

1 School population in Flemish education

Full-time education	
ELEMENTARY EDUCATION ⁽¹⁾	
Nursery education	267,756
Special nursery education	1,984
Primary education	422,911
Special primary education	25,578
Total	718,229
SECONDARY EDUCATION ⁽¹⁾	
Full-time regular secondary education	418,228
Special secondary education	20,333
Total	438,561
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Associate degree nursing ⁽²⁾	7,434
Higher vocational adult education ⁽³⁾	17,442
Specific teacher training ⁽³⁾	8,840
University colleges ⁽⁴⁾	117,587
Universities ⁽⁴⁾	108,757

Part-time secondary education	
Part-time vocational secondary education ⁽¹⁾	8,754
Adult education	
Secondary adult education ⁽³⁾	316,860
Adult basic education ⁽³⁾	58,850
Part-time arts education	
Part-time arts education ⁽⁵⁾	177,798

- (1) Elementary and secondary education: number of pupils enrolled (all enrolments) on 1 February 2016.
 (2) Associate degree nursing: number of pupils enrolled on 1 February 2016.
 (3) Higher vocational adult education, specific teacher training, secondary adult education and adult basic education: number of unique enrolments on a programme for the reference period 1/4/2015 - 31/3/2016.
 (4) University colleges and universities: Bachelor's and Master's programmes. Data refer to all active enrolments in a degree contract in an institution for higher education on 30 June 2016. A student may have several enrolments.
 (5) Part-time arts education: number of students eligible for funding. Individuals enrolled on more than one course of study are counted more than once.

	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016
Part-time secondary education						
Part-time vocational secondary education ⁽¹⁾	7,871	8,241	8,636	8,867	8,807	8,754
Adult education						
Secondary adult education ⁽³⁾	314,576	322,744	328,087	324,903	325,870	316,860
Adult basic education ⁽³⁾	45,909	45,283	45,780	47,861	52,506	58,850
Part-time arts education						
Part-time arts education ⁽⁵⁾	171,663	173,486	174,102	175,251	175,804	177,798

- (1) Elementary and secondary education: number of pupils enrolled (all enrolments) on 1 February.
 (2) Associate degree nursing: number of pupils enrolled on 1 February.
 (3) Higher vocational adult education, specific teacher training, secondary adult education and adult basic education: number of unique enrolments on a programme for the reference period 1 April - 31 March.
 (4) University colleges and universities: Bachelor's and Master's programmes. Data refer to all active enrolments in a degree contract in an institution for higher education on 30 June. A student may have several enrolments.
 (5) Part-time arts education: number of students eligible for funding. Individuals enrolled on more than one course of study are counted more than once.

2 Changes in the school population by level of education

	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016
Full-time education						
NURSERY EDUCATION ⁽¹⁾						
Regular	257,424	262,603	265,953	269,197	268,453	267,756
Special	1,975	1,986	2,023	2,042	2,000	1,984
Total	259,399	264,589	267,976	271,239	270,453	269,740
PRIMARY EDUCATION ⁽¹⁾						
Regular	381,983	386,696	392,351	399,729	411,097	422,911
Special	28,225	28,566	28,481	28,307	27,483	25,578
Total	410,208	415,262	420,832	428,036	438,580	448,489
Total elementary education	669,607	679,851	688,808	699,275	709,033	718,229
SECONDARY EDUCATION ⁽¹⁾						
Regular	424,820	420,685	418,817	417,469	416,847	418,228
Special	19,487	19,835	20,177	20,495	20,661	20,333
Total secondary education	444,307	440,520	438,994	437,964	437,508	438,561
TERTIARY EDUCATION						
Associate degree nursing ⁽²⁾	5,837	6,255	6,869	7,383	7,402	7,434
Higher vocational adult education ⁽³⁾	17,757	18,235	17,913	17,989	17,862	17,442
Specific teacher training ⁽³⁾	9,097	9,199	9,305	9,425	9,355	8,840
University colleges ⁽⁴⁾	123,629	128,498	132,120	112,360	115,359	117,587
Universities ⁽⁴⁾	79,575	82,113	84,177	108,771	108,896	108,757

