



Pupil count data 1 October 2026 for funding purposes

Secondary and vocational education Caribbean Netherlands

Since 2010, Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba (the Caribbean Netherlands) have a special status within the Dutch constitution. DUO now organizes the funding of schools in the Caribbean Netherlands. The pupil count data is the basis on which funding is determined for these schools. DUO gathers and validates the count data.

The count

The reference count date for the count is 1 October 2026. Funding will be based on the number of pupils and students entered on the form.

Data required

The following data are required:

- secondary education: the number of pupils per school type, distinguished by school year and sex
- vocational education: the number of students per qualification code, distinguished by bol full-time and bbl.

On the forms, the name of the education types mentioned in the table below are used.

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0901 VMBO basisberoepsgerichte leerweg (BBL)

0902 VMBO kaderberoepsgerichte leerweg (KBL)

0903 VMBO gemengde leerweg (GL)

0904 VMBO theoretische leerweg (TL)

0905 HAVO

0906 VWO

0907 Praktijkonderwijs

0908 Internationale schakelklas

0909 Specifieke onderwijsbehoefte

0910 Lower forms

0911 Caribbean vocational qualification 1 (CVQ1)

0930 Caribbean vocational qualification 2 (CVQ2)

0950 Caribbean secondary education certificate (CSEC)

0951 Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examination (CAPE)

**For qualification codes of vocational training courses on Bonaire, see the form Opgave Aantal studenten bekostiging beroepsonderwijs Bonaire*

Submitting the count data

The reference count forms will be available on www.duo.nl. Scan the completed forms and send them by e-mail to caribisch.nederland@duo.nl. Keep the original completed forms for your own records.

If DUO has not received the count data by 15 October 2026, it will not have the information required to calculate the funding for your school. This means that DUO will be unable to allocate the correct funding in time for calendar year 2027.

Tool

On duo.nl/zakelijk/caribisch-nederland you can download an Excel worksheet that you can use as an aid in completing the tables. If you use this worksheet, copy the numbers from the 3 tables on the worksheet to the corresponding tables on the DUO reference count form. Only the reference count form has to be sent in.

Overview of registered count data (OGT)

When the details on the reference count form have been processed, DUO will send you an overview of registered count data that has been registered (OGT). You will receive the OGT by e-mail.

Check

The information in the OGT must be checked by the school board. If the information is correct, the OGT must be kept in the school records.

Corrections

If details on the OGT are incorrect, you must inform DUO no later than 2 weeks after the date on the OGT. The corrections should be made clearly in red pen on a copy of the OGT. You should also give

details of the contact person (name, e-mail address and telephone number), and state that this concerns a correction. The school board must sign the correction for approval. Scan the corrected copy and send it by e-mail to caribisch.nederland@duo.nl. Keep the corrected copy for your own records. If you do not reply within 2 weeks, DUO will assume that the information on the OGT is correct.

Amended OGT

If you have submitted corrections to the OGT, you will receive an amended OGT. This will be sent to you by e-mail. The funding for calendar year 2027 is calculated according to the number of pupils determined no later than 27 November 2026.

Checks

Your school's auditor will check your pupil count data. After this check you need to send in the authenticated OGT, the count form, and associated assurance report before 1 July 2027. If there are changes to the pupil count data, the school auditor has to indicate the details of these corrections on the OGT as well as on the copy of the reference count form. After these corrections have been processed, DUO will issue an amended OGT and send it by email to the school board. Keep the corrected OGT in your own records.

The Inspectorate of Education may also check the school's pupil reference count form and pupil administration. These checks will commence in the second quarter of 2027. The results of both checks will be reported to DUO. Funding may be amended if there are grounds for doing so after a check.

Timeline

The pupil count data involves several steps. The table on the next page shows the deadlines and who is responsible for each step.

ACTION	DEADLINE	ACTION BY
Statutory reference count date	1 October 2026	-
Fill in and send count form	on or after 1 October 2026	School
Receive reference count form	15 October 2026	DUO
Send confirmation of receipt	21 October 2026	DUO
Send OGT	1 November 2026	DUO
Send in corrections to OGT*	2 weeks after OGT received	School board
Send new OGT*	27 November 2026	DUO
Checks	30 June 2027	School's auditor
Send in authenticated OGT, validated reference count form, and assurance report	30 June 2027	School board

* Only if the OGT contains errors.