

**TU/e STUDENTS' FINANCIAL SUPPORT (PROFILERINGSFONDS)
REGULATIONS 2012-2013**

Article 1 Introduction

These regulations consist of the following sections:

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of higher-rate statutory tuition fees**
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SECTION I General

Article 2 Definitions

The following definitions will be used in these regulations:

WHW:	Higher Education and Research Act;
WSF 2000:	Student Grants and Loans Act 2000;
DUO-IB-Groep	Dienst Uitvoering Onderwijs (organization for student grants and loans)
credits:	credits as referred to in section 7.4 of the WHW;
STU:	Education and Student Service Centre of Eindhoven University of Technology;
financial support:	a graduation allowance, administrative grant, or reimbursement of higher-rate statutory tuition fees;
mixed financial assistance:	financial assistance for students on the basis of sections 15 to 16a and chapter 3 of the WSF 2000;
nominal duration of study:	the statutory duration of the study program;
nominal study progress:	obtaining 60 credits per academic year;
performance grant student:	a student who first received financial assistance for a program of higher education after August 31, 1996;
student:	a person enrolled as a student in a full-time or dual study program at Eindhoven University of Technology, who is or has been entitled to financial assistance, and whose main enrollment is at the TU/e;
foreign student	a person who does not have Dutch nationality, who is enrolled as a student in a full-time study program at Eindhoven University of Technology and is not entitled to financial assistance;
long-term student (having taken too long to complete his/her studies):	a student required to pay higher-rate statutory tuition fees, as determined by DUO-IB-Groep;

federation annual meeting:	the annual process of consultation between STU and the study, social, sports, cultural and other associations of students;
academic year:	period starting on September 1 and ending on August 31 of the following year;
'tempo' grant student:	a student who first received financial assistance under the WSF 2000 (Bulletin of Acts, Orders and Decrees 1986, 252) for a program of higher education after July 31, 1991 and before September 1, 1996;
TU/e:	Eindhoven University of Technology;
transition program:	a program for students who do not have a Bachelor's degree that corresponds to their intended Master's program. The transition program enables them to make up shortfalls so that they can be admitted to the Master's program;
condensed program:	the transition program for Higher Professional Education (HBO) graduates within a Bachelor's degree program and the subsequent Master's degree program;
higher-rate statutory tuition fees:	statutory tuition fees including the surcharge for long-term students.

Article 3 Purpose of these regulations

Section 7.51 of the WHW specifies that students are granted financial support on the basis of the *profileringsfonds* if they experience delays in their studies as a consequence of exceptional circumstances or if they may be eligible for financial support for other reasons (as referred to in article 6, paragraph 1, under f and g).

Article 4 General provisions

1. To be eligible for financial support, students must comply with the conditions and procedures included in these regulations.
2. Students who enroll at the TU/e as a 'second program' (secondary enrollment) do not receive financial support.
3. A student cannot apply for financial support from both the *profileringsfonds* and DUO-IB-Groep for the same circumstances.

Article 5 Exceptional circumstances in which a student may be eligible for financial support

1. Financial support on the basis of the *profileringsfonds* comprises a graduation allowance, an administrative grant, or reimbursement of higher-rate statutory tuition fees.
2. Exceptional circumstances on the basis of which a student may be eligible for a graduation allowance include:
 - a. illness;
 - b. physical, sensory or other disabilities;
 - c. pregnancy and giving birth;
 - d. exceptional family circumstances;

- e. membership of a Program Committee, the University Council, or the Departmental Council, or student advisory member of a Departmental Board, all specified in appendix 1;
 - f. a insufficiently accomplishable program;
 - g. a delay in study resulting from participation in sport at the top level.
3. Exceptional circumstances on the basis of which a student may be eligible for an administrative grant include:
- a. membership of the board of a student organization with a sufficient number of members and with full legal authority;
 - b. activities of an administrative or social nature which the Executive Board considers also to be in the interests of the university or of the program that the student is following.
4. Foreign students are eligible for a graduation allowance in case of illness.
5. In cases as referred to in paragraph 2, b to g, foreign students can, at the discretion of the student counselor, be eligible for a graduation allowance, if they comply with the remaining requirements of these regulations.
6. Foreign students are entitled to an administrative grant, in accordance with paragraph 3, as long as they meet the relevant requirements.
7. If a request for financial support submitted on the basis of circumstances other than those specified in paragraphs 2 and 3 is not granted by the Executive Board and this would lead to a situation of significant unfairness, said circumstances could also be seen as reason for granting financial support.
8. In the case of exceptional circumstances as specified in paragraphs 2, under a, b, or d, a long-term student may be entitled to reimbursement of all or part of the higher-rate statutory tuition fees. A part-time student at TU/e may qualify for such a reimbursement in the case of exceptional circumstances as specified in paragraphs 2, under a to f, paragraph 3, or paragraph 7 of this article.

SECTION II Conditions, duration and scale of financial support/reimbursement of higher-rate statutory tuition fees

Article 6.1 Conditions for financial support

1. Students are eligible for a graduation allowance if they:
- a. are enrolled in a program for which they have not yet been awarded a degree and for which they have to pay the statutory tuition fee, and
 - b. as the consequence of exceptional circumstances, cannot complete all or part of the program, and
 - c. are or have been entitled to mixed financial assistance for that program, and
 - d. are actually studying at the TU/e, and
 - e. during the period that they receive mixed financial assistance, have experienced or expect to experience a delay in their studies as a result of exceptional circumstances, and
 - f. are enrolled in a Master's program which the Executive Board has decided is worth more than 120 credits, or
 - g. are enrolled in a program which has not been re-accredited and for which they have not yet been awarded a degree.

The conditions that they have to pay the statutory tuition fee and are or have been entitled to financial assistance do not apply to foreign students.

2. Students are not entitled to a graduation allowance if their studies are delayed by less than one month.
3. Students are only eligible for a graduation allowance, as referred to in this article, if at the time of applying for the allowance they are enrolled in a full-time or dual program at the TU/e with the aim of successfully completing the final examination of a program of study at the TU/e.
4. The previous three paragraphs also apply to students taking the transition program to prepare for a Master's program. Full-time students enrolled in a condensed program may also claim an allowance from the graduation fund if they no longer qualify for mixed financial assistance and if they have exceeded the nominal duration of study of the condensed program due to exceptional circumstances.
5. Students who have previously participated in a program of study at another institute of higher education, as specified in the appendix to the WHW under a to g, and who have previously received a graduation allowance, or would have received it if they had applied for it, are also entitled to a graduation allowance.

Article 6.2 Conditions for reimbursement of higher-rate statutory tuition fees

1. With effect from September 1st, 2012, a student may claim financial reimbursement of higher-rate statutory tuition fees from the *profileringsfonds* if:
 - the higher-rate statutory tuition fees as specified in section 7.45b of the WHW are payable; and,
 - he or she has received financial assistance for 12 months or more from the *profileringsfonds*, or an additional year of student funding from DUO-IB-Groep; and,
 - that support was received as a result of long-term illness (more than six months), a physical, sensory, or other functional impairment, or exceptional personal circumstances;
 - he or she satisfies the conditions specified in article 6.1.
2. If the student has received an additional year of student funding from DUO-IB-Groep, he or she only qualifies for reimbursement of higher-rate statutory tuition fees once the delay in his or her studies extends beyond that year.
3. With effect from September 1st, 2012, a part-time student may claim financial reimbursement of higher-rate statutory tuition fees from the *profileringsfonds* if:
 - he or she is enrolled in a part-time TU/e program in which he or she has not yet been awarded a degree; and,
 - the higher-rate statutory tuition fees are payable; and,
 - due to exceptional circumstances, he or she is not attending either all or part of the program; and,
 - his or her studies have been, or are expected to be, delayed as a result of those exceptional circumstances.

Article 7.1 Recognized months for financial support

1. A delay in study progress caused by exceptional circumstances, as referred to in article 5, paragraphs 2 and 3, is expressed in terms of 'recognized months'. A student can only receive financial support for recognized months.
2. In determining the number of recognized months account is taken of the duration of the exceptional circumstances, the actual delay in study progress given the program schedule, and the time required for the student to make up the lost time.
3. Study delays are expressed in whole months.