1 Educational institutions in Flemish education

Full-time education		Part-time secondary education	
ELEMENTARY EDUCATION ^{(1) (2)}		Part-time vocational secondary education ⁽⁴⁾ 48	
Autonomous nursery schools	162		
Autonomous primary schools	257	Adult education	
Schools providing nursery and primary education	2,177	Secondary adult education ⁽⁵⁾	106
Total	2,596	Adult basic education	13
SECONDARY EDUCATION		Part-time arts education	
Full-time regular secondary education ^{(3) (4)}	939	Part-time arts education	168
Special secondary education ⁽²⁾	116		
Total	1,055		
TERTIARY EDUCATION			
Associate degree nursing ⁽³⁾	20		
Higher vocational adult education and specific teacher training ⁽⁵⁾	39		
University colleges	16		
Universities	6		

(1) Autonomous nursery schools organise nursery education only. Autonomous primary schools organise primary education only.

(2) Excluding the so-called 'type 5-schools'. These schools organise special education of type 5 only (for pupils with long-term illness). In special elementary education, 6 schools organise nursery and primary education. In special secondary education there are 5 schools organising type 5-education. In order to avoid double counts, the pupils enrolled in special education type 5 are not included in the figures.

(3) 16 of the 939 schools organising full-time regular secondary education also organise the courses for the associate degree in nursing. Beside these schools, 4 schools only organise the courses for the associate degree in nursing. In the table above, the 16 schools referred to in this footnote are reported under both full-time regular secondary education and associate degree nursing.

(4) 43 of these 939 schools also organise part-time vocational secondary education. There are 5 schools that only organise part-time vocational secondary education. In the table above, the 43 schools referred to in this footnote are reported under both full-time secondary education and part-time vocational education.

(5) There are 101 centres for adult education. Some centres for adult education organise secondary adult education as well as higher vocational adult education. In the table, these centres are reported under both higher vocational adult education and secondary adult education.

1 Staff by level of education expressed in number of persons

	Tenured posts			Temporary posts			Total		
	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T
Elementary education	7,172	46,759	53,931	2,621	18,130	20,751	9,793	64,889	74,682
Secondary education ⁽¹⁾	20,566	36,870	57,436	6,697	11,827	18,524	27,263	48,697	75,960
Associate degree nursing ⁽²⁾	145	946	1,091	72	374	446	217	1,320	1,537
Higher vocational adult education and specific teacher training	261	327	588	351	304	655	612	631	1,243
University colleges ⁽³⁾	2,466	3,711	6,177	1,923	2,507	4,430	4,389	6,218	10,607
Secondary adult education	1,159	2,797	3,956	936	1,735	2,671	2,095	4,532	6,627
Adult basic education ⁽⁴⁾	-	-	-	164	1,030	1,194	164	1,030	1,194
Part-time arts education	1,615	2,408	4,023	683	1,031	1,714	2,298	3,439	5,737
Staff of pupil guidance centres, education inspectorate, educational advisory service, boarding schools, ...	922	3,332	4,254	349	1,645	1,994	1,271	4,977	6,248
Total	34,306	97,150	131,456	13,796	38,583	52,379	48,102	135,733	183,835
Universities ⁽⁵⁾							n/a	n/a	n/a

2 Staff by level of education expressed in number of full-time equivalents

	Tenured posts			Temporary posts			Total		
	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T
Elementary education	6,769	40,691	47,460	2,194	15,211	17,405	8,963	55,902	64,865
Secondary education ⁽¹⁾	19,438	32,096	51,534	6,069	10,435	16,504	25,507	42,531	68,038
Associate degree nursing ⁽²⁾	119	798	917	47	298	345	166	1,096	1,262
Higher vocational adult education and specific teacher training	204	263	467	159	195	354	363	458	821
University colleges ⁽³⁾	2,205	3,070	5,275	1,193	1,812	3,005	3,398	4,882	8,280
Secondary adult education	979	2,240	3,219	616	1,282	1,898	1,595	3,522	5,117
Adult basic education ⁽⁴⁾	-	-	-	137	762	899	137	762	899
Part-time arts education	1,399	1,908	3,307	396	602	998	1,795	2,510	4,305
Staff of pupil guidance centres, education inspectorate, educational advisory service, boarding schools, ...	850	2,696	3,546	298	1,309	1,607	1,148	4,005	5,153
Total	31,963	83,762	115,725	11,109	31,906	43,015	43,072	115,668	158,740
Universities ⁽⁵⁾							n/a	n/a	n/a

(1) Staff in full-time and part-time secondary education.

