

Regulation on exemption from statutory tuition fee in connection with a board position for Maastricht University students

This Regulation is a translation of the 'Regeling vrijstelling wettelijk collegegeld in verband met bestuursfunctie voor studenten van de Universiteit Maastricht'. This translation has no legal force.

Article 1 Purpose of the regulations

Article 7.47a of the Higher education and Research Act (WHW) offers institutions the opportunity to exempt students from paying the statutory tuition fee in connection with holding a fulltime board position, being a member of the University Council (UC) or engaging in administrative or social activities. The present regulation contain an elaboration of this legal possibility for Maastricht University (UM) students.

Article 2 Eligible students

Students who are enrolled at UM in a regular full-time bachelor's or master's programme and are required to pay the statutory tuition fee for that programme may be exempted from paying the statutory tuition fee by the Executive Board on a one-off basis for the period of one academic year if, during that entire academic year, they:

- a. hold a board position or membership as mentioned in article 3, or
- b. engage in administrative or social activities which, in the opinion of the Executive Board, are also in the interests of UM or of education at UM.

Article 3 Eligible board positions

Students are eligible for exemption from paying the statutory tuition fee if they hold a full-time board position or membership of:

- a. the board of a student organisation of any size with full legal capacity;
- b. the University Council (UC).

Article 4 Condition based on study progress

A student will only be eligible for exemption from paying the statutory tuition fee under these regulations if the student has earned at least 60 ECTS in the first year of enrolment in the bachelor's programme and has also earned an average of 40 ECTS per academic year, counting from the first year of study.

Article 5 No right to education and/or taking tests and examinations

Students who have been exempted from paying the statutory tuition fee under these regulations for the period of one academic year shall not be entitled to attend courses and/or take any examinations in that academic year.

Article 6 Proof of full-time board position

The student must submit the following as proof of a full-time board position or membership:

- a. in the case of a student organisation of any size with full legal capacity: the nomination by the board of the student organisation to the Executive Board for the granting of 12 administrative months under the UM Student Support Fund Regulations in connection with the appointment to a certain position at that student organisation;
- b. in the case of the UC: a declaration by the President of the UC confirming full-time membership of the UC.

Article 7 Application for exemption from statutory tuition fee

1. An application for exemption from paying statutory tuition fees under these regulations must be sent to studentdeans@maastrichtuniversity.nl by 1 August prior to the academic year for which exemption is requested.
2. The application, addressed to the Executive Board, must contain:
 - b. the proof as referred to in article 6;
 - c. if the application is based on activities as referred to in Article 2 under b, an overview of the activity/activities and a description of the activities carried out within that framework, accompanied by an itemised time budget showing an average workload of 40 hours per week.
3. An application will be submitted to the UM Student Deans of the SSC for advice.
4. The Director of SSC will decide on the application on behalf of the Executive Board as soon as possible, but no later than 4 weeks after receipt of the application.
5. The motivated decision on the application will be communicated to the student in writing. The decision will state the possibility and term for lodging an objection.

Article 8 Authority to deviate from the Regulations (hardship clause)

In those cases where the rejection of an application under these regulations or the application of provisions in these regulations would lead to extreme unfairness, the Director of the SSC may deviate from these regulations.

Article 9 Entry into force and citation

Adopted by the Executive Board in its meeting of 23 May 2017. The application procedure has been aligned with the adjustments to the UM Student Support Fund Regulations on 1 March 2024 and 26 May 2026. These regulations may be cited as the 'Regulation on exemption from statutory tuition fee in connection with a board position'.