

**TU/e STUDENTS' FINANCIAL SUPPORT (PROFILERINGSFONDS)**  
**REGULATIONS 2023-2024**

**Article 1      Structure**

These regulations consist of the following sections:

- Section I:      **General**  
Section II:     **Conditions, duration and extent of financial support**  
Section III:    **Procedure**  
Section IV:    **Transitional and final provisions.**

**SECTION I    General**

**Article 2      Definitions**

In these Regulations, the following terms shall be understood to mean:

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 a student grant and/or loan, or only under certain conditions
culture coordinator	head of office of Studium Generale
dual career	a career in which, in addition to studying, a student pursues a career in among other things sports or culture and practises this at a top level
DUO	<i>Dienst Uitvoering Onderwijs</i> (national regulatory body for issues pertaining to education)
ESA	Education and Student Affairs
financial support	graduation allowance, administrative grant
federation annual meeting	the annual process of consultation between the ESA and the study, social, sports, cultural, international, credo (philosophy & religion), and career associations
nominal duration of study	the statutory duration of the Bachelor's or Master's degree program
nominal study progress	obtaining 60 credits per academic year
higher-education performance grant	Students receive a grant for the duration of their degree program (started before September 1, 2015) and possibly a supplementary grant and a student travel card as a conditional loan. Furthermore, students can obtain a loan through DUO. Depending on the study progress made the performance grant can be converted into a gift with exception of the part that is a loan. If the student attains a degree with the term of ten

	years, the performance grant does not need to paid back.
performance grant student	a student who first received a student grant and/or loan for a program of higher education after August 31st, 1996
performance grant period	the performance grant period is equal to the nominal study duration of the bachelor's and master's, i.e. five years. For students who have already completed a degree program at an institution of higher education (HO) and who have received a study grant from DUO (a public transport card/basic grant and/or supplementary grant/loan), the performance grant period is equal to five years minus the years of study grant already received because of degree programs at other institutions of higher education.
pre-Master's program	a program for students who do not have a Bachelor's degree that corresponds to their intended Master's program. The pre-Master's program enables them to make up shortfalls so that they can be admitted to the Master's program.
credits student	credits as referred to in section 7.4 of the WHW 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 a student grant and/or loan, and whose main enrollment is at TU/e
student counselor	provides guidance to students with regard to personal circumstances and administrative matters (e.g. applications for financial support)
student grant	student loan, student travel product, and/or tuition-fee credit
academic year	the period starting on September 1st and ending on August 31st of the following year
TU/e dual career committee	a committee consisting of the top-level sports coordinator, the culture coordinator and a student counsellor, which decides whether a student can apply for top talent status
top-level sports coordinator	director of the TU/e Sports Center
TU/e	Eindhoven University of Technology
WHW	the Higher Education and Research Act
WSF 2000	Student Grants and Loans Act 2000

### **Article 3 Purpose of these Regulations**

Article 7.51 et seq. of the WHW specifies that students are granted financial support on the basis of these regulations if they experience delays in their studies as a consequence of exceptional circumstances or are expected to do so.

#### **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 these regulations and DUO 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 these regulations comprises a graduation allowance or an administrative grant.
2. Exceptional circumstances on the basis of which a student may be eligible for a graduation allowance include:
  - a. illness;
  - b. a disability or chronic illness;
  - c. pregnancy and childbirth;
  - d. exceptional family circumstances, including providing informal care;
  - e. membership of a program committee, the University Council, the departmental council, or student advisory member of a departmental board, which are specified in Appendix 1;
  - f. a program that cannot reasonably be completed within the nominal duration of study;
  - g. a delay in study progress resulting from combining studies with among other things sports/culture at a top level (a so-called dual career).
  - h. a study program no longer receives accreditation so that a student is not eligible to receive a student grant.
3. Exceptional circumstances, as referred to in Appendix 2, 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 that the Executive Board also considers to be in the interest of the university or of the program that the student is taking.
4. In cases as referred to in paragraph 2, a 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.
5. Foreign students are entitled to an administrative grant, in accordance with paragraph 3, provided that they meet the relevant requirements.
6. 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.

