

# Terms of Enrolment

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# 1. General

## 1.1 Introduction and applicability

These regulations contain the main provisions relating to application, enrolment, study choice test, payment, termination of enrolment and some general conditions for participating in educational activities of Avans University of Applied Sciences.

For the most part, these regulations originate in the Higher Education and Research Act (Dutch abbreviation WHW), which contains a large number of mandatory provisions in this regard.

The Terms of Enrolment are part of the Students' Charter of Avans University of Applied Sciences. The Students' Charter<sup>1</sup> regulates the rights and obligations of students and applies to all students and external students enrolled in government-funded study programmes at Avans University of Applied Sciences.

These terms of enrolment apply to all prospective and existing students who are or will be enrolled in a publicly funded Avans University of Applied Sciences study programme registered in the Central Register of Higher Education Study Programmes [CROHO], regardless of whether they are eligible for payment of statutory or institution tuition fees. In accordance with the provisions of article 2.1 of the Students' Charter of the University of Law, these terms of enrolment also apply to prospective and existing students who, through enrolment at Avans University of Applied Sciences, are or will be enrolled in the Bachelor of Laws programme provided by the Avans-Fontys University of Law.

These terms of enrolment do not apply to students who are or will be enrolled in Associate degree programmes provided by the Avans-HZ School of Associate Degrees in Roosendaal. This school is a collaboration between Avans University of Applied Sciences and HZ University of Applied Sciences (Hogeschool Zeeland). Students from this school are officially enrolled at Avans or at HZ to follow an Associate degree programme. Based on the cooperation between Avans and HZ, this school has its own terms of enrolment.

Finally, this arrangement does not apply to:  
course participants in contract activities as part of Prep courses, language courses and other privately funded education.

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<sup>1</sup> For students studying the **Bachelor Studies in Laws** at the University of Law and who are enrolled at Avans University of Applied Sciences or at Fontys, the University of Law has its own Students' Charter and therefore the Avans Students' Charter and the Fontys Students' Charter do not apply to this group of students.

For students following an **Associate degree programme** provided by the Avans-HZ School of Associate Degrees in **Roosendaal** who are enrolled at Avans University of Applied Sciences or at HZ University of Applied Sciences (Hogeschool Zeeland), the Avans-HZ School of Associate Degrees has its own Students' Charter and therefore the Avans Students' Charter and the HZ Students' Charter do not apply to this group of students.

## 1.2 Definitions

- 1. Applicant** means a prospective student who makes a request for enrolment in a study programme at Avans University of Applied Sciences.
- 2. School** means an organisational unit (business unit) within Avans University of Applied Sciences, in which education is provided for one or more programmes.
- 3. School Board** means the body that manages the school and is responsible for the organisation, set-up and business practices in the school, insofar as powers have been mandated by the Executive Board to this end. Where mention is made of the Avans/Fontys University of Law, School Board means the board of the University of Law.
- 4. Assessment** means an examination of capacity to determine whether someone is suitable for a particular study programme.
- 5. Avans University of Applied Sciences** means the institution (university of applied sciences) that emanates from and is maintained by the Avans Foundation.
- 6. Executive Board** means the board of Avans University of Applied Sciences, also the board of the Avans Foundation.
- 7. Tuition fees** means tuition fees as referred to in Article 7.37(2) and 7.43 of the WHW. Full-time, part-time and dual track students pay tuition fees. An external student pays examination fees (WHW Article 7.44).
- 8. Tuition fee loan** means A loan to pay tuition fees for higher professional education or university. This loan is part of the financial aid for studying.
- 9. Tuition fee calculator** means the calculation tool on the Avans University of Applied Sciences website that allows existing and prospective students to calculate the amount of tuition fees to be paid.
- 10. Decentralised selection** means the power of the institution to attach selection to admission. The institution is responsible for the selection process, which is based on qualitative selection criteria.
- 11. Part-time** means a form of programme in which education is combined with a job. Part-time students are not eligible for financial aid for studying.
- 12. Dual track** is a form of study programme in which education is combined with professional practice related to that education. The teaching content and assignments are linked to your work situation; without suitable work, you cannot follow a dual track programme. Dual track education requires an educational employment contract between student, employer and the study programme.
- 13. DFS** means the Finance and Student Administration Unit. DFS is in charge of the administrative processing relating to the enrolment procedure. The unit houses the Student Administration Office and the Accounts Receivable Department.
- 14. DMCS** means the Marketing, Communication and Student Relations Unit. DMCS carries out tasks in the area of student relations, among other things.
- 15. Director of DMCS** leads the Student Relations Unit, among others, in terms of student policy and facilities.
- 16. DUO** means the Education Executive Agency DUO. As a self-financing government agency, DUO implements education laws and regulations on behalf of the Minister of Education, Culture and Science. DUO's main tasks include providing financial aid for studying and contributions to school costs, collecting school fees and student loan debts, recognising diplomas and managing the diploma register.
- 17. First enrolment** first enrolment in a university of applied sciences for a study programme. It is possible to be enrolled in several study programmes at the same time. The first enrolment in a study programme in Studielink counts as the first enrolment, with any subsequent study programme(s) being regarded as a second (or potentially third or subsequent) parallel enrolment.
- 18. EU/EEA and Swiss students** means students from: Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Germany, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Iceland, Croatia, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Austria, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Slovakia, Spain, Czech Republic, Sweden and Switzerland.