4. In the case of exceptional circumstances as specified in article 5, paragraph 2, under a, b, d and f, and article 5, paragraph 3, under a and b, and paragraphs 4 and 5 of article 5, the number of recognized months is assessed on a case-by-case basis.
5. In the case of exceptional circumstances as specified in article 5, paragraph 2, under c, e, and g, and article 5, paragraph 3, the number of recognized months is assessed on a case-by-case basis, but is restricted to a maximum:
 - a. in the case of the exceptional circumstances specified in article 5, paragraph 2, under c, the maximum is four months;
 - b. in the case of the exceptional circumstances specified in article 5, paragraph 2, under e, the maximum numbers of months are specified in appendix 1;
 - c. in the case of the exceptional circumstances specified in article 5, paragraph 2, under g, the maximum period is 12 months
 - d. in the case of the exceptional circumstances specified in article 5, paragraph 3, the maximum recognized period per organization will be set before September 1st of the current year, during the federation annual meeting specified in appendix 2, taking account of the maximum of nine months per administrative function.
6. The period of a graduation allowance for a student enrolled in a Master's program, as referred to in article 6, paragraph 1, under f, is the period at which the study load exceeds 120 credits.
7. The maximum number of months to be recognized for a student enrolled in a program as referred to in article 6, paragraph 1, under g, is twelve.

Article 7.2 Recognized months for reimbursement of higher-rate statutory tuition fees

1. The amount of the financial reimbursement is expressed in months
2. In determining the number of recognized months, account is taken of the time required for the student to make up the delay in study progress, and the deadline by which the student must graduate.
3. Both the time required to make up the delay and the deadline for graduation are expressed in whole months.
4. The maximum number of recognized months is 12.
5. The terms of this article apply equally to part-time students at TU/e.

Article 8.1 Supplementary conditions for a graduation allowance: Reporting and limiting delays in study progress

1. In the case of a delay in study progress, as referred to in article 5, paragraph 2, under a, b, c, d, and f, the student concerned – if he or she decides to continue studying – should inform the student advisor of the program or a student counselor at the STU as soon as possible after the circumstances concerned occur, and in any case within five months, to discuss what measures need to be taken to limit the delay as much as possible.

If the exceptional circumstances last longer than five months, reporting them later (i.e. after the five months) will have the following consequences:

- a. if the delay in study progress is reported after the five-month period, but the exceptional circumstances are still occurring, the student will not receive an allowance from the graduation fund for delays experienced in the period preceding the five months before the delay is reported.

- b if the delay in study progress is reported after the five-month period and the exceptional circumstances are no longer occurring, an allowance from the graduation fund is only possible for a maximum period of five months.

In any case, students are obliged to do everything they can to avoid and limit the extent of delays in study progress.

2. The obligation to report delays in study progress, as referred to in paragraph 1, does not apply to students with a chronic functional impairment. These students must report their functional impairment on their enrollment form. If they have not done this, they are expected to report any delays in their study progress as soon as possible and, in any case, within five months. The final sentence of the previous paragraph applies accordingly.

3. Paragraph 1 of this article applies equally to part-time students at TU/e, but in their case the obligation to report delays also applies in the event of a chronic functional impairment.

Article 8.2 Supplementary conditions for a graduation allowance:

Compulsory consultation with the STU student counselor

1. Students who are unable to participate in education for a period of two months or more, as a result of exceptional circumstances as specified in article 5, paragraph 2, under a, b, or d, are obliged to consult the student counselor:

- a. within two months of the exceptional circumstances starting, on the possibility of suspending their enrollment;
- b. no later than two weeks before February 1st of the academic year, on the possibility of making use of the 'February 1st scheme', as referred to in section 5.10 of the WSF 2000.

2. Paragraph 1, under a, of this article applies equally to part-time students at TU/e.

Article 9 Supplementary conditions for administrative grants

1. For financial support based on the performance of an administrative function, as referred to in article 5, paragraph 3, under a and b, the student must be able to prove that he or she spends at least 105 hours on the administrative function for each recognized month.

2. The number of recognized months for an administrative grant, as referred to in article 5, paragraph 3, under a and b, for each academic year is a minimum of one and a maximum of nine. Each of the organizations referred to in appendix 2 specifies how many months are required to perform each administrative function; this can be changed in exceptional circumstances in consultation with the student counselor.

3. Students who perform more than one administrative function, as referred to in article 5, paragraph 3, under a and b, and article 5, paragraph 2, under e, in one academic year cannot receive financial support for more than 12 months. Students who perform more than one administrative function over a period longer than one academic year can be granted financial support for a maximum of 14 months over the total period of their enrollment.

