21+

ADMISSION ASSESSMENT

Bachelor's and Associate degree programmes

Entry academic year 2027–2028

Saxion Enschede • Deventer • Apeldoorn

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Foreword

Your application for one of the programmes[1] at Saxion in Enschede, Deventer or Apeldoorn shows that you are not directly admissible to this programme because you do not meet the statutory prior education requirements.

This brochure explains how you may still meet these prior education requirements by taking and successfully completing the 21+ admission assessment. The 21+ admission assessment is valid only at Saxion and cannot be regarded as a substitute for a diploma.

For step-by-step instructions on how to register administratively for the 21+ admission assessment, see the 'Registration Guide for Saxion Admission Assessments – Entry 2027–2028'. You can find this guide at www.saxion.nl/toelating.

Do you have questions about the 21+ admission assessment? Please contact the Saxion Servicepoint on 088-019 3000 or at servicepoint@saxion.nl.

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[1] In this brochure, programmes means: a Bachelor's programme, a study route within a Bachelor's programme, or an Associate degree programme (Ad).

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1. General information about admission and assessments

For admission to a Bachelor's programme, Associate degree programme or study route (full-time, part-time or dual) at Saxion in Enschede, Deventer or Apeldoorn, the statutory prior education requirement is a HAVO or VWO diploma (including a subject profile) or an MBO level 4 diploma. A programme may also set additional requirements regarding the profile or profile subjects of the HAVO or VWO prior education.

There are various assessments that may enable you to become admissible to your chosen programme. In addition to successfully completing the assessment that applies to you, you must also meet all other enrolment requirements.

21+ admission assessment

You are eligible for the 21+ admission assessment if you do not have a HAVO, VWO or MBO level 4 diploma and you are aged 21 or older in the month in which the programme officially starts.

If you want to start on 1 September 2027, you must be 21 no later than 30 September 2027. If you start a programme that begins on 1 February 2028, you must be 21 no later than 29 February 2028.

Decentralised selection

The Forensic Research programme has a decentralised selection procedure (numerus fixus). This means that a maximum number of places is available each academic year. For entry in 2027–2028, the application deadline is before 15 January 2027. More information about the selection procedure can be found on the programme page.

Applying to the Pabo?

Additional entry requirements apply to the Pabo. For more information about prior education requirements and preparation, see the Pabo website and www.goedvoorbereidnaardepabo.nl.

Deficiency tests

For the administration of deficiency tests, Saxion works with Toelatingstoetsen hoger onderwijs Noord-Nederland. More information and registration for one or more deficiency tests are available at https://toelatingstoetsen.nl (Toelatingstoetsen Noord-Nederland).https://toelatingstoetsen.nl

2. Practical information

Dates, times and location

The assessment dates and corresponding registration deadlines for entry in 2027–2028 can be found at www.saxion.nl/toelating.

The 21+ admission assessments take place on a Monday at the Saxion location in Deventer. The times are approximately as follows on all assessment dates; the exact times are stated in the invitation letter:

- 10:00–12:00: aptitude assessment (in Dutch or English)
- 13:00–13:50: Dutch
- 13:00–15:00: English

Would you like to start your programme in September 2027 and retain the option of resitting the 21+ admission assessment? Then take the assessment in March. If necessary, this gives you another opportunity in May/June. If you wait until May/June for your first attempt, you must pass in one attempt in order to start in the 2027 academic year.

On the day of the assessment

- Make sure you arrive on time. Allow for train delays, traffic congestion and time to find a parking space.
- On arrival, report to the reception desk in the central hall. You will receive further instructions there.
- Bring a valid form of identification in addition to the invitation letter (printed or digital): passport, identity card or driving licence. Without the invitation letter, you will not be admitted to the assessment.
- Other forms of identification are not accepted.
- During the lunch break, you may use Saxion's canteen facilities at your own expense.

Rules during the admission assessment

- You must be present at the assessment room 15 minutes before the start.
- Follow all instructions given by the invigilator. Switch your mobile phone off completely. Coats and bags must be placed at the back of the room. You must also remove your watch and may not keep it with you. A clock is available in the room.
- You may not use the toilet during the assessment.
- You may still be admitted if you arrive within 15 minutes after the assessment has started. No extra time will be granted if you arrive late.
- If anything is unclear, ask the staff member or invigilator. Saxion is not liable for statements or assumptions made by third parties.
- Use only paper provided by the invigilator, including for rough work.
- Write your name on all paper you use.
- You may use only permitted aids that you have brought yourself, as specified in the assessment description in this brochure. Books must contain no annotations. Borrowing aids from another person in the assessment room is not permitted.
- Record any comments about the assessment and/or how it is conducted immediately on the comments form. Complaints submitted afterwards will not be considered.
- Any departure from the assessment room is regarded as ending your participation in the assessment.
- For an assessment scheduled to last up to 90 minutes, you may not leave the assessment room during the first 15 minutes. For an assessment scheduled to last 90 minutes or more, you may not leave the room during the first 30 minutes.