**19. Examination Board** means the Examination Board as referred to in WHW Article 7.12. The body that objectively and expertly determines whether a student meets the conditions set by the Education and Examination Regulations with regard to the knowledge, insight and skills required to obtain a degree.

**20. External student** means a student enrolled at Avans University of Applied Sciences with the exclusive right to sit the preliminary examinations belonging to the curriculum of a study programme and the examinations of a study programme for which the student is enrolled.

**21. February enrolment** means students who start their study programme in February (some Avans University of Applied Sciences programmes allow this).

**22. Disputes Advisory Committee (DAC)** means the committee referred to in WHW Article 7.63a, which advises the Executive Board on objections relating to decisions - or the lack thereof - other than those in WHW Article 7.61.

**23. Re-enrolment** means that for each academic year, students must re-enrol via Studielink: re-enrolling.

**24. Higher education** means scientific education and higher professional education.

**25. Enrolment** means enrolment as a student or external student as referred to in WHW Article 7.32 et seq. Enrolment takes place on a programme-by-programme basis.

**26. International student** means applicants with non-Dutch prior education.

**27. Education and Examination Regulations (EER)** means the regulations setting out the applicable procedures and rights and obligations for each study programme or group of programmes with regard to education and examinations, as referred to in WHW Article 7.13.

**28. Study programme** means study programme as referred to in WHW Article 7.3. Initial education, offered by the institution in the form of Associate degree programmes, Bachelor's degree programmes and Master's degree programmes. Study programmes can be full-time, part-time or dual track. A final examination is attached to each study programme. A preliminary examination is attached to each unit of study.

**29. Parallel enrolment** means that the student is enrolled in more than one study programme at a Dutch university of applied sciences or research university in the same academic year, either at the same university of applied sciences or at another university of applied sciences or research university.

**30. Student** means the person enrolled with Avans University of Applied Sciences as a student. Wherever a student is referred to as 'he', 'she' may also be inferred.

**31. Student Support** means the desk where students can ask questions about applications and admissions, enrolment, re-enrolment and deregistration, and tuition fee payment. Here, they will find information on study and work placements abroad, financial aid for studying and cultural activities, and can make appointments with student counsellors. Avans University of Applied Sciences has a Student Information Desk at most locations. It can also be reached through ServicePunt.

**32. Students' Charter** means the Students' Charter of Avans University of Applied Sciences, as referred to in WHW Article 7.59, regulating the rights and obligations of students. The charter contains an overview of the regulations that aim to protect the rights of students.

**33. Study choice test** means activities relating to WHW Article 7.31b on the basis of which a non-binding study choice recommendation is issued. Within Avans University of Applied Sciences, this study choice test consists of an intake.

**34. Admissions Committee (TLC):** the committee mandated to decide on behalf of the Executive Board on the admission and enrolment of applicants who have made a request for enrolment and do not meet the conditions as set out in these Terms of Enrolment. With regard to students taking the Bachelor of Laws programme at the University of Law, the aforementioned decisions are not mandated to the Admissions Committee, but to the Dean of the

University of Law. Where these Terms of Enrolment concern Bachelor of Laws students and the term Admissions Committee is referred to, the Dean of the University of Law should be inferred.