## **SECTION II Conditions, duration and extent of financial support**

### **Article 6. 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 a consequence of exceptional circumstances cannot complete all or part of the program, and
  - c. are or would have been entitled to a student grant and/or loan for that program, and
  - d. are actually studying at the TU/e, and
  - e. during the performance-linked student grant<sup>1</sup>, have experienced or expect to experience a delay in their studies as a result of exceptional circumstances, or
  - 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 a student grant and/or loan 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 pre-Master's program to prepare for a Master's program, and to full-time students taking a condensed program.
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 through 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 7. 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, 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 shall be 9 months per year with a maximum of 14 months across the entire enrollment at the TU/e.

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 during 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 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 academic advisor of the program or a student counselor at ESA as soon as possible after the circumstances concerned occur, and in any case within two months, to discuss what measures need to be taken to minimize the delay.

If the exceptional circumstances last longer than two 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 two-month period, but the exceptional circumstances are still occurring, the student will not receive an allowance from the students' financial support for delays experienced in the period preceding the two months before the delay is reported.
- b. if the delay in study progress is reported after the two-month period and the exceptional circumstances are no longer occurring, an allowance from the students' financial support is only possible for a maximum period of five months (see also Article 12.1, paragraph 4).

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

2. The obligation to report study delays also applies to students with a chronic functional impairment. The final sentence of the previous paragraph applies accordingly.

#### **Article 8.2 Supplementary conditions for a graduation allowance: compulsory consultation with the ESA student counselor**

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, regarding the possibility of suspending their enrollment;
- b. no later than two weeks before February 1st of the academic year, regarding the possibility of making use of the 'February 1st scheme', as referred to in Article 5.10 of the WSF 2000.

#### **Article 9      Supplementary conditions for administrative grants**

1. 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 and the umbrella organization it belongs 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.

2. 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 9 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.

3. 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 perform an administrative function at an organization named in Appendix 2, and must be enrolled in the second or following year of a Bachelor's degree or Master's degree or in a pre-Master's program.

#### **Article 10    Supplementary conditions related to a dual career**

##### **A Top-level sports**

1. Students who are recognized as top-level athletes and who genuinely practice or have practiced sport at this level during their studies may be eligible for a graduation allowance. If a top-level athlete registered at the TU/e is eligible for financial support from the NOC\*NSF and/or the related sports union, this support must first be used before making use of the financial provisions of the TU/e.

2. Students are considered to be top-level athletes if they meet the requirements specified in Article 6.1, practice sport at top level during the period in which they receive student grants and/or loans and

- on the basis of a statement from the Dutch Olympic Committee/Dutch Sport Federation (NOC\*NSF), the regional Olympic network, or the National Sports Union, are classified as A, Selection, HP, IT, NT or 'Beloofte (=promising talent)' status athletes, or
- meet the criteria for recognition as top-level athletes within the meaning of Appendix 3, to be assessed by the top-level sports coordination team.

Appendix 3 explains these statuses in greater detail.

##### **B. Sports officials/sports coaches**

1. A student who supervises top athletes or competitions of top-level athletes with a minimal level of talent status, as described under A, can apply for a graduation allowance.

2. A student as referred to in paragraph 1 is recognized as such if there is a minimum training and preparation effort of 16 hours a week on average.

#### C. Cultural talent

1. A student with an exceptional talent in the field of culture who belongs to the national top of the discipline and is active therein or was during studies. This student can apply for a graduation allowance.

2. A student with a cultural talent is recognized as such if there is a minimum training and preparation effort of 16 hours a week on average.

#### D. e-sportspeople

1. A student who participates in a game at the highest national competition level, which is organized and recognized internationally.

2. A student as referred to in paragraph 1 is recognized as such if there is a minimum training and preparation effort of 16 hours a week on average.

#### E. Other talents

1. Students with talents at top level other than those mentioned above that meet the same criteria, can also apply for top talent status.