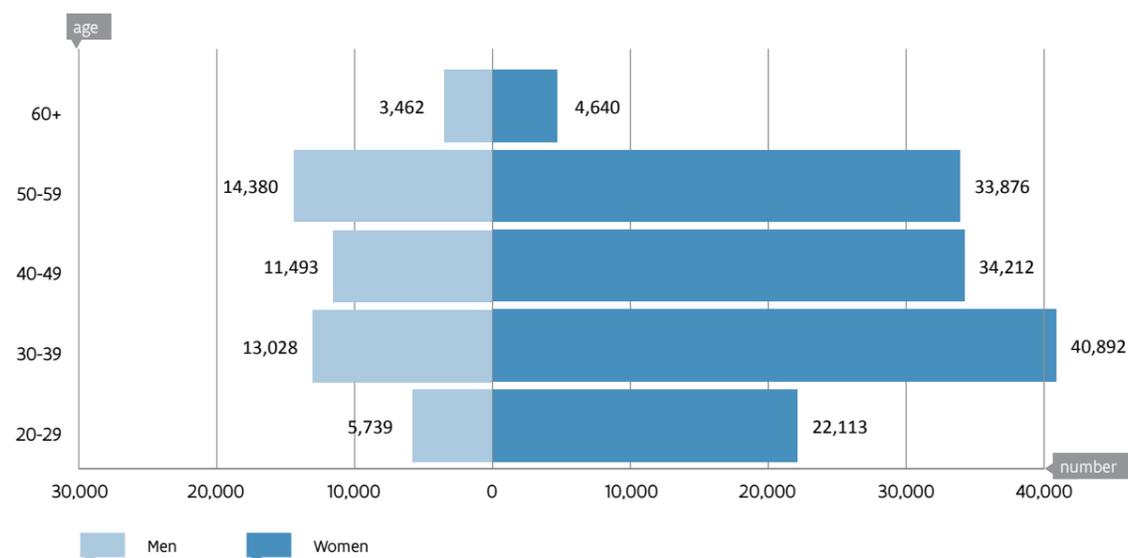
(2) The nursing courses at the 4th stage of vocational education became associate degree (HBO5) programmes in 2009-10.

(3) In the data on the university colleges, visiting professors and mandate fees are not included in the number of full-time equivalents.

(4) Since 1 September 2008 the staff members working at adult basic education centres have been paid directly by the Education and Training policy area. The Education and Training policy area functions as a third-party payment provider for staff members who have an employment contract with the adult basic education centre but are not paid through any other channel. This third-party payment scheme was introduced on the basis of the Decree on Adult Education (15 June 2007).

(5) The data for February 2016 were not yet available at the time of publication.

3 Staff by age group and gender ⁽¹⁾



(1) Excluding staff employed by universities.

4 Changes in staff by level of education expressed in number of persons

	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016
Regular elementary education	60,147	60,377	62,203	63,171	64,013	64,793
Special elementary education	9,533	9,620	9,712	9,799	9,907	9,889
Regular secondary education ⁽¹⁾	70,275	69,507	68,527	67,973	67,419	66,809
Special secondary education	8,032	8,296	8,472	8,801	9,020	9,151
Associate degree nursing ⁽²⁾	1,118	1,203	1,291	1,399	1,498	1,537
Higher vocational adult education and specific teacher training	1,302	1,308	1,261	1,245	1,248	1,243
University colleges ⁽³⁾	12,705	12,592	12,705	11,142	10,637	10,607
Secondary adult education	6,284	6,331	6,417	6,511	6,585	6,627
Adult basic education ⁽⁴⁾	868	899	914	950	1,077	1,194
Part-time arts education	5,680	5,708	5,728	5,755	5,761	5,737
Staff of pupil guidance centres, education inspectorate, educational advisory service, boarding schools, ...	6,274	6,270	6,269	6,282	6,228	6,248
Total	182,218	182,111	183,499	183,028	183,393	183,835
Universities ⁽⁵⁾	12,016	12,169	12,405	15,085	15,346	n/a