**35. Full-time** means a form of study programme in which an average of 40 hours per week is spent on lectures and tutorials, work placements, projects and/or individual study.

**36. WHW** means the Higher Education and Research Act.

**37. WSF2000** means the Student Finance Act 2000.

## 2. Enrolment

### 2.1 Conditions for enrolment

Anyone wishing to enrol for the first year of a higher education study programme must:

1. meet the (statutory) **prior education requirements** or have an exemption. The statutory prior education requirements and possible exemptions are detailed in sections 2.2 and 2.3, respectively;
2. make a **timely request for enrolment** via Studielink. For information on application deadlines and required documents, see section 2.4;
3. provide a fully completed and signed **online direct debit mandate** via Studielink in a timely manner. The amount of tuition fees and the method of payment are described below in Chapter 3.
4. to **participate in the intake** (study choice check), for those for whom this is mandatory. See section 2.6 for further information.

For Non-EEA students, an additional condition for enrolment is that the student receives a positive study choice recommendation based on the **motivation interview**. If the recommendation is negative, enrolment will be refused.

Once all the necessary documents have been submitted and it has been established that all the requirements have been met, the request for enrolment will be converted into an enrolment.

For successful enrolment, all terms of enrolment must be met by 31 August prior to the following academic year. Only in very specific situations as a result of which the applicant has been unable to enrol on time and/or in full can a substantiated request be made to the admissions committee. The admissions committee will assess whether there are special circumstances beyond the applicant's control, on the basis of which the applicant can still be enrolled<sup>2</sup>.

Failure to comply or fully comply with all terms of enrolment will not lead to enrolment. Any test and preliminary examination results will not be valid unless all enrolment obligations have been met. Making use of Avans University of Applied Science's educational support facilities without being enrolled is a punishable offence (see section 6.4.2).

#### Certificate of enrolment

Students who meet the admission criteria and the corresponding financial obligations will receive a certificate of enrolment (available via AvansOne).

### 2.2 Prior education requirements

To enrol in a study programme in higher professional education, you must hold one of the diplomas listed below:

- a. Diploma in university preparatory education (VWO) or;
- b. Diploma in higher general secondary education (HAVO) or;
- c. Diploma from a middle management programme or a specialist programme or;
- d. Diploma from the professional programmes designated by ministerial regulations

There are also specific programme requirements for each study programme. The Avans website describes these prior education requirements in more detail for each study programme.

Not all specific rules for all study programmes and other forms of education can be fully included in these regulations. If different rules for enrolment and/or re-enrolment apply to a study programme, this will be stated on the Avans website under the programme concerned.

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<sup>2</sup> Please find the Avans University of Applied Sciences Admissions Committee Regulations on [this page](#).

## 2.3 Exemptions and admission

If you do not hold one of the diplomas listed under 2.2, you may still be able to enrol on the basis of an exemption: an equivalent diploma or a supplementary/alternative test.

### 2.3.1 Equivalent diploma

An applicant is exempt from the aforementioned statutory prior education requirements if he holds an associate degree, bachelor's degree or master's degree, or is the holder of a successfully completed propaedeutic examination at an institution of higher education.

#### *Dutch diploma*

The Executive Board also grants exemption to the holder of a diploma issued in the Netherlands that has been deemed equivalent to the diplomas mentioned above in section 2.2.

#### *EEA diploma*

The WHW stipulates that students from countries affiliated to the Lisbon Convention, <http://www.coe.int>, who have access to higher education in their own country, meet the prior education requirements set for Dutch higher education unless research shows otherwise.

#### *Diploma outside the EEA*

Admission on the basis of a foreign non-EEA diploma may take place after it has been established on the basis of further research that the diploma can be regarded as admissible. For more information see [avans.nl](http://avans.nl) and [internationalstudy.nl](http://internationalstudy.nl).

Checking valid residence status and verifying whether the diploma can lead to admission is often time-consuming. A timely request for enrolment is therefore necessary, preferably before 1 May. For an overview of all application deadlines, see [this page](#). Participation in education, pending completion of enrolment, is at your own risk. The costs incurred will be entirely at your expense if final enrolment does not ultimately take place.

