

Admission Requirements Regulations

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Brief Description	The Admission Requirements Regulations are a further elaboration of Articles 7.24 – 7.30 WHW (Higher Education and Research Act) on the admission to a Bachelor's programme and Associate degree programme and Articles 7.30b – 7.30e WHW on admission to a Master's programme.
Special circumstances	
Location	HVHL website and portal

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Article 1 Previous education requirements for the Bachelor's programme and Associate degree programme

Prospective students who wish to be admitted to the Bachelor's degree programme or the Associate degree programme must have one of the following education qualifications:

- a. a diploma from pre-university education (VWO) (Art. 7.24 WHW);
- b. a diploma from senior general secondary education (HAVO) (Art. 7.24 WHW);
- c. a degree certificate designated by the Minister, in Dutch or another language, that the VHL Executive Board deems to be at least equivalent to a HAVO or VWO diploma (Art. 7.28 WHW);
- d. a diploma from a management training programme (level 4) (Art. 7.24 WHW);
- e. a diploma from a specialist training programme (level 4) (Art. 7.24 WHW);
- f. a diploma from a professional training programme designated by ministerial decree (Art. 7.24 WHW);
- g. a decision from the Executive Board that the admissions examination for the chosen programme has been completed successfully (Art. 7.29 WHW).

Article 2 Additional previous education requirements for the Bachelor's programme and Associate degree programme

1. Additional previous education requirements may be set for registration for a study programme (Article 7.25 WHW). These requirements are derived from the *Regeling aanmelding en toelating hoger onderwijs* (regulations for registration and admission to higher education).
2. The additional registration requirements for prospective students with a HAVO or VWO diploma are detailed in Table 1.
3. There are no additional registration requirements for prospective students with an MBO diploma.

Article 3 Deficiency examination

1. The holder of a diploma that does not meet the conditions for registration (deficiency) can be registered on the condition that an examination shows that the requirements are met through comparable content. In accordance with Article 7.25 of the WHW, these requirements must be met before the start of the course.
2. The requirements of the examination are detailed in Table 2.
3. When conducting an investigation regarding an exception to the additional education qualifications, no age limit applies.

Article 4 Admission requirements for the working environment with the part-time variant

1. With a view to registration for a part-time study programme, the Executive Board may set requirements regarding the performance of work during the study programme if the relevant work is designated as study units in the Education and Examination Regulations (Article 7.27 of the WHW). If this is the case, it is indicated in Table 2.

2. These requirements pertain to the nature, content, and level of the working environment/ work activities as well as the learning objectives to be achieved. The available information/documentation must show whether the student has been able to carry out practical assignments in a meaningful way through their work environment, whether the student fulfils assignments within the study programme, and/or the student meets the learning outcomes of the study programme.

Article 5 Exemptions based on NVAO-accredited diplomas and diplomas designated by the Ministry

1. Prospective students¹ with a degree, diploma, or final evaluation as referred to in the first sentence of Article 7.28 paragraph 1 WHW and the first sentence of Article 7.28 paragraph 2 WHW are exempt from the previous education requirements referred to in Article 1 of these regulations.
2. The degree, diploma, or final evaluation referred to in the previous paragraph is understood to be a degree certificate (final student evaluation) of an NVAO-accredited study programme of a university or legal entity of higher education and a European Baccalaureate of a European school, if that Baccalaureate also has Dutch as a first or second language subject.
3. If additional qualifications are required for the study programme, the prospective students referred to in the first paragraph cannot take a final student evaluation, unless an additional examination is taken which demonstrates that the students possess the necessary knowledge and skills to which the additional qualifications apply. The Education and Examination Regulations describe how the prospective student can demonstrate that they have this knowledge and skills.
4. The Executive Board may decide that a prospective student with a diploma as referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article cannot be registered if the Executive Board is of the opinion that the requirements referred to in Article 7.25 WHW (the additional previous education requirements) are of such a nature that it is unlikely the party involved will be able to demonstrate they possess the knowledge and skills to which these requirements relate, within the first year of registration in the degree programme. Whether this is the case is stated in Table 2.
5. The Executive Board will determine how the person involved can be exempted from these requirements on the basis of an additional examination with a view to registration. These requirements are included in Table 2. These requirements must be met before the start of the study programme.
6. No age limit applies to the supplementary examination referred to in this Article.

