applies to your programme.

If you apply for a degree programme taught in English you must, in addition to a successfully completed 21+ Admission Test, demonstrate sufficient proficiency in English by obtaining a TOEFL/IELTS/Cambridge/TOEIC certificate no older than 2 years on 1 September 2021. For more information about minimum scores and other requirements, see the website: <https://www.thehagueuniversity.com/study-choice/applications-finances-and-moving-here/applying/entry-requirements>.

If you apply for a degree programme taught in Dutch and you do not have Dutch nationality you must meet the Dutch language requirement by obtaining the NT2 program II certificate. More information can be found on the DUO website.

6. Registration, location, dates and costs

Step 1 is to submit your enrolment request for the Bachelor's programme via Studielink. If you do not have a diploma that grants access, you will automatically receive a message about the 21+ Admissions Test that includes a link to the registration form.

For September 2021 enrolments, the test is offered on the following dates: 18 January, 2 March, 18 May, 13 July or 24 August 2021. On each day there are two or three time slots. When registering you will see which slots are still available.

You take the 21+ Admissions Test at the main building of The Hague University of Applied Sciences, 75 Johanna Westerdijkplein in The Hague. If this is not possible for compelling reasons (such as national or regional corona measures, you take the 21+ Admissions Test at home via proctoring. This means that you take the exam from home, on your own laptop / computer, under digital supervision (also called proctoring). The computer or laptop must be equipped with a microphone and a webcam. The proctoring

software only works in the free browser Google Chrome. A system check is performed one week before the 21+ Test. The candidate is responsible for arranging equipment that meets these requirements and for completing the required check on time. Having a stable internet connection is also the responsibility of the candidate.

You can sit the 21+ Admissions Test once within an academic year; resits are not allowed. The exam fee is € 100 which you will need to pay at registration via iDeal or credit card.