5 Changes in staff by level of education expressed in number of full-time equivalents

	2010-2011	2011-2012 ⁽⁶⁾	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016
Regular elementary education	51,353	51,122	53,868	54,546	55,334	56,242
Special elementary education	8,267	8,312	8,468	8,520	8,596	8,623
Regular secondary education ⁽¹⁾	62,499	61,593	61,079	60,513	60,078	59,793
Special secondary education	7,228	7,416	7,661	7,944	8,110	8,245
Associate degree nursing ⁽²⁾	911	978	1,047	1,143	1,233	1,262
Higher vocational adult education and specific teacher training	800	805	786	791	811	821
University colleges ⁽³⁾	9,973	9,831	9,923	8,643	8,282	8,280
Secondary adult education	4,831	4,832	4,918	4,983	5,071	5,117
Adult basic education ⁽⁴⁾	652	672	692	707	812	899
Part-time arts education	4,234	4,237	4,259	4,270	4,314	4,305
Staff of pupil guidance centres, education inspectorate, educational advisory service, boarding schools, ...	5,134	5,144	5,149	5,152	5,147	5,153
Total	155,882	154,942	157,850	157,212	157,788	158,740
Universities ⁽⁵⁾	8,520.80	8,618.20	8,690.06	10,420.47	10,503.44	n/a

(1) Staff in full-time and part-time secondary education.

(2) The nursing courses at the 4th stage of vocational education became associate degree (HBOS) programmes in 2009-10.

(3) In the data on the university colleges, visiting professors and mandate fees are not included in the number of full-time equivalents.

(4) Since 1 September 2008 the staff members working at adult basic education centres have been paid directly by the Education and Training policy area. The Education and Training policy area functions as a third-party payment provider for staff members who have an employment contract with the adult basic education centre but are not paid through any other channel. This third-party payment scheme was introduced on the basis of the Decree on Adult Education (15 June 2007).

(5) The data for February 2016 were not yet available at the time of publication.

(6) The number of full-time equivalents in January 2012 may be lower than normal due to a strike. This strike is not taken into account in the calculation of the budgetary full-time equivalents.

1 Overall education budget (in thousands of euros)

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Changes in the Flemish education budget	10,144,051	10,386,131	10,649,922	10,876,663	10,810,834	11,018,818
The education budget as a percentage of the Flemish budget	39.12%	38.63%	38.50%	38.84%	28.60%	27.25%

2 Distribution of the education budget by educational level



3 Changes in the education budget by educational level (in thousands of euros)

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Elementary education	3,315,165	3,467,787	3,641,127	3,711,241	3,737,469	3,832,188
Secondary education	4,016,851	4,097,770	4,138,180	4,209,500	4,145,581	4,154,329
Tertiary education	1,669,649	1,644,017	1,683,145	1,746,645	1,707,300	1,753,126
Adult education	355,293	370,347	374,996	388,591	393,344	410,994
Part-time arts education	216,767	224,098	228,895	232,842	232,296	236,866

1 Approved subsidy amounts and approved subsidy applications by educational level in 2015 ⁽¹⁾

	VGO		OGO		Total	
	Amount (in euros)	Number of subsidy applications	Amount (in euros)	Number of subsidy applications	Amount (in euros)	Number of subsidy applications
Regular elementary education	93,682,190	1,116	38,893,075	80	132,575,265	1,196
Special elementary education	14,324,433	63	751,635	6	15,076,068	69
Full-time regular secondary education	56,904,912	629	5,590,981	17	62,495,893	646
Special secondary education	4,624,552	40	365,253	2	4,989,805	42
Part-time vocational secondary education	-	-	-	-	-	-
Adult education	1,583,902	19	-	-	1,583,902	19
Part-time arts education	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pupil guidance centres	1,509,054	27	-	-	1,509,054	27
Boarding schools	7,669,159	74	-	-	7,669,159	74
Total	180,298,202	1,968	45,600,944	105	225,899,146	2,073