- When leaving, hand in all paper provided to you (question papers, answer sheets and rough paper) to the invigilator in the manner indicated.

Tip: candidates who finish early may cause some disturbance when leaving. Unexpected noise from outside may also be distracting. Saxion cannot always prevent this and it does not constitute grounds for a complaint. If you are easily distracted, we recommend bringing earplugs (these are not provided).

3. Results, inspection, validity period, resits and complaints

Results

The result will be determined and communicated within 15 teaching days after the 21+ admission assessment. If you have successfully completed the assessment, you meet the statutory prior education requirements for Saxion programmes, provided there is no deficiency, decentralised selection procedure (numerus fixus) or statutory additional admission requirement.

You must also meet all other enrolment requirements for the programme.

Inspection

Due to the nature of the assessments, it is not possible to inspect completed tests from the 21+ admission assessment.

Validity period

Results obtained at Saxion are valid for the following two academic years for the programme for which the 21+ admission assessment was taken. The results are valid only at Saxion.

If you decide to enrol in a different Saxion programme from the one for which you took the assessment, and different or additional admission requirements apply to that programme, you must still pass the missing part of the assessment.

Resit

An assessment component (aptitude assessment, Dutch or English) may be resat once. An assessment is valid for two consecutive academic years. The resit must take place within this validity period.

If you have taken an assessment twice in a particular academic year, or have taken a resit without obtaining a positive result, you may not participate again until two full academic years have passed. From that point onwards, you will again have two opportunities to take the assessment.

Example: if you take the 21+ admission assessment twice for admission to the 2027–2028 academic year without obtaining a positive result, you may participate again only for admission to the 2029–2030 academic year. The assessment round in spring 2029 will then be your first new opportunity.

This also applies if you have used the resit opportunity and did not obtain a positive result.

A new fee must be paid for a resit. You must register again in order to take a resit.

Appeal

If you disagree with a decision of the Hogeschool Toelatingscommissie (HTC, University of Applied Sciences Admissions Committee) that directly concerns your admission or the granting of exemptions, you may lodge an appeal against that decision.

An appeal must be submitted within six weeks of the date of the decision.

An appeal is submitted through Saxion's Meldpunt Klacht & Geschil (MKG, Complaints & Disputes Office). The MKG assesses the nature of the dispute and, where applicable, ensures that your appeal is handled by the College van Appeal voor de Examens (Cobex, Examination Appeals Board). The digital form is available through the Saxion Complaints Desk.

Complaints about the conduct of the assessment

Do you have a complaint about the general organisation or conduct of the 21+ admission assessment? Submit it to the Admission Assessments Organisation at toelatingsonderzoek@saxion.nl.

Do you have a complaint about the conduct of the 21+ admission assessment while taking it? Record this on the official report form provided with the test. Your complaint will then be considered.

If, in your opinion, your complaint has not been resolved satisfactorily, you may subsequently submit it using the digital form of Saxion's Meldpunt Klacht & Geschil (MKG).

Costs

There are costs associated with the 21+ admission assessment. You pay €75.00 for each component of the 21+ admission assessment (aptitude assessment, Dutch or English). You will receive an invoice.

Cancellation

If, after registering, you are unable or no longer wish to participate, you may cancel no later than five teaching days before the selected assessment date. Cancellation must be made by email only to the Admission Assessments Organisation at toelatingsonderzoek@saxion.nl. Any participation fees already paid will be refunded, less a one-off administration fee of €35.00.

If you do not cancel on time or fail to attend, no refund will be made and you must still pay the invoice. If you fail to attend, you also lose one attempt. If you are registered for several components in the same assessment round and, without valid cancellation, do not participate in an earlier component, you may not participate in the remaining components of that round.

If you cancel due to illness within five teaching days before the assessment date and wish to retain your assessment opportunity, you must provide a doctor's certificate. If you report sick on the day of the assessment itself, you lose that assessment opportunity.

4. Disability or functional impairment

Candidates with a disability or functional impairment may submit a request to the Admission Assessments Organisation no later than two weeks before the assessment date to take the assessment in an adapted form, where possible. Adjustments are determined individually. To arrange this, contact one of Saxion's student counsellors no later than two weeks before the selected assessment date. The student counsellor will provide advice on your request. Student counsellors can be reached via the Servicepoint on 088-019 3000.

For dyslexia, an additional 10 minutes of test time is granted as standard for the Dutch or English language test. This provision must be requested no later than two weeks before the assessment date. Please contact toelatingsonderzoek@saxion.nl. No additional time is granted for the aptitude assessment.

5. The 21+ admission assessment

The 21+ admission assessment is administered at the level of the HAVO 5 final examination. It consists of:

- Dutch-language aptitude assessment plus a Dutch language test for Dutch-taught programmes; or
- English-language aptitude assessment plus an English language test for English-taught programmes (see disclaimer).