### **Article 11    Extent of financial support**

1a. The financial support is € 494,05 per month for students eligible for an administrative grant. Students eligible for a graduation allowance receive € 351,95. These amounts can be increased by a maximum of 69% for students who are eligible for a supplementary grant.

b. Foreign students eligible for an administrative grant receive € 494,05 per month + (institutional tuition fees paid - € 2.314,00): 12.

c. Foreign students eligible for a graduation allowance receive € 351,95 + (institutional tuition fees – €2.314,00): 12.

2. The financial support is provided in the form of a donation.

3. If the recipient no longer receives a student grant or loan at the time of the application, the provisions of paragraph 1 of this article will apply accordingly.

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

## **SECTION III   Procedure**

### **Article 12.1   Application procedure: graduation allowance**

1. A student who wishes to be eligible for a graduation allowance, which is not an allowance related to membership as stated in Article 5, paragraph 2, under e, nor an allowance related to having a dual career, must use the website to make an appointment with the student counsellor.

2. After the appointment referred to in the previous paragraph, the student counsellor can invite the student to make a digital application for a graduation allowance through OSIRIS.

3. OSIRIS automatically sends confirmation of receipt to the student once the application has been submitted.
4. Applications received after December 31st of the academic year following the year in which the exceptional circumstances concerned occurred, as referred to in Article 5, paragraph 2, under a through d, f, and g, will not be processed, unless the applicant can prove that he or she was unable to submit an application due to circumstances beyond his or her control.
5. The following documents must be uploaded 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 (treating) physician, psychologist or obstetrician, specifying when the relevant circumstances took place.
  - a2. if the application relates to exceptional family circumstances (Article 5, paragraph 2, under d): documentary evidence of those circumstances.
  - a3. 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 by the student.
  - a4. if the application relates to a program that is no longer accredited (Article 5, paragraph 2, under h): a form of proof that the student cannot receive a study grant for this reason.
    - 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. where relevant, a statement from DUO that indicates how much the student receives as a supplementary grant or the loan and travel product the student receives.
6. Depending on the circumstances and with the student's permission the academic advisor may, in a situation as referred to in paragraph 5, under a1, request additional information from the doctor, psychologist or obstetrician concerned.
7. If an application is incomplete, the applicant has a period of four weeks in which 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 ESA.

**Article 12.2 Application procedure: graduation allowance related to membership as referred to in Article 5, paragraph 2, under e**

1. The student who wishes to be eligible for graduation allowance in connection with the membership referred to in Article 5, paragraph 2, under e, must send a request e-mail to the student counsellor.
2. After receiving the notification referred to in the previous paragraph, the student counsellor can invite the student to make a digital application for a graduation allowance through OSIRIS.
3. OSIRIS automatically sends a confirmation of receipt once the student has submitted the application.
4. Applications must be submitted within two months of the termination of any membership/any administrative term, with a maximum of one year, related to memberships referred to in Article 5, paragraph 2, under e (see seventh paragraph of this article).
5. The following documents must be uploaded with the application:



- a. a statement of the chair of the program committee, the university council, or the department council, or a statement from the department board in the case of a student advisory function, which indicates the period that the student was a member of the program committee, university council or department council or was advisory student representative of a department board.
  - b. if applicable, a statement from DUO that indicates how much the student receives as a supplementary grant or the loan and travel product the student receives.
6. If the application is incomplete, the applicant has a term of four weeks to add information to the application. If the application is not completed within this term, it shall not be processed. The applicant will be informed of this by ESA.

### **Article 12.3 Application procedure: graduation allowance relating to a dual career**

1. A student who wishes to be eligible for a graduation allowance in connection with having a dual career must make an appointment with a student counsellor through the website.
2. After the interview, the student counsellor can invite the student to digitally apply for a graduation allowance through OSIRIS.
3. OSIRIS automatically sends a confirmation of receipt once the student has submitted the application.
4. The application must be submitted by January 1 latest of the academic year following the academic year in which a study delay occurred because of having a dual career.
5. The following documents must be uploaded with the application:
  - a. a statement from the TU/e dual career committee that the student has a top talent status.
  - b. if applicable, a statement from DUO that indicates how much the student receives as a supplementary grant or the loan and travel product the student receives.
6. If the application is incomplete, the applicant has a term of four weeks to add information to the application. If the application is not completed within this term, it shall not be processed. The applicant will be informed of this by ESA.