2 Approved subsidy amounts and approved subsidy applications by province in 2015

	VGO		OGO		Total	
	Amount (in euros)	Number of subsidy applications	Amount (in euros)	Number of subsidy applications	Amount (in euros)	Number of subsidy applications
Antwerp	34,650,485	465	16,247,341	53	50,897,826	518
Flemish Brabant	22,855,237	273	9,381,946	16	32,237,183	289
BCR	8,109,705	62	4,616,175	6	12,725,880	68
West Flanders	37,037,054	427	1,845,319	6	38,882,373	433
East Flanders	42,385,452	484	10,420,160	19	52,805,612	503
Limburg	35,260,269	257	3,090,003	5	38,350,272	262
Total	180,298,202	1,968	45,600,944	105	225,899,146	2,073

1 School and study allowances by educational level

	Number of applications	Number of allowances granted ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	Percentage of allowances granted	Total amount of allowances granted (in euros)	Average allowance (in euros)
Nursery education	75,840	52,394	69.08%	4,883,645	93.21
Primary education	152,490	108,482	71.14%	14,407,246	132.81
Secondary education of which	172,720	119,683	69.29%	53,021,477	443.02
- Full-time secondary education	167,176	116,894	69.92%	52,214,782	446.68
- Part-time secondary education	5,544	2,789	50.31%	806,695	289.24
Associate degree nursing	3,068	1,593	51.92%	1,993,085	1,251.15
Syntra	1,094	670	61.24%	175,652	262.17
Tertiary education of which	75,058	45,896	61.15%	79,383,158	1,729.63
- University colleges	46,004	29,319	63.73%	48,813,399	1,664.91
- Universities	26,631	16,202	60.84%	29,624,261	1,828.43
- Unknown ⁽³⁾	2,423	375	15.48%	945,498	2,521.33
Total	480,270	328,718	68.44%	153,864,263	-

(1) As known on 20/08/2016.

(2) School allowances are awarded to pupils in nursery, primary and secondary education; study allowances are awarded to students in higher education.

(3) The type of tertiary education is not known (because the student is studying abroad or in another Community of Belgium).

Note:

The data above are not yet final as a number of applicants are still under consideration (50,894 applicants) for the school year 2015-2016. Due to this, the number of allowances granted may increase further.

1 Number of applications in 2015

	Number of applications
Higher education: PhD	21
Higher education: level equivalence	257
Higher education: full equivalence	1,587
Higher vocational education	146
Secondary education: level equivalence	1,119
Secondary education: full equivalence	18
Adult education	318
Certificates	284
Professional recognition	115
Referrals/rejections	151
Legal precedents	74
Total	4,090

2 Number of decisions in 2015 ⁽¹⁾

Procedure	Positive ⁽²⁾	Negative ⁽³⁾	Other ⁽⁴⁾
Higher education: PhD	22	1	1
Higher education: level equivalence	181	6	33
Higher education: full equivalence	500	73	452
Higher vocational education	52	17	64
Secondary education: level equivalence	804	6	237
Secondary education: full equivalence	15	8	-
Adult education	157	53	-
Professional recognition	n/a	n/a	n/a
Legal precedents	n/a	n/a	n/a
Certificates	n/a	n/a	n/a

(1) A file needs to be completed before a final decision can be taken. For this reason incomplete files are not taken into account.

(2) The person concerned receives the equivalence (s)he applied for or for which the file was initially examined.

(3) In case of a negative decision equivalence is not granted.

(4) An 'other' decision concerns an equivalence with another study certificate or level than the one initially applied for or examined.
e.g. a person applies for equivalence with the degree of master but receives equivalence with the degree of bachelor.

3 Top 10 countries of origin of applicants in 2015

Secondary education		Tertiary education	
Country	Number	Country	Number
Morocco	140	The Netherlands	89
The Netherlands	123	Syria	62
Romania	88	Iraq	63
Syria	68	Morocco	49
Bulgaria	61	Russia	53
Poland	60	India	26
Iran	35	Ukraine	42
Turkey	29	Poland	43
Congo (RDC)	24	Romania	41
Afghanistan	22	Turkey	32

A Elementary education

1 Number of participants to obtain a certificate of elementary education by province in 2015 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾

	Number of participants	Number of passed
Antwerp	243	199
Flemish Brabant	13	12
West Flanders	5	4
East Flanders	5	4
Limburg	5	3
Total	271	222

(1) A participant is a candidate who has passed at least 1 examination.

