

Wageningen in'to Languages

Assessment Regulations RATER to be taken online at home

Section 1 – General provisions

Article 1 – Scope of application

These assessment regulations have been adopted by Wageningen in'to Languages and apply in relation to the online Radboud Academic Test of English (RATER). Furthermore, these regulations also constitute part of the general terms and conditions.

Article 2 – Definitions

In these regulations, the following definitions apply:

1. *assessment*: the Radboud Academic Test of English;
2. *candidate*: a person who sits an assessment;
3. *examiner*: a person whom Wageningen in'to Languages has appointed to assess an assessment;
4. *invigilator*: a person whom Wageningen in'to Languages has appointed to conduct an assessment;
5. *elective course student*: a person who does several courses at Wageningen University and is required to sit an assessment for admission purposes;
6. *BSc and MSc study programmes*: Bachelor's and Master's study programmes;
7. *Student Service Centre (Registration and Admission Office)*: the part of Wageningen University that is responsible for registrations and admission to the BSc and MSc study programmes.

Article 3 – Purpose and nature of assessment

1. The RATER is a diagnostic assessment of academic English. The purpose of this assessment is to determine whether an actual or potential student, PhD candidate or other academic researcher possesses the requisite level of language proficiency to follow an English-language study programme in a higher education (higher professional or academic education) or research institute.
2. Such an assessment is offered on multiple occasions each year. The times when such assessments are conducted may be found on the website of [Wageningen in'to Languages](#).
3. The assessment consists of the following four components;
 - a. reading;
 - b. writing skills;
 - c. speaking skills;
 - d. listening skills.

Article 4 – Assessment levels

An assessment is based on the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR) and is an assessment at the B2 level.

Section 2 – Examiners, assessments, results and certificates

Article 5 – examiners

The examiners will undergo focused training and will be monitored regularly.

Article 6 – Assessments, announcement of and access to results

1. The result of an assessment will be stated in respect of each component and will be expressed in the following terms:
 - a. *has not passed*: the relevant candidate has not passed the component in question.
 - b. *borderline*: a candidate has achieved a result for a component based on which it cannot be said with any certainty that they have achieved the B2 level in English.
A 'Borderline' result shall only apply in the case of current and future Wageningen University students.
 - c. *pass*: a candidate has passed the relevant component.
2. Where an assessment serves as a condition for admission into the BSc or MSc study programme at either Wageningen University or Radboud University, the relevant candidate will need to ascertain themselves whether they have achieved the requisite result. Wageningen in'to Languages will not make any pronouncement in this respect.
3. Wageningen in'to Languages will notify a candidate of their results by email no later than fifteen (15) working days after they have sat the relevant assessment.
4. In the event that an assessment serves as a condition for admission into a BSc or MSc study programme at Wageningen University, Wageningen in'to Languages will also notify the Student Service Centre of the results of that assessment in the interests of the candidate in question.
5. Wageningen in'to Languages will not arrange access.

Article 7 – Certification

1. After sitting an assessment, a candidate will be entitled to receive a certificate.

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2. A candidate will receive their certificate at the postal address that they have entered in the registration form.
3. A certificate will mention the result achieved in respect of each component.
4. Wageningen in'to Languages will notify a candidate of the results of an assessment by email within fifteen (15) working days after they have sat it.
5. A candidate will receive a certificate within four (4) weeks after sitting an assessment.
6. Where an assessment serves as a condition for admission into a BSc or MSc study programme at either Wageningen University or Radboud University, the relevant candidate will receive a certificate before the registration deadline that Wageningen University has stipulated preceding the start of the BSc and MSc studyprogrammes, unless this cannot reasonably be expected of Wageningen in'to Languages.
7. A certificate will be valid for five (5) years after it has been issued.

Section 3 – Organisation, assessment and an appropriate state of affairs

Article 8 – Examination schedule

1. Assessments will be held multiple times a year. In this respect, consideration will be given to the Wageningen University registration deadlines.
2. The assessment components will be conducted consecutively. Wageningen in'to Languages reserves the right to determine the order of the components.
3. A candidate will be sent a timetable for an assessment by email in advance.
4. The examination timetable will stipulate the order of the examination components. The test is taken online in the WUR exam environment. An assessment or any part of it may not be resat on any other day or at any other time. It is possible to resit individual parts as long as the RATEr can only be made online. The condition for this is that the candidate has sat the full RATEr online at least once.
5. Wageningen in'to Languages reserves the right to amend an assessment timetable before the relevant assessment commences.