### **Article 12.4 Application procedure: administrative grants (Article 5, paragraph 3, under a and b)**

1. The federation provides the student counsellor with the names of all students entitled to a grant before April 1 of the academic year in which the administrative function is being fulfilled.
2. After receiving the notification, the student counsellor can invite the student to digitally apply for an administrative grant through OSIRIS at the beginning of June. All requests must be submitted before July 1 latest.
3. OSIRIS automatically sends a confirmation of receipt once the student has submitted the application.
4. The following documents must be uploaded with the application:
  - a. if applicable, a statement from DUO that indicates how much the student receives as a supplementary grant or the loan and travel product the student receives.

5. If an application is incomplete, the applicant has a period of four weeks in which to provide the required information. If the application is not completed within this term, it shall not be processed. The applicant will be informed of this by ESA.

### **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 will be determined 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.
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 will be determined whether the student has made use of the possibility to extend the duration of his or her student grant and/or loan through DUO; 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.
4. In the case of an application for an allowance from the students' financial support 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.
5. In the case of an application for an administrative grant, the student counselor checks whether the student is enrolled in the second year or higher of a Bachelor's degree or in a Master's degree, or a pre-Master's program.

### **Article 14     Decision-making**

1. Decisions on submitted applications, including decisions relating to admissibility as referred to Articles 12.1, paragraph 7, 12.2, paragraph 6, 12.3, paragraph 6, and 12.4, paragraph 6 of these regulations, are taken on behalf of the Executive Board by specially designated and authorized student counselors of the ESA, after which the applicant is informed of the decision. This must occur within eight weeks of the application being submitted.
2. The decision will be that:
  - a. a graduation allowance will be allocated for a specified period, or
  - b. the application has been rejected, or
  - c. 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 end of the academic year in which the administrative function is performed.

5. If the application is rejected, the student will first receive a notification of the intention to reject.

**Article 15    Objection**

The applicant may 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    Transition provision**

1. If the scope and duration of any agreements made earlier are more favorable for the student than any agreements made on the basis of these Regulations or any future amendments thereto, these will remain valid and unchanged.

**Article 17    Date of commencement**

These Regulations come into force on September 1, 2023, and may be referred to as the TU/e Students' Financial Support Regulations Regulations 2023-2024.

Hereby approved by the Executive Board at its meeting of June 12, 2023, after having received the approval 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 per function 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

\*\*= per degree program or per degree program committee (in regards to a degree committee for several degree programs)

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

The distribution of the months is as follows:

<b>Umbrella Organizations</b>	<b>Available months in 2023-2024</b>
Study associations	543
Sports associations	235
Social associatons	111
Cultural associations	120
<u>Associations focused on internationalization, inclusiveness and wellness</u>	110
Carreer associations	166,5
<b>Total</b>	<b>1285,5</b>

### Study associations:

Months may be divided among the executive committees of:

- 'FSE', Federation of Study Associations at TU/e
- 'Cheops', Study Association Built Environment
- 'Lucid', Study Association Industrial Design
- 'Thor', Study Association Electrical Engineering
- 'Johannes Diderik van der Waals', Study Association Applied Physics
- 'Simon Stevin', Study Association Mechanical Engineering
- 'Jan Pieter Minckelers', Study Association Chemical Engineering
- 'Protagoras', Study Association Biomedical Engineering
- 'Intermate', Study Association Innovation Sciences
- 'Industria', Study Association Industrial Engineering
- 'GEWIS', Study Association Mathematics & Computer Sciences
- 'Pattern', Study Association Data Science
- 'Confluente', Study Association Honors Academy

### Social Associations:

The months may be divided among the executive committees of:

- 'Compositum', Umbrella Board
- 'Demos', Eindhoven Student Association
- 'ESC', Eindhoven Student Corps
- 'SSRE', General Student Association

### Sports Associations:

The months may be divided among the executive committees of:

- 'ESSF', Eindhoven Student Sports Federation Umbrella Board
- 'Thêta', Eindhoven Student Rowing Association
- 'Hajraa', Eindhoven Student Volleyball Association

- 'Hajraa Buitentoernooi', E.S.V.V. Hajraa Outdoor Tournament Foundation
- 'Fellenoord', Eindhoven Student Tennis Association
- 'Totelos', Eindhoven Student Futsal Association
- 'Asterix', Eindhoven Student Athletics Association
- 'Pusphaira', Eindhoven Student Soccer Association
- 'Nayade', Eindhoven Student Water Polo and Swimming Association
- 'ESAC', Eindhoven Student Alpine Club
- 'Don Quishoot', Eindhoven Student Hockey Association
- 'Zepyrhir', Eindhoven Student E-Sports Association

#### Cultural Associations:

The months may be divided between the executive committees of:

- 'Scala', Umbrella Board
- 'Quadrivium', Eindhoven Student Music Society (classical)
- 'Doppio', Eindhoven Student Theater Association
- 'Footloose', Eindhoven Student Dance Association
- 'Studentproof', Eindhoven Student Music Society (jazz)

#### Associations focused on internationalization, inclusiveness and wellness :

The months may be divided between the executive committees of:

- 'FISO', Umbrella Board
- 'AEGEE', European Student Association Eindhoven
- 'Cosmos', International Student Association
- 'Ichthus', Christian Student Association
- 'Compass', LGBTIQ+ Community
- 'TU/enable', Education for Refugees

#### Career Associations (no separate umbrella):

The months may be divided between the executive committees of:

- 'Wervingsdagen', TU/e Recruitment Days
- 'Bouwkunde Bedrijven Dagen', Recruitment Event
- 'Integrand', Student Network for Career Development in Eindhoven
- 'UniPartners', Student-Run Academic Consultancy in Eindhoven
- 'B&R Beurs', Eindhoven Student Investment Association

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

#### **National status (A – Selection – HP- IT – NT – 'Belofte' through the Sports Union)**

National status is determined by the sports association to which an athlete is affiliated. On the basis of a talent profile drawn up in cooperation with the NOC\*NSF, the sports association determines which athletes are eligible for national status. It passes their names on to the NOC\*NSF, which enters them into a national database.

A national status is valid for a limited 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 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 at least among the top eight in the world
- Athletes who compete in category 1 top-level sport

##### **Selection status**

##### **Criteria**

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

##### **HP status**

Athletes with exceptionally good prospects of ranking among 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 top-level sport

##### **National Youth status**

The following statuses apply to young athletes who have not yet reached 'senior' age (usually 18 years old):

Athletes (juniors) who compete at least at the highest national level in their age category.

##### **IT: International talent      Criteria:**

- International top-16 individual or member of top-10 team in the Seniors -1 age group
- World ranking in the top 16 in the Seniors -1 age group

- Member of national squad
- Athletes who compete in category 1 top-level sport

**NT: National talent Criteria:**

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

**‘Belofte’ (promising talent) through the Sports Union**

**Criteria:**

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

Note: the National Union must be a member of NOC\*NSF.

**Talented athletes who do not have national status**

Students who do not have national status may qualify for recognition by the TU/e as top athletes if they meet the following criteria:

- athletes who are a member/invited for the national (youth) team or participating in national selection training and/or
- athletes who compete on an individual basis in world championships, Universiade, etc. of whom it can be expected that they will be part of the national senior selection within two years and/or
- athletes who compete in European, or world (junior) championships, or European (Youth) Olympic Days and/or
- athletes who are a member of a talent center recognized by the Sports Union and/or
- athletes who are a member of a circle, district, regional or provincial selection of a sports union coordinated by the central union. *and*
- have a positive recommendation from the top-level sports coordinator