

Declaration of consent for use of portraits

Taking photographs of people falls under Dutch 'portrait law', (*portretrecht*), which restricts the right to publish personal likenesses, including portraits. 'Personal likeness' in this sense refers to any visual depiction from which an individual may be recognised. This law gives a photographed person the right to block the publication of his or her portrait. In this regard, the law distinguishes between photographs of people that are and are not commissioned.

In the case of commissioned photographs, the person photographed can make copies of the work, and the photographer cannot publish the pictures without permission. With non-commissioned photographs, the photographer is in principle allowed to publish the pictures without permission, unless this would negatively affect a reasonable interest of the person photographed (e.g. their privacy rights). If the person concerned gives explicit permission, reasonable interest cannot be invoked later as an argument against publication.

To ensure that its publication of photographs does not conflict with legislation, Maastricht University (UM) asks for the explicit permission of photographed persons when publishing their portraits.

We would therefore like to ask you to sign the attached declaration of consent for the publication of your portrait on the UM website as well as its use for promotional, communicative and informative purposes (e.g. brochures, advertisements, magazines, newsletters) relating to the university.

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I hereby grant Maastricht University permission to publish my portrait and to use that portrait for promotional, communicative and/or informative purposes.

Date:

Name:

E-mail address:

I am 18 years or older: Yes / No

Signature: