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New Integration Scheme

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But.....

First some facts:



- Roughly 20 % Dutch population non-Dutch origin
- Third generation still chooses a partner from their homeland
- Family re-unification or -forming main migration motive
- Integration issues



Cabinet's Outline Agreement Agreement (2003)

*“Those wishing to live in our country on a long term basis
must actively take part in society,
master the Dutch language,
and be aware of and live by Dutch values”*

Integration Abroad Act (March 2006)

Integration Act (January 2007?)



1st step – Integration abroad Aliens Act 2000

FIRST step

- Preparation for integration into the Dutch society starts while people are still in their homeland
- Demonstration of skills: civic integration abroad examination

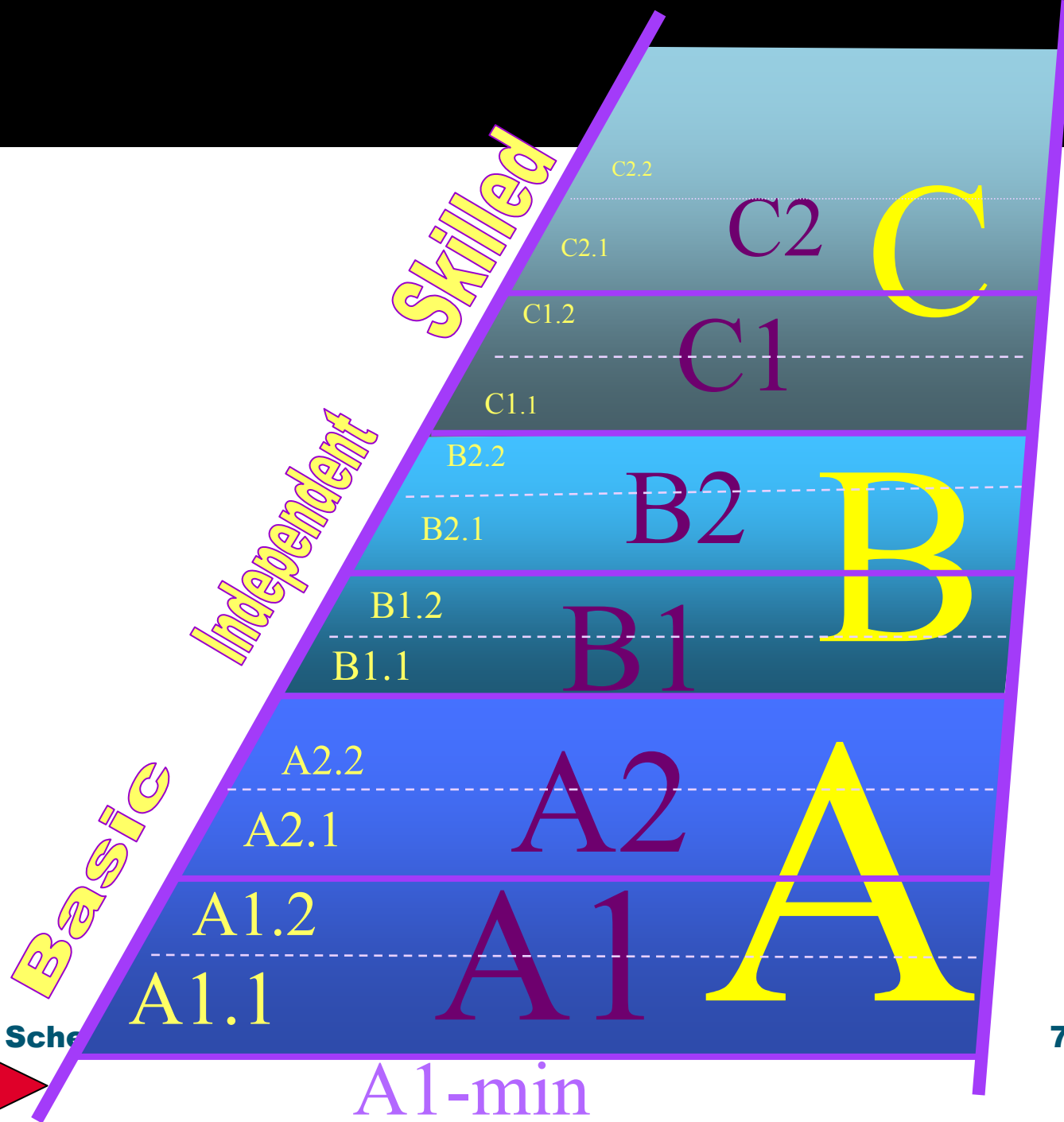


Examination Integration abroad

- Exam technique
- Content of the examination:
 - Dutch language exam
 - Knowledge of Dutch society exam



CEF





Knowledge of Dutch society

- Broad subject range: incl. history, living and working, legislation/constitution and democracy, raising children and education....



Consequences

Passing the examination is a requirement for obtaining a Authorisation for temporary stay (Mvv)



2nd step – Integration in the Netherlands

Second step:

Target group (16 – 64 years old):

- All newcomers (who come to the Netherlands for a non-temporary purpose)
- All non-naturalised migrants settled migrants
- Spiritual councillors (supplementary programme)



Examination in the Netherlands

- Level: A2 (A1 in reading & writing for oldcomers) approximately 600 learning hours
- Three parts:
 - Language test by phone
 - Functional language in common practical situations
 - Knowledge of Dutch society



CEF



Basic

Independent

Skilled

A1.1

A1

A

A1.2

A2

A2.1

A2.2

B1.1

B1

B1.2

B2

B2.1

B2.2

C1

C1.2

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Enforcing the obligation to integrate – a mixture of incentives & disincentives

- People
 - have 3 ½ or 5 years to pass the exam, otherwise they risk facing civil penalties
 - are free to use the available lending facility
 - are also entitled to a capped compensation for incurred costs (if they pass within 3 years)
- Passing the exam is required in order to apply for a residence permit for continued stay & a permanent residence permit



Results

- As from March 15 immigrants are taking the examination
- New Integration Act will enter into force on the first of January 2007

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Questions?

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