4. To be eligible for financial support based on the performance of an administrative function, as referred to in article 5, paragraph 3, under a and b, a student must have already passed the propaedeutic examination at the time the administrative function starts and, in the years preceding the academic year in which he or she wishes to perform an administrative function and, if applicable, in the preceding period in the academic year concerned, must have achieved an average of at least 75% of the

nominal study progress. In determining this study progress, periods of delay caused by exceptional circumstances for which the student has received a graduation allowance or extensions of the performance grant by DUO-IB-Groep are not taken into account.

5. For students on transition programs who cannot pass the propaedeutic examination, and for students who transfer directly to the Master's program, the same criteria apply for study progress as specified in paragraph 4 of this article. In addition, these students must have obtained at least 20 credits in the period preceding the month on which they start performing their administrative function.

6. A study progress requirement applies during the period that the administrative function, as referred to in article 5, paragraph 3, under a and b, is being performed. A student who first enrolled in an old-style Bachelor's degree program prior to September 1, 2012, is required to obtain at least 12 credits during a 12-month period of administrative duties, or to satisfy the requirements for the award of a Bachelor's or Master's degree during that period. This requirement applies equally to Master's degree students. A student who first enrolled in a new-style Bachelor's degree program on or after September 1st, 2012, is required to obtain at least 15 credits during a 12-month period of administrative duties, or to satisfy the requirements for the award of a Bachelor's or Master's degree during that period.

7. If the period of the administrative function is less than 12 months, the study progress requirement is determined in consultation with the student counselor.

Article 10 Supplementary conditions for top-level athletes

1. Students who are recognized as top-level athletes and who genuinely practice or have practiced sport at this level during their period of study may be eligible for a graduation allowance.

2. Students are considered to be top-level athletes if they meet the requirements specified in article 6, practice sport at top level during the period in which they receive financial assistance (including mixed financial assistance) and, on the basis of a statement from the Dutch Olympic Committee/Dutch Sport Federation (NOC*NSF) or the regional Olympic network, are classified as A, B, HP, IT, NT, 'Belofte', RS or RS status athletes.

Appendix 3 explains these statuses in greater detail.

Article 11.1 Scale of financial support

1. The scale of the financial support is equal to the assistance which the recipient receives in accordance with chapter 3 of the WSF 2000, or would have received if he or she had taken advantage or been able to take advantage of that possibility. For foreign students the support is equal to the basic grant for students not living at home per recognized month.

2. If a student applying for an administrative grant after the end of the academic year in which the administrative function was performed failed to satisfy the study progress requirement during that period, the amount of the financial allowance payable is determined pro rata.

3. The financial support is provided in the form of a donation. The amount of the support is based on the financial assistance received by the recipient at the time he or she applies for financial support.

4. If the recipient no longer receives financial assistance at the time of the application, the provisions of paragraph 1 of this article will apply accordingly.

5. The financial support is provided for the number of recognized months.

Article 11.2 Scale of reimbursement of higher-rate statutory tuition fees

1. The scale of the financial reimbursement per month is equal to one-twelfth (1/12) of the difference between the statutory tuition fees and the higher-rate statutory tuition fees, as specified in section 7.45, paragraph 1, of the WHW.
2. The financial reimbursement is provided for the number of recognized months defined for the reimbursement of higher-rate statutory tuition fees.
3. The financial reimbursement of higher-rate statutory tuition fees is provided in the form of a donation, and is paid in arrears. If the student's enrollment takes effect on a date later than September 1st, the number of months for which the reimbursement in that academic year is awarded and paid will not exceed the number of months during which the student is enrolled.
4. The terms of this article apply equally to part-time students at TU/e.

SECTION III Procedure

Article 12.1 Application procedure: graduation allowance

1. Applications for a graduation allowance, excluding allowances relating to top-level sport, must be submitted to the STU and addressed to the Executive Board, using the application form provided.
2. Proof of receipt will be sent to the applicant within two weeks.
3. Applications received after December 31st of the academic year following that in which the exceptional circumstances concerned occurred, as referred to in article 5, paragraph 2, under a to d, and f, will not be processed, unless the applicant can prove that he or she was not able to submit an application due to circumstances beyond their control.
4. The following documents must be submitted with the application:
 - a1. if the application relates to one of the reasons referred to in article 5, paragraph 2, under a, b and c: a statement from a doctor, psychologist or obstetrician specifying when the circumstances concerned took place.
 - a2. if the application related to exceptional family circumstances (article 5, paragraph 2, under d): written documents specifying the nature of the circumstances.
 - a3. if the application is based on one of the reasons specified in article 5, paragraph 2e: a statement from a Program Committee, the University Council, Departmental Council or Departmental Board specifying the period that the student was a member (or, in the case of the Departmental Board, a student advisory member).
 - a4. if the application relates to a program that cannot reasonably be completed within the nominal duration of study (article 5, paragraph 2, under f): an explanation from the student.
 - b. if applicable, proof that the applicant has made use of one of the options referred to in article 8.2 of these regulations.
 - c. a statement from DUO-IB-Groep specifying the amount of the financial assistance received by the applicant at the time of the application.
5. Depending on the circumstances and with the student's permission the STU may, in a situation as referred to in paragraph 4, under a1, request additional information from the doctor, psychologist or obstetrician concerned.