Article 6 Exemptions based on the Treaty of Lisbon

1. In compliance with the provisions in the Act and this Article, the individuals referred to in Article 7.28 paragraph 1² second sentence of the WHW are exempt from the educational qualifications referred to in Article 1 of these regulations.
2. If the diploma referred to in the first paragraph is earned abroad and the language of the study programme at the location where the prospective student desires to enrol is Dutch, then the prospective student cannot be enrolled until proof has been provided of sufficient proficiency in Dutch. This proof is provided if the student passes the state exam *Nederlands als tweede taal*,

¹This concerns prospective students who have earned a Bachelor's or Master's degree at a university or institution for higher professional education. It also concerns prospective students who have earned a diploma designated by the Ministry as "at least equivalent".

²This includes prospective students from an EU member state.

programma II (Dutch as a second language, programme II) (NT2, II), by passing an examination at the B2 level of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages or an examination at a comparable level.

3. If the diploma referred to in the first paragraph is earned abroad, and the language of the study programme at the location where the prospective student desires to enrol is English, then the prospective student cannot be enrolled until proof has been provided of sufficient proficiency in English. This proof is provided if the student passes an academic IELTS test with an overall band score of 6.0. If the student submits a different type of language proficiency test, then the standard referred to in Article 4.2 of the *Gedragcode Internationale Student in het Hoger Onderwijs* (code of conduct for international students in Dutch higher education) or the standard as published on the website of the university of applied sciences applies.
4. If additional qualifications are required for the study programme, the prospective students referred to in the first paragraph cannot take a final student evaluation, unless an additional examination is taken which demonstrates that the students possess the necessary knowledge and skills to which the additional qualifications apply. The Education and Examination Regulations describe how the prospective student can demonstrate that they have this knowledge and skills.
5. The Executive Board may decide that a prospective student with a diploma as referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article cannot be registered if the Executive Board is of the opinion that the requirements referred to in Article 7.25 WHW (the additional previous education requirements) are of such a nature that it is unlikely the party involved will be able to demonstrate they possess the knowledge and skills to which these requirements relate, within the first year of registration in the degree programme. Whether this is the case is indicated in Table 2.
6. The Executive Board will determine how the person involved can be exempted from these requirements on the basis of an additional examination with a view to registration. These requirements are included in Table 2. These requirements must be met before the start of the study programme.
7. No age limit applies to the supplementary examination referred to in this Article.

Article 7 Exemptions based on other diplomas and diplomas from abroad

1. In compliance with the provisions in the Act and this Article, prospective students who hold a diploma from the Netherlands or another country, as referred to in Article 7.28 paragraph 2 second sentence of the WHW, can be exempted from the previous education qualifications referred to in Article 1 of these regulations.
2. For assessing the equivalency of any diploma, as the occasion arises the VHL Executive Board will request advice from the Nuffic.
3. If the diploma referred to in the first paragraph is earned abroad and the language of the study programme at the location where the prospective student desires to enrol is Dutch, then the prospective student cannot be enrolled until proof has been provided of sufficient proficiency in Dutch. This proof is provided if the student passes the state exam *Nederlands als tweede taal, programma II* (Dutch as a second language, programme II) (NT2, II), by passing an examination at the B2 level of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages or an examination at a comparable level.
4. If the diploma referred to in the first paragraph is earned abroad, and the language of the study programme at the location where the prospective student desires to enrol is English, then the

prospective student cannot be enrolled until proof has been provided of sufficient proficiency in English. This proof is provided if the student passes an academic IELTS test with an overall band score of 6.0. If the student submits a different type of language proficiency test, then the standard referred to in Article 4.2 of the *Gedragcode Internationale Student in het Hoger Onderwijs* (code of conduct for international students in Dutch higher education) applies.

5. If additional qualifications are required for the study programme, the prospective students referred to in the first paragraph cannot take a final student evaluation, unless an additional examination is taken which demonstrates that the students possess the necessary knowledge and skills to which the additional qualifications apply. The Education and Examination Regulations describe how the prospective student can demonstrate that they have this knowledge and skills.
6. The Executive Board may decide that a prospective student with a diploma as referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article cannot be registered if the Executive Board is of the opinion that the requirements referred to in Article 7.25 WHW (the additional previous education requirements) are of such a nature that it is unlikely the party involved will be able to demonstrate they possess the knowledge and skills to which these requirements relate, within the first year of registration in the degree programme. Whether this is the case is indicated in Table 2.
7. The Executive Board will determine how the person involved can be exempted from these requirements on the basis of an additional examination with a view to registration. These requirements are included in Table 2.
8. No age limit applies to the supplementary examination referred to in this Article.