(2) The data by province refer to the province of the schools (where the examination takes place).

B Secondary education

1 Number of registrations, enrollments and participants in 2015

	Number of registrations	Number of enrolments	Number of participants
Male	2,569	2,327	2,605
Female	1,957	1,957	2,190
Total	4,526	4,284	4,795

The figures above reflect the number of unique candidates who in 2015 were effectively enrolled in and paid for a course of study (enrolments) after they registered (registrations) at an information session. In 2015 there were 4,795 unique participants in at least one examination by the Examination Board of the Flemish Community (participants). This figure is higher than the number of enrolments because those candidates who enrolled for 2015 but did not yet graduate have been included in the figures.

2 Success rate by stage and type of secondary education in 2015

For 64% of all individual exams held by the Examination Board of the Flemish Community the candidate gained at least 50% of the marks. Subdivided according to **type of education** the success rate proved highest in vocational secondary education, followed by secondary education in the arts and technical secondary education. In general secondary education only slightly more than half of the candidates passed the examination.

Examination Board	Number of exams	Passed	Failed	% passed
Examination Board	32,654	21,024	11,630	64%

3 Study certificates awarded by the Examination Board in 2015

Certificate 1st stage	19
Certificate 2nd stage	33
Diploma secondary education	1,087
Total	1,139

1 Number of subsidised/financed boarding schools and boarders ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾⁽³⁾

	Number of boarding schools	Number of boarders				Total number of boarders
		Nursery education	Primary education	Secondary education	Associate degree nursing	
GO	31	43	362	1,877	4	2,286
VGO	105	65	759	6,918	152	7,894
OGO	3	10	49	71	32	162
Total	139	118	1,170	8,866	188	10,342

(1) Count date: 1 February 2016.

(2) Boarding schools with fewer than 30 boarders are not included, as they cannot be financed or subsidised.

(3) The following pupils and students are not reported in the data: 54 boarders in university colleges, 24 boarders in universities and 27 boarders in European schools.

1 Number of pupil guidance centres by educational network

	GO	VGO	OGO	Total
Pupil guidance centres	24	43	5	72
Permanent support units	1	1	1	3
Total	25	44	6	75

2 Staff of pupil guidance centres by legal status and gender (full-time equivalents)

	Tenured posts			Temporary posts			Total		
	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T
GO	65	401	466	16	180	196	81	581	662
VGO	187	1,164	1,351	36	465	501	223	1,629	1,852
OGO	29	129	158	4	77	81	33	206	239
Total	281	1,694	1,975	56	722	778	337	2,416	2,753

3 Changes in staff of pupil guidance centres (full-time equivalents)

	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016
Tenured posts	1,990	2,040	2,001	2,004	1,964	1,975
Temporary posts	773	702	748	735	775	778
Total	2,763	2,742	2,749	2,739	2,739	2,753

1 Number of transported pupils by educational level and educational network

	GO ⁽¹⁾	VGO	OGO	Total
Regular elementary education	949	822	258	2,029
Special elementary education	7,170	16,575	4,059	27,804
Total elementary education	8,119	17,397	4,317	29,833
Regular secondary education	37	101	-	138
Special secondary education	5,124	11,719	2,058	18,901
Total secondary education	5,161	11,820	2,058	19,039
Total	13,280	29,217	6,375	48,872

2 Number of transported pupils by transport mode

	GO ⁽¹⁾	VGO	OGO	Total
Pupils transported collectively ⁽²⁾	11,092	22,562	4,849	38,503
Pupils transported individually ⁽³⁾	2,188	6,655	1,526	10,369
Total	13,280	29,217	6,375	48,872

(1) For Community education only pupils within the zones are taken into account.

(2) A collectively transported pupil is a pupil using a special transport service with a minimum capacity of 7, financed or subsidised by the Flemish Community. Since 1 September 2001 this transport has been organised by the Flemish public bus company.

(3) An individually transported pupil is a pupil using public transport or a transport service with a capacity lower than 7, for which the Flemish Community contributes to the transport costs based on official public transport fares.