6. If the application is incomplete, the applicant has a period of four weeks to provide the required information. If the application is not completed within that period, it will not be processed. The applicant will be informed of this by the STU.

Article 12.2 Application procedure: graduation allowance relating to top-level sport

1. An application for a graduation allowance should be submitted to the STU and addressed to the Executive Board, using the application form provided.
2. Proof of receipt will be sent to the applicant within two weeks.
3. The application should be submitted at the time when the student engaged in top-level sport intends to make use of the financial support or as long before that as the student wishes.
4. The following documents must be submitted with the application:
 - a. a statement from the NOC*NSF, the regional Olympic network, or the CTO (Center for Top-level Sport and Education) on the student's status
 - b. a statement from DUO-IB-Groep specifying the amount of the financial assistance at the time of the application.
5. If the statement referred to in paragraph 4, under a, of this article is missing, the student counselor can ask the advice of the director of the TU/e sports center.
6. If the application is incomplete, the applicant has a period of four weeks to provide the required information. If the application is not completed within that period, it will not be processed. The applicant will be informed of this by the STU.

Article 12.3 Application procedure: administrative grant

1. An application for an administrative grant, as referred to in article 5, paragraph 3, under a and b, should be submitted to the STU and addressed to the Executive Board, using the application form provided.
2. Proof of receipt will be sent to the applicant within two weeks.
3. Applications must be submitted before May 1st of the academic year in which the administrative function is held.
4. The following documents must be submitted with the application:
 - a. a statement from the board or body concerned specifying the period in which the administrative function was held (also to be specified on the application form).
 - b. a statement from DUO-IB-Groep specifying the amount of the financial assistance received by the applicant at the time of the application.
5. If an application is incomplete, the applicant has a period of four weeks to provide the required information. If the application is not completed within that period, it will not be processed. The applicant will be informed of this by the STU.

Article 12.4 Application procedure: allowance in connection with a membership as specified in article 5, paragraph 2, under e

1. An application for an allowance in connection with a membership, as referred to in article 5, paragraph 2, under e, should be submitted to the STU and addressed to the Executive Board, using the application form provided.
2. Proof of receipt will be sent to the applicant within two weeks.
3. Applications must be submitted within two months after the end of the membership as specified in article 5, paragraph 2, under e.
4. The following documents must be submitted with the application:

- a. a statement from the chairperson of the relevant Program Committee or Departmental Board, the University Council, or the Departmental Council;
 - b. a statement from DUO-IB-Groep specifying the amount of the financial assistance received by the applicant at the time of the application.
5. If an application is incomplete, the applicant has a period of four weeks to provide the required information. If the application is not completed within that period, it will not be processed. The applicant will be informed of this by the STU.

Article 12.5 Application procedure: reimbursement of higher-rate statutory tuition fees

1. An application for reimbursement of higher-rate statutory tuition fees should be submitted to the STU and addressed to the Executive Board, using the application form provided.
2. Confirmation of receipt will be sent to the applicant within two weeks.
3. Applications must be submitted before October 1st of the academic year in which the higher-rate statutory tuition fees are payable.
4. The following documents must be submitted with the application:
 - a. if the application is being made on the grounds specified in article 5, paragraph 2, under a, b, and d: a statement by a physician or psychologist involved in the student's treatment, containing details of the period in which the circumstances in question applied, as well as the letter from DUO-IB-Groep awarding an additional year of student funding;
 - b. if the application is being made on the grounds of exceptional family circumstances as specified in article 5, paragraph 2, under d: written evidence of the existence of those circumstances.
5. If an application is incomplete, the applicant has a period of four weeks to provide the required information. If the application is not completed within that period, it will not be processed. The applicant will be informed of this by the STU.
6. The terms of this article apply equally to part-time students at TU/e, subject to the following additional conditions:
 - in the case of an application on the grounds specified in article 5, paragraph 2, under c: the terms contained in Article 12.1, paragraph 4, under a1 and b, also apply;
 - in the case of an application on the grounds specified in article 5, paragraph 2, under e: the terms contained in Article 12.4, paragraph 4, under a, also apply;
 - in the case of an application on the grounds specified in article 5, paragraph 2, under f: the terms contained in Article 12.1, paragraph 4, under a4, also apply.
 - in the case of an application on the grounds specified in article 5, paragraph 3, under a: the terms contained in Article 12.3, paragraph 4, under a, also apply.