### 2.3.2 The 21+ entrance examination

Applicants aged 21 years or older at the start of the academic year (1 September) and who do not meet the statutory prior education requirements as mentioned in section 2.2 may be exempted from this if an entrance examination shows that they are suitable for the relevant education and have a sufficient command of the Dutch language to be able to follow the programme successfully. For more information see [avans.nl](http://avans.nl).

In respect of a holder of a diploma issued outside the Netherlands, which gives access to a study programme at an institution of higher education in the holder's own country, the Executive Board may deviate from the aforementioned age limit of 21 years.

Also, for programmes in the field of arts, the Executive Board may deviate from the above age limit and the English language requirement in cases of exceptional talent. Please see the Education and Examination Regulations of the relevant programmes for the conditions and course of action.

In respect of a refugee student who is not yet aged 21 years or older, the Executive Board may grant permission for that student to take part in a 21+ entrance examination.

### 2.3.3 Research into further prior education requirement

Any applicant under the age of 21 who meets the prior education requirement or has been granted an exemption from it, but does not meet the further prior education requirements of the study programme of his choice, may submit a request to the Executive Board of Avans University of Applied Sciences to take part in an examination aimed at verifying whether he meets comparable requirements. This request will be honoured only if there are compelling reasons for the applicant not having achieved sufficient prior education through secondary education. The requirements of the examination concern the knowledge and skills arising from the prescribed subject cluster and subject package as stated in the Higher Education Registration and Admission Regulations. A positive result in this examination is a prerequisite for enrolment.

## 2.4 First request for enrolment in Studielink

Anyone wishing to enrol in a higher education programme must make a request for enrolment before the application deadline via [Studielink](#).

In most cases, to start a study programme in September, **the application deadline is preferably before 1 May, but no later than 31 August**. Please visit [this link](#) for all applicable and up-to-date application deadlines for English taught study programmes.

For an overview of all application deadlines for Dutch taught study programmes, please visit [this link](#).

### Application deadline for students with a NON-EEA nationality: September start

The request for enrolment for a programme with a start date of 1 September must be submitted **no later than 1 May**. Requests submitted after 1 May will be rejected.

Only in very exceptional circumstances, where the applicant was unable to submit the enrolment request on time and/or in full, may a reasoned request be submitted to the Admissions Committee. After obtaining advice from the Academy Director, the Admissions Committee will assess whether there are exceptional circumstances beyond the applicant's control that justify enrolment after the deadline.

#### 2.4.1 Required records - general

Required records for first enrolment as a student or external student<sup>3</sup> on a bachelor's degree programme:

- enrolment for the 2026/2027 academic year via [studielink.nl](#);
- possibly a certificate of admission on the basis of additional requirements or proof of a place for study programmes with selection if applicable;
- the results of the examination of talent and suitability for the study programme. This applies to the Avans Creative Innovation|St. Joost;
- a statement regarding elimination of deficiencies for programmes with a compulsory intake profile;
- a fully completed and signed online direct debit mandate via Studielink to pay tuition fees;
- if these are being paid by an employer: an online mandate in the student's name. For the expense claim for the employer, Avans University of Applied Sciences provides a pro forma invoice via AvansOne;
- for interim enrolment: proof of permission from the Dean;
- for enrolment as an external student: proof of permission from the Dean.

#### 2.4.2 Additional records for non-EEA students

If the applicant does not have Dutch or EEA nationality, Avans University of Applied Sciences will request, in addition to the records referred to in section 2.4.1, additional documentation in accordance with the Netherlands Aliens Act 2000 relating to a valid residence status at the time of enrolment. At the time of enrolment, the student must be lawfully resident in the Netherlands.

Under the WHW and the Dutch Residence Status Act, the institution is obliged to check this.

In addition to the above documents, at the start of the study programme non-EEA students must have:

- proof of lawful residence in the Netherlands conferring permission to study;
- proof of adequate health insurance;
- proof of sufficient financial resources to stay in the Netherlands for the period of the relevant academic year. See [ind.nl](#) for details.

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<sup>3</sup> For both the first period of an associate degree programme/propaedeutic phase and post-propaedeutic phase (bachelor's phase) of a study programme.