Article 8 Exemption from taking a language proficiency test

The following prospective students are exempted from the requirement to take an English-language proficiency test:

- Prospective students who have completed their previous education in English in the US, UK, Australia, New Zealand, Ireland, South Africa, Kenya, Uganda, Zimbabwe, or Canada (English-speaking areas);
- Prospective students from Belgium (Flanders), Denmark, Germany, Estonia, Finland, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Norway, Austria, Romania, Slovakia, or Sweden who are in possession of a diploma that is included in the diploma list as published on the website from Nuffic, and who had English in their final exam package.

Article 9 Exemptions based on an entrance examination (21+ test)

1. In compliance with the provisions in the Act and this Article, prospective students 21 years of age and older, who, by 1 September of the relevant academic year, do not meet the previous education requirements referred to in Article 1 of these regulations, and who are not exempt from these requirements pursuant to the provisions in Article 5, 6, or 7 must take an entrance exam. If the Executive Board decides that the prospective students have passed the entrance exam, then they are exempted from the previous educational requirements referred to in Article 1.
2. The entrance examination consists of three components: an intake interview, a language test, and a content-related component. The requirements are included in Table 2.
3. The examination referred to in this Article can only be taken by individuals 21 years of age and older.

Article 10 Access to an expedited programme for prospective students with a VWO diploma

If this article applies, the requirements are included in Table 2.

Article 11 Enrolment in post-propaedeutic phase (main phase)

1. Enrolment in the post-propaedeutic phase of the programme is possible with a completed propaedeutic evaluation.
2. In compliance with the provisions in the Act and this Article, prospective students who hold a diploma from the Netherlands or another country, that the Examining Board judges to be at least equivalent to the propaedeutic evaluation of the programme, will be exempted from the requirement in paragraph 1 of these regulations.
3. If the diploma referred to in the second paragraph is earned abroad and the language of the study programme at the location where the prospective student desires to enrol is Dutch, then the prospective student cannot be enrolled until proof has been provided of sufficient proficiency in Dutch. This proof is provided if the student passes the an *NT2, niveau II* (Dutch as a second language, level II) examination, by passing an examination at the B2 level of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages or an examination at a comparable level.
4. If the diploma referred to in the second paragraph is earned abroad and the language of the study programme at the location where the prospective student desires to enrol is English, then the prospective student cannot be enrolled until proof has been provided of sufficient proficiency in English. This proof is provided if the student passes an academic IELTS test with an overall band score of 6.0. If the student submits a different type of language proficiency test, then the standard referred to in Article 4.2 of the *Gedragcode Internationale Student in het Hoger Onderwijs* (code of conduct for international students in Dutch higher education) applies.
5. A student enrolled in the propaedeutic phase can send a request, with motivation, to the Examining Board to be enrolled in specific study units in the post-propaedeutic phase.
6. Students who received a positive recommendation as mentioned in Article 4.2 of the Education and Examination Regulations can, within the framework of this regulation, be enrolled to study units in the post-propaedeutic phase of the programme. This also applies to students who have received a postponement of the study advice at the end of the first academic year.

Article 12 Admission to the Master's study programme

1. For registration to a Master's programme in higher professional education, the admission requirement is:
 - a. the possession of a Bachelor's degree in academic education or a Bachelor's degree in higher professional education; or
 - b. the possession of knowledge, insight, and skills at the level of a Bachelor's in university education or a Bachelor's in higher professional education.
2. In addition to the requirements referred to in the first paragraph, the Executive Board may establish qualitative admission requirements. If qualitative admission requirements have been established, then they are included in Table 2.

Article 13 Conditions of enrolment

Before they can participate in education, examinations, and assessments, prospective students must also comply with the conditions of enrolment as presented in the Student Charter and the *inschrijvingsbesluit* (enrolment decree). The Student Charter and the enrolment decree can be found on the portal.