Article 13 Assessment of applications

1. When assessing an application based on the exceptional circumstances referred to in article 5, paragraph 2, under a or d, if the student has been unable to take part in the study program for more than two months as a result of these exceptional circumstances, it is necessary to determine whether the student has made use of the possibility to terminate his or her enrollment for the academic year concerned; if the student has not made use of this possibility, the application can be partially or completely rejected on these grounds. This provision also applies to an application for reimbursement of higher-rate statutory tuition fees.

2. When assessing an application for a graduation allowance based on the exceptional circumstances referred to in article 5, paragraph 2, under a and b, if the requirements are met it is also necessary to determine whether the student has made use of the possibility to extend the duration of his or her financial assistance; if the student has not made use of this possibility, this option must first be explored before the application for a graduation allowance is further assessed.
3. If an application is submitted on the basis of the exceptional circumstances referred to in article 5, paragraph 2, under f, the advice of the director of the program concerned must be obtained before the application is assessed. This advice will be provided in writing and submitted to the STU.
4. If a financial contribution is requested in relation to the practice of top-level sport, the advice of the director of the TU/e Sports Center can be requested, depending on the status of the student concerned. This advice will be provided in writing and submitted to the STU. In the event of consultation between the director of the TU/e Sports Center and the student a report of the meeting will also be sent to the STU.
5. In the event of an application for an allowance from the graduation fund the student counselor will check whether the student has reported the delay in study progress, as specified in article 8.2 of these regulations.
6. In the case of an application for an administrative grant, the student counselor checks:
 - a. whether the student has a propaedeutic certificate or – if the student does not have a propaedeutic certificate – whether the student's results show that he or she has successfully completed the propaedeutic examination;
 - b. whether the student has achieved an average of at least 75% of the nominal study progress;
 - c. whether the student has met the study progress requirement in respect of the number of credits obtained after completion of the academic year in which the administrative function was performed.
7. Paragraph 6a of this article does not apply to students on the shortened program. For these students the student counselor checks whether they have obtained a minimum of 20 credits in the period before the month in which they start performing their administrative function.

Article 14 Decision-making

1. Decisions on submitted applications, including decisions relating to admissibility as referred to articles 12.1, paragraph 6, 12.2, paragraph 6, 12.3, paragraph 5, 12.4, paragraph 5, and 12.5, paragraph 5, of these regulations, are taken on behalf of the Executive Board by specially designated and authorized student counselors of the STU, after which the applicant is informed of the decision. This must occur within eight weeks of the application being submitted.
2. The decision will inform the candidate that:
 - a. that a graduation allowance will be allocated for a specified period; or
 - b. the application has been rejected; or
 - c. that the application will not be processed because it was not submitted in time or because it was incomplete and the additional information was not submitted in time.
3. If the application for a graduation allowance is granted, the student is provided with the financial support as soon as possible, unless he or she has indicated that they wish to receive the support at another specified time.

4. Administrative grants are generally paid after the academic year in which the administrative function is performed comes to an end.
5. If the application is rejected, the student first receives a notification of the intended rejection.

Article 15 Objection

The applicant can submit an objection to the decision referred to in article 14 within six weeks of being notified of the decision by sending a letter of objection to the Executive Board.

SECTION IV Transitional and final provisions

Article 16 Transitional provisions

1. If the scale and duration of agreements made earlier are more favorable for the student than agreements made on the basis of these regulations, they remain valid unchanged.

Article 17 Date of commencement

These regulations come into force on September 1st, 2012, and can be referred to as the *Profileringsfonds* Regulations 2012-2013.