## 2.5 Special first enrolments<sup>4</sup>

### 2.5.1 Enrolment at St.Joost School of Art & Design

For a request for enrolment in a study programme at St. Joost School of Art & Design, you must apply via Studielink. Information on this can be found on the [St. Joost School of Art & Design](#) website. Only after you have sat a selection assessment and received the formal declaration from the selection committee that you can be admitted, will the final enrolment at St. Joost School of Art & Design follow.

### 2.5.2 First enrolment in a study programme starting in February 2027

For study programmes with an official February start, different application deadlines apply per study programme. For a complete and up-to-date overview, see [this page](#) (only available in Dutch).

Only in very specific situations as a result of which the applicant has been unable to enrol on time and/or in full can a substantiated request be made to the admissions committee. The admissions committee will assess whether there are special circumstances beyond the applicant's control, on the basis of which the applicant can still be enrolled.

See the aforementioned Admissions Committee Regulations for details.

### 2.5.3 First enrolment for the post-propaedeutic (or bachelor's degree) phase for a study programme

The request for enrolment must be made by 31 August 2026.

As part of an enrolment for the post-propaedeutic phase, the applicant must have a propaedeutic certificate from the relevant study programme or a declaration from the examination board of the relevant study programme stating that he is exempt from earning the propaedeutic certificate.

If, in the opinion of the School Board, the teaching capacity for the post-propaedeutic phase of a study programme, for which a limit has been set for first enrolment, does not allow for unrestricted enrolment, the School Board may decide to refuse enrolment for the post-propaedeutic phase to students who are not already enrolled at Avans in this programme (WHW Article 7.54).

### 2.5.4 Enrolment in a full-time or dual track study programme other than the one in which the student was enrolled until 1 June

The request for enrolment must be made by 31 August 2026 and can only be submitted if the student is still enrolled in a study programme at the time of the request.

Only in very specific situations as a result of which the applicant has been unable to enrol on time and/or in full can a substantiated request be made to the admissions committee. The admissions committee will assess whether there are special circumstances beyond the applicant's control, on the basis of which the applicant can still be enrolled.

See the aforementioned Admissions Committee Regulations for details.

### 2.5.5 Enrolment as an external student

With the permission of the Dean, it is possible to enrol as an external student for a particular study programme. This enrolment entitles an external student to sit preliminary examinations/final examinations for that study programme and grants access to the multimedia library. An external student is not entitled to receive education and has no right to study counselling or student facilities.

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<sup>4</sup> First enrolments other than for the (full-time, part-time or dual track) bachelor's programme or associate degree programmes as discussed in section 2.4

## 2.6 Study choice test | Intake

In order to fulfil the conditions for enrolment, any applicant who has submitted a timely request for enrolment must participate in the study choice test. The study choice test is also called Intake at Avans. From the 2025-2026 academic year, the intake will no longer be compulsory for all applicants except:

- prospective students applying for Associate degree programmes provided by the Avans-HZ School of Associate Degrees in Roosendaal;
- applicants with a non-EEA nationality;
- study programmes with selection;
- study programmes with additional requirements.

After participating in the study choice test, the applicant will receive a study choice recommendation. More information can be found on [this page](#).

### Non-EEA students

Participation in the Study choice test is mandatory for Non-EEA students. A motivation interview is part of this intake.

For Non-EEA students, no visa application will be initiated if the student receives a negative study choice recommendation based on the motivation interview.

If the applicant receives a negative study choice advice, Avans will refuse to act as a recognised sponsor for the IND and will not cooperate in the visa application. On this basis, the application will be cancelled by Avans.

## 2.7 Language assessment

### 2.7.1 Dutch programmes

For study programmes taught in Dutch, examinations or parts of examinations can only be taken when the student has demonstrated a sufficient command of the Dutch language on the basis of the state examination NT2 Programme II exam (Dutch as a second language) with language level B2 of the European Reference Framework (ERF), the CNaVT<sup>5</sup> certificate PAT or PTHO, or another examination.

The following students are exempt from the Dutch language requirement: students who have completed a Dutch-language admissible prior education in Belgium (Flanders), Suriname, Bonaire, St Eustatius, Saba (BES islands), Aruba or Curaçao.

### 2.7.2 English-taught programmes

Avans University of Applied Sciences also offers foreign-language education. In the case of English-taught programmes, the condition mentioned under 2.7.1 regarding the command of the Dutch language is waived for foreign students. Students with non-Dutch admissible prior education who apply for an English-taught study programme at Avans must have mastered the English language to at least IELTS 6.0 level and demonstrate this on the basis of an accepted language assessment. For more information, [click here](#). Students with a fully English-language prior education obtained in the United States, the United Kingdom, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand or Canada (excluding Quebec) or a prior education on the so-called [diploma list](#) may be exempted from this. For the English linguistic proficiency admission requirement, study programmes in the field of the arts have different requirements that are specifically laid down in the EER of the respective programmes.

## 2.8 Enrolments other than first enrolments

### 2.8.1 Re-enrolment for a study programme

Students who are already enrolled in an Avans University of Applied Sciences study programme in the academic year 2025/2026 and wish to continue this enrolment in the academic year 2026/2027 must submit a request for re-enrolment for this purpose via Studielink. This request must be made by 31 August 2026.

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<sup>5</sup> Certificaat Nederlands als Vreemde Taal (Certificate in Dutch as a Foreign Language), [website](#)

Re-enrolment is conditional on meeting the payment obligation by 31 August 2026. To this end, the student must have issued a continuous online direct debit mandate for the tuition fees in either one or nine instalments, via Studielink.

If enrolment is interrupted in a particular academic year and the student subsequently re-enrols in the same academic year, all results obtained in that academic year will count towards the determination of the norm for binding rejection.

### 2.8.2 Interim enrolment

An applicant who makes a request for enrolment to start a study programme during the academic year, other than an enrolment as mentioned under 2.5.2<sup>6</sup>, must always obtain prior permission for such interim enrolment from the Dean of the relevant programme.

### 2.8.3 Internal transfer from an existing enrolment

When making an internal transfer during the academic year, a student must always get prior permission from the Dean of the programme to which he wants to switch. For example, with a switch to another study programme. Obviously, the student must meet all the specific requirements of this study programme. The switch may also be from full-time to part-time or dual track, or vice versa. In all these cases, permission from the Dean is required.

When switching to a study programme that charges higher tuition fees than the original one, the student has to pay the difference proportionally. When switching to a study programme or variant for which lower tuition fees are charged, the student may request a refund of all or part of the tuition fees.

### 2.8.4 Two or more parallel enrolments in an academic year

A student enrolled at a Dutch university of applied sciences or research university may also enrol in another study programme in the same academic year. This can be at the same university of applied sciences or at another university of applied sciences or research university. This is called a second parallel enrolment.

Students who meet the conditions as mentioned in section 3.1. and pay statutory tuition fees on this basis will be exempt from paying tuition fees (in full or in part) for the second enrolment<sup>7</sup>.

### 2.8.5 Enrolment for a minor at Avans University of Applied Sciences

Students with a first enrolment at another Dutch government-funded higher education institution in the Netherlands (with the exception of the Open University of the Netherlands) have the opportunity to take a minor at Avans University of Applied Sciences through a second enrolment. Students must then meet the entry requirements as stated in the minor regulations of the minor they intend to take and submit a proof of tuition fee payment.

Students make the request for enrolment in a minor through Studielink. They apply for the programme to which the minor belongs. At the same time, the student must complete the so-called 'KOM contract' via the 'Kies op Maat' programme, sign it himself and then have it signed by both the competent authority of his own institution and the competent authority of Avans University of Applied Sciences. The student is responsible for submitting the original 'KOM contract', signed in full, to the relevant minor department of Avans University of Applied Sciences. If necessary, the student is also responsible for providing additional necessary documents such as a copy of his national identity card and diploma of prior education. Taking a minor outside the 'Kies op Maat' programme can only be done with the express permission of your own examination board.

For students from partner institutions abroad, the enrolment procedure via Studielink and Kies op Maat, described above, does not apply. These students make the request for enrolment directly to the International Office of Avans University of Applied Sciences. A more detailed description of the enrolment procedure can be found at [avans.nl](http://avans.nl).

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<sup>6</sup> Enrolment with start in February 2026.

<sup>7</sup> WHW Article 7.48(1)

### 2.8.6 Enrolment in a master's degree programme

Avans offers several master's degree programmes. Application for these programmes is made via Studielink. Applicants will be admitted only if they meet the statutory admission requirements and, if applicable, additional admissions requirements from the School Board. For information on the programmes offered and admissions requirements, see [this page](#).

