

**Noorderpoort**

**Training path  
Portalis**

## Youth prison in Veenhuizen in the Netherlands

- Organisation for education: Portalis

## Portalis

- located in the youth prison in Veenhuizen but also in Groningen.

# Noorderpoort

The youth prison in Veenhuizen is  
working together with  
ROC Noorderpoort.

## Noorderpoort

- Noorderpoort is a school for vocational education (level 1 - 4) in the north of Holland with about 15.000 students and 1500 employees.

## Noorderpoort - Portalis

- Portalis and Noorderpoort are different organisations and are independent of each other.

## Youth prison Veenhuizen

- In Veenhuizen there are about 50 youngsters kept in prison.
- During their captivity they are going to school daily ( 09.00 – 15.00) in small classes (max 7 persons).

## Cooperation Noorderpoort - Portalis

- Noorderpoort has detached 4 teachers at Portalis.
- They are working together with the teachers of Portalis.
- Their task is to fulfil the program that has to do with vocational education.



## Inmates

- aged 16 – 27 years old
- Most of them have not finished a school.
- So they have not a diplome.

## Schoolprogram

- socials skills
- “learn to work” in the context of
  - Catering
  - Metalworking
  - Construction
  - Medical care
  - Cleaning business

## Examination

- The youngsters can earn a diplome at level 1 by doing there exam under the control of Noorderpoort.

- A practice in a real situation
- Written exam in mathematics
- Dutch language
- Career and Citizenship:
  - politics
  - economics
  - sociology
  - vital citizenship (sport and health)
  - career development

## Extra requirement to get a diplome: Internship

- Besides a good result on their exam the youngsters have to do an internship of at least 300 hours at a company inside or outside the prison (if it is possible).

## Internship

- A special office from the Noorderpoort, is involved in finding internships for the inmates. It's a specialised office, who has a large number of companies which would offer a internship!

## Continuation

- Sometimes a youngster stays shortly in prison and then he cannot finish his study.
- But then he can continue his study at Noorderpoort or an other school for vocational education.