Hereby approved by the Executive Board at its meeting of June 21st, 2012, after receiving the consent of the University Council.

Appendix 1 Membership as referred to in article 5, paragraph 2, under e

F = Maximum number of functions per year that are eligible for a graduation allowance

M = Maximum number of recognized months for a graduation allowance fund per academic year

	F	M
Members of :		
- University Council	9	1*
- Departmental Council	5*	1*
- Departmental Board	1*	1*
- Program Committee	7*	1*

* = per department/program

Appendix 2 – Student organizations as referred to in article 5, paragraph 3

FSE (study associations)

The recognized months may be divided between the executive committees of:

- FSE (federation board);
- Cheops;
- Lucid;
- Thor;
- J.D. van der Waals;
- Simon Stevin;
- J.P. Minckelers;
- Protagoras;
- Intermate;
- Industria;
- GEWIS.

Compositum (social associations):

The recognized months may be divided between the executive committees of:

- Demos;
- ESC;
- SSRE.

ESSF (sports associations)

The recognized months may be divided between the executive committees of:

- ESSF (federation board);
- Theta (rowing);
- Hajraa (volleyball);
- Hajraa (outdoor tournament);
- Fellenoord (tennis);
- Totelos (futsal);
- Asterix (athletics);
- Pusphaira (soccer);
- Nayade (swimming and water polo).

Scala (cultural associations)

The recognized months may be divided between the executive committees of:

- Scala (federation board);
- Quadrivium (music);
- Doppio (theater);
- Footloose (dance).

Other

The recognized months may be divided between the executive committees of:

- BEST + AEGEE (internationalization);
- Wervingsdagen + Bouwkunde Bedrijven Dagen (recruitment)

- Integrand + UniPartners Eindhoven (students and work).

Appendix 3 – Explanation of the NOC*NSF and Olympic network statuses referred to in article 10.

National status (A – B – HP – IT – NT – ‘Belofte’)

National status is determined by the sports association to which an athlete is affiliated. Each association determines, in cooperation with the NOC*NSF, which athletes are eligible for national status. It passes their names on to the NOC*NSF, which enters them in a national database.

National status is valid for a specific period which varies for each branch of sport. If national status changes (i.e. is raised, lowered or discontinued), the athletes concerned are informed by mail. Athletes should therefore take be aware that their sports association can modify national status at any time.

National status for seniors

International seniors and seniors who are at least among the best in the Netherlands.

A status Criteria

- Athletes who are members of a senior squad
- Athletes whose performances are among (at least) the top eight in the world
- Athletes who compete in category 1 of top-level sport.

B status Criteria

- Athletes who are members of a senior squad
- Athletes whose performances are among (at least) the top sixteen in the world
- Athletes who compete in category 1 of top-level sport.

HP status

Athletes with exceptionally good prospects of ranking in the top eight in the world in the near future and good prospects of reaching the top three in the world. Athletes who compete in category 1 of top-level sport

National Youth status

For young athletes who have not yet reached senior age (usually 18 years old), the statuses apply to those who compete at least at the highest national level in their age category.

IT (International talent) Criteria

- International: individual top 16 or team top 10 in the Seniors -1 age group;
- World ranking: top 16 in the Seniors -1 age group;
- Member of national squad;
- Athletes who compete in category 1 of top-level sport.

NT (National talent) Criteria

- International: individual top 16 or team top 10 in the Seniors -1 or Seniors -2 age group;
- Member of national squad;
- Athletes who compete in category 1 of top-level sport.

'Belofte' (Promising talent)

- Member of national squad
- National top 5 in age group
- Athletes who compete in category 1 of top-level sport

Regional status (RS / RJ)

Regional status is determined on the basis of criteria drawn up by the Olympic Network and the sports associations.

RS (Regional talent senior)

Athletes (seniors) who are among the best in the Netherlands.

Criteria

- Athletes who are members of the national squad for their association
- Athletes who compete in world championships on an individual basis
- Athletes who compete in the highest national competition for seniors
- Athletes who compete in European or world championships
- Athletes who compete in category 1 or 2 of top-level sport.

RS (Regional talent junior)

Athletes (juniors) who are among the best in their age group at regional level.

Criteria

- Athletes who compete in the highest national competition for juniors
- Athletes who are members of the regional squad for their association
- Athletes who are members of district squads
- Athletes who are trained at talent centers recognized by the association
- Athletes who compete in category 1 or 2 of top-level sport.