



# Studying with a disability

## (Prospective) Students



Will you be starting or have you just started a study programme at Wageningen University & Research? Do you have a disability? Then it would be wise to make an appointment immediately with a student dean and study adviser. They can help you as much as possible to eliminate any potential obstacles and prevent or limit study delay.

### Who can you turn to for help?

- As a student with a disability, you can call upon student deans, student psychologists, and study advisers for study counselling. In certain situations, you can also visit the student physician.
- Student deans can provide more information regarding various regulations, can request educational modifications, and can provide recommendations for a good study choice.
- The study advisers provide recommendations about course selection, creating a modified study plan, and offer support in organising modifications.
- The student psychologists provide short-term speech and behavioural therapy, both individually or in groups.
- The student physician can provide things such as medical statements which may be necessary to be eligible for arrangements or modifications and can offer recommendations regarding a reasonable study load.

### Taking a study programme and completing examinations

You can discuss the provisions necessary for taking a study programme and completing examinations with a student dean. Typically, a statement from the student physician or student psychologist is required. The student dean can then submit a request to the Examining Board. Modifications are typically adjusted to the individual disability as much as possible, but are not permitted to change the quality or difficulty level of an educational

component or of the curriculum. The Examining Board determines whether to grant the requested modifications.

In the field of education, modifications can be made to:

- the content, such as offering alternative assignments;
- the study material, such as digital study material;
- the educational format, such as recording and providing video lectures;
- the time, extending the period in which a component can be completed;
- the study pace, if a student is not able to follow at the given pace.

Examination modifications may be applied to:

- the format, including taking examinations by computer instead of on paper;
- the time frame, such as providing more time for the examination;
- the tools that are permitted during testing;
- the location such as taking the examination in a separate space.

Provisions that can be made for taking a study programme may include:

- modified furniture in the educational and examination spaces;
- special equipment, such as magnification software;
- special computer facilities, such as speech recognition software;
- exemption from mandatory attendance;
- a rest area.

The modification(s) that the Examining Board has approved will be recorded in the letter to the lecturer. A copy of the letter will be provided to your study adviser. With the letter to the lecturer, you can request the modifications yourself from the course coordinator for any course.

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## Student Financial Support Regulations (FOS)

A student who experiences a study delay due to a disability can request financial compensation for the duration of the delay, for a maximum of 4 months per academic year. In order to be eligible for remuneration, you must report the delay to a student dean within two months (calculated from the start of the delay). If there is a significant chance that you will experience a study delay due to your disability, it would be wise to report to the student dean before or shortly after the beginning of your study programme.

## Study finance

Students with a disability can request a "performance grant provision" from DUO:

- a year of additional study finance;
- extension of the diploma period;
- make a claim for new study finance for a new study programme;
- forgiveness for the performance loan upon termination of the study programme due to the disability.

Together with the student physician or student psychologist, the student dean can provide statements that are required to apply for a performance grant. A study delay that is compensated with an additional year of study finance (or addition year of loan/ partly remission of study loan), will not be granted for funding based on the Student Financial Support Regulations.

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## Student Service Centre

### Student Deans

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*Appointments via the Student Desk  
(Forum) or via the Secretarial Office*

### Student Psychological Services

Nexus (Building 117)  
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E studentpsychologists@wur.nl

*Appointments via the e-mail address  
above*

### Student Medical Services

André Godkewitsch

*Appointments upon referral  
from a student dean*

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