Article 9 – Order during examinations

1. The candidate ensures that they are present in the digital examination environment 10 minutes before the start time published in the test timetable.
2. The candidate has a valid ID on hand so that the identity of the candidate can be checked.

Article 10 – Latecomers during an assessment

1. Candidates who log in too late will be excluded from the exam.

Article 11 – Prohibition of fraud

1. A candidate is prohibited from committing fraud. Wageningen in'to Languages reserves the right to take action in the event that fraud is committed or there is a serious suspicion that this will occur.
2. To prevent fraud, Wageningen in'to Languages uses [Remote Proctoring](#) now. The candidate will receive information about this prior to the test. The candidate is obliged to adhere to the instructions.
3. Fraud will at any rate be deemed to have occurred in the following cases:
 - a. where someone sits an assessment without being entitled to do so;
 - b. in the event that someone consults and/or has books, notes or other documents in written or electronic form, or online during an assessment, the consultation of which is explicitly not permitted by Wageningen in'to Languages;
 - c. where someone copies a fellow candidate's work or exchanges information with a fellow candidate or any other party in any manner whatsoever during an assessment;
 - d. in the event that someone pretends to be someone else during an assessment;
 - e. should someone allow themselves to be represented by someone else for the purposes of an assessment;
 - f. in the event that someone gains possession of an assessment question or assignment before the time or date when it is scheduled to be conducted;
 - g. in the event of any deceitful act or omission by or behalf of a candidate that renders it partially or entirely impossible to assess the knowledge, understanding and/or skills of that candidate.

Article 12 – Procedure in the case of fraud

1. In the event that fraud is detected or there is a serious suspicion that fraud has occurred before or while an assessment is being conducted, Wageningen in'to Languages will notify the relevant candidate of this immediately and will record this.
2. The relevant candidate will immediately be excluded from sitting the assessment component in respect of which fraud has occurred and will be excluded from sitting any of the other assessment components.

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3. In the event that fraud is detected or there is a serious suspicion that fraud has occurred after an assessment has been conducted, Wageningen in'to Languages will notify the relevant candidate of this immediately and will record this.
4. In the event that fraud is detected or there is a serious suspicion that fraud has occurred before or while an assessment is being conducted, none of its components will be assessed.
5. In the event that fraud is detected or there is a serious suspicion that fraud has occurred, Wageningen in'to Languages reserves the right to declare all assessment components invalid.

Article 13 – Requisites during an assessment

In order to participate in the online RATEr exam, the following must be in order:

1. You must be able to take the exam in a quiet room with a stable internet connection (see also Article 15.2 of these regulations);
2. Your laptop or PC must have a camera and speakers, and you must be prepared to use these during the exam;
3. Headphones or earphones;
4. Phone with the ability to make a sound recording. Phone must be charged and have a storage capacity of at least 10-50 MB;
5. We use remote proctoring during the examination. Here (link) you can read how this works. Remote proctoring is used to prevent fraud. We will respect your privacy;
6. Valid ID;
7. During the administration you may not use a dictionary, digital or otherwise.

Article 14 – Sitting an assessment with a limitation or disability

1. A candidate who expects difficulties during an assessment because of a limitation or disability, must give notice of this by no later than five (5) days before the assessment. The candidate concerned will be responsible for reporting such a situation.
2. In the event that a candidate with a limitation or disability presents a statement to this effect, they will be entitled to additional time equivalent to 25% in relation to the reading and writing components in so far as is applicable.
3. In the case of the listening and speaking components Wageningen in'to Languages will seek an appropriate solution in consultation with the relevant candidate.
4. Wageningen in'to Languages will do its best to assist with such a solution in so far as time, space and circumstances allow.

Article 15 – Technical difficulties during an assessment

1. In the event that any technical difficulties occur during an assessment that have not been caused by the relevant candidate but as a result of which it is impossible for the candidate to do the assignment or complete it, the assessment component exceeds its time limit or which has an impact on the outcome of the assessment, Wageningen in'to Languages will seek to find an appropriate solution in consultation with the candidate.
2. Should a candidate experience a technical difficulty, such as an unstable internet connection, or one which the candidate has caused themselves, no rights may be derived from this. There is no right to a resit or to a refund of the relevant fee.

Section 4 – Other articles

Article 16 – Complaints procedure

A candidate with a complaint about an assessment may contact the assessment coordinator at into@wur.nl. The candidate is also entitled to file a complaint using the [complaints procedure](#).

Article 17 – Entry into force

These Regulations will come into effect on 17 December 2021.