

Dear Chairman and members of the Justice and Security Committee,

I would like to present you with the following.

On the website <https://www.inburgeren.nl/> you can find that the diplomas vmbo, havo, vwo and mbo-2 lead to an exemption from the civic integration exam or the naturalization test.

This seems to me to be a further elaboration of what is stipulated in document <https://ind.nl/Formulieren/3007.pdf> (dealing with "*Integration exam: condition for naturalization abroad*"¹).

Under the heading "*When do I not have to take the civic integration exam?*" of the last-mentioned document, point 2 is mentioned: "*You have a Dutch diploma or certificate (issued on the basis of a Dutch law for education of a higher level than primary education)*".

On the English speaking islands of the Dutch Caribbean, these are, I suppose, CCSLC, CSEC or CVQ. In the document <https://ind.nl/Formulieren/3004.pdf> (titled "*How can you become Dutch?*") on page 5 it says that the candidate *[can] speak, read, write and understand Dutch or Papiamentu (Bonaire) or English (St. Eustatius and Saba)*. Well, English is part of the curriculum of these programs!

Note: These courses have been introduced as a result of the initiative of the Dutch government to make the instruction (at school) on these islands English-speaking. Seen in that light, these programs (thus!) are part of the group of programs referred to in the previous paragraph (i.e. "Dutch diploma [...] awarded on the basis of [...] higher level than primary education").

I would like to see that my implicit assumption is also made explicit in the cited references, in order to eliminate all ambiguity. *May I see this presented to the Minister through your committee?* Thank you in advance!

Kind regards,

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¹ For the sake of convenience, but wrongly, I have to understand the Dutch Caribbean under "abroad". Perhaps the title could be formulated more generally; for example by deleting the phrase "abroad" in the title.