Aptitude assessment (administered in Dutch or English)

Component	Description
Content	5 separate test components
Format	Digital, multiple-choice questions only
Duration	Total duration approximately 2 hours; the individual test components are timed
Literature	Not applicable
Preparation	You can prepare for the English aptitude test. Go to https://noa-vu.com/support/practice-ability-tests/practicing-with-the-mct-h/
Permitted aids	Rough paper (provided)
Assessment	A minimum score of stanine 4 (low average) must be achieved on all components.

The aptitude assessment is assessed as a whole for each assessment round. Positive results for individual components from the first attempt cannot be combined with results from a resit. If one of the components is insufficient, the entire aptitude assessment must be retaken.

Dutch language assessment (participation via Saxion only)

Component	Description
Content	Reading comprehension test. You will read informative, instructional and/or argumentative texts at level 3F. Topics may include main and secondary points, text types, relationships within texts, viewpoint and argument, argumentation, the writer's purpose and conclusions.
Test format	Digital, multiple-choice questions based on a number of texts
Test duration	50 minutes
Preparation	Practice exams for MBO Dutch: mbo-oefenomgeving.facet.onl; practice exams for HAVO Dutch: examenblad.nl; taal-tools.nl; Arnoud Kuijpers – Leesvaardigheid (YouTube); taalwinkel.nl.
Permitted aids	Dictionary (not provided) and rough paper (provided)

English (participation via Saxion only)

Part	Description
Subject matter	This test assesses Reading, Vocabulary, Grammar and Writing.
Format	Paper assessment with multiple-choice questions
Duration	120 minutes
Preparation	Preparation is not required, but can be done by reading newspaper articles containing unfamiliar words and phrases. Reviewing your grammar book may also help.
Required level	To successfully complete the test, you should score at least at B2 level.

Assessment of the 21+ admission assessment

To pass the 21+ admission assessment, you must meet the following conditions:

- Dutch or English must be completed with a grade of at least 5.5.
- For all five components of the aptitude assessment, you must achieve at least a low-average score: stanine 4 or higher.

Exemption from components of the 21+ admission assessment

As soon as you are informed that you are eligible for a 21+ admission assessment, you will have the opportunity to apply for an exemption. In your application, indicate the component for which you are requesting an exemption and submit the supporting documents and motivation. Student Registration will process the application and contact you about it.

Exemption from Dutch

You may apply for an exemption from Dutch if you have one of the following forms of evidence:

- a DUO HAVO or VWO certificate in Dutch;
- a HAVO or VWO final examination grade list showing a grade of at least 6 for Dutch;
- an MBO final examination grade list (not a school report) showing that Listening, Reading, Speaking, Conversation and Writing have all been completed at a minimum of level 3F;
- the diploma Staatsexamen NT2 Programme II.

Components not passed as part of the above diplomas or certificates cannot be supplemented with separate components (partial certificates) from other language tests.

Exemption from Dutch with a foreign diploma

Are you admissible on the basis of a foreign diploma and will you be following a Dutch-taught programme? If so, you must additionally be able to provide one of the following diplomas or certificates:

- Staatsexamen NT2 Programme II;
- CNaVT certificate Profiel Educatief Startbekwaam (formerly Profiel Taalvaardigheid Hoger Onderwijs, PTHO);
- CNaVT certificate Profiel Educatief Professioneel (formerly Profiel Academische Taalvaardigheid, PAT).

Exemption from English

For the current certificates and scores that can be used to demonstrate that you meet the English language requirement, please refer to the current admission requirements for international applications on the Saxion website. Changes to accepted certificates and scores are kept up to date there.

Disclaimer for non-EU students:

Non-EU students who wish to take the 21+ admission assessment may take the aptitude assessment in English, but **must also meet the IELTS or TOEFL requirement**. For non-EU students, the English test included in the 21+ admission assessment is not sufficient to obtain an exemption from the English language requirement.

6. Contact details

Contact point	Details
Saxion Servicepoint	088-019 3000 servicepoint@saxion.nl Student counsellors can be reached via the Servicepoint.
Admission Assessments Organisation – Education and Student Support	toelatingsonderzoek@saxion.nl Student Support Centre PO Box 70,000 7500 KB Enschede
Student Registration	studentregistratie@saxion.nl PO Box 70,000 7500 KB Enschede

7. Privacy and use of data

When you participate in the 21+ admission assessment, Saxion processes certain personal data, such as:

- your name;
- student number;
- email address;
- assessment results;
- date of birth.

These data are used for:

- organising and administering the admission assessment;
- assessing admission;
- where appropriate, contacting candidates for a Studie op Maat interview or a suitable follow-up pathway within Saxion Parttime School (SPS).

For this purpose, data may be shared internally between the relevant Saxion departments, such as Student Registration (SSC) and Saxion Parttime School (SPS).

Saxion processes personal data in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). Personal data are not retained for longer than necessary and are used only by staff involved in the admission and intake process.

You have, among other things, the right to:

- access your personal data;
- have incorrect data corrected;
- restriction of processing, insofar as this is legally applicable.

More information about the processing of personal data and your privacy rights can be found at www.saxion.nl/over-saxion/privacyverklaring.