## 3. Financial obligations

Payment of the tuition fees due is a requirement for enrolment or re-enrolment as a student. Students should use the online direct debit mandate in Studielink for this purpose. Depending on whether you have previously earned an associate degree, bachelor's degree and/or master's degree, these are the statutory tuition fees or the institution tuition fees.

The level of tuition fees can be found on [avans.nl](#). The statutory tuition fee is indexed annually as stated in the WHW. The institution tuition fees are set annually by the Executive Board of Avans University of Applied Sciences.

### 3.1 Statutory tuition fees

When enrolling as a student, you will owe the statutory tuition fees (WHW Article 7.45a)<sup>8</sup>:

- a. if you have not yet earned another diploma or bachelor's degree at the beginning of the academic year. That means, before enrolling for:
  - an associate degree programme, you have not previously been awarded an associate degree, a bachelor's degree or a master's degree;
  - a bachelor's programme, you have not previously been awarded a bachelor's degree;
  - a master's programme, you have not previously earned a master's degree,
- b. if you meet the nationality requirement set out in the law: if you are a national of an EEA country, Suriname, Switzerland or, under certain conditions, Turkey. You are also entitled to pay statutory tuition fees if you have a residence permit entitling you to financial aid for studying<sup>9</sup>.

If you do not meet the above criteria<sup>10</sup>, you pay the institution tuition fees. See section below.

### 3.2 Institution tuition fees

For the categories not mentioned in section 3.1, Avans University of Applied Sciences is obliged to set institution tuition fees. The amounts may vary by study programme and by programme variant: full-time, part-time or dual track. An overview of the different tuition fee categories 2026/2027 can be found at [avans.nl](#).

Students who believe they are wrongly paying the institution tuition fees may submit a substantiated request to the Executive Board that they be charged the statutory tuition fees or - depending on the circumstances - the institution tuition fees equivalent to the statutory tuition fees. The burden of proof is on the student.

### 3.3 Tuition fees for two (or more) parallel enrolments

#### 3.3.1 Statutory tuition fees

Students who meet the conditions as mentioned in 3.1. and pay statutory tuition fees on this basis will be exempt from paying tuition fees (in full or in part) for the second enrolment<sup>11</sup>. If the tuition fees for the first enrolment are lower than the statutory tuition fees, the student must pay the difference. A second enrolment requires the student to submit a 'Proof of Tuition Fee Payment' for the first enrolment. This option only applies in the case of parallel enrolment at two (or more) government funded higher education institutions in the Netherlands (with the exception of the Open University of the Netherlands).

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<sup>8</sup> However, if you choose a study programme in the education or healthcare cluster of studies and have already earned a previous degree in another cluster of studies, you are still eligible for statutory tuition fees.

<sup>9</sup> <https://www.duo.nl/particulier/collegegeld.jsp>

<sup>10</sup> And does not fall under the exceptions mentioned in WHW Article 7.45a.

<sup>11</sup> WHW Article 7.48(1)

Students who have a first enrolment at an institution other than Avans University of Applied Sciences and owe statutory tuition fees for this, will be exempt from paying tuition fees (in full or in part) for the second enrolment. If the student earns a degree for one of the two programmes, he will continue to pay the statutory tuition fees for his enrolment in the second programme, if he was enrolled in both programmes at the same time, as long as the enrolment continues without interruption.

### 3.3.2 Institution tuition fees

If the student owes institution tuition fees and both the first and second (parallel) enrolment take place at Avans University of Applied Sciences, the student will be exempt from paying the institution tuition fees (in full or in part) for the second enrolment under certain circumstances. In principle, this is the case if the amount of institution tuition fees for the first enrolment exceeds the amount of institution tuition fees for the second enrolment.

Students who have a first enrolment at an institution other than Avans University of Applied Sciences and owe the institution tuition fees for this, will owe the full institution tuition fees in the event of a second parallel enrolment at Avans University of Applied Sciences.

## 3.4 Tuition fees for interim enrolment

Enrolment is valid for the 2026/2027 academic year. The regular academic year runs from 1 September to 31 August. In some programmes, there is also the possibility of enrolling on 1 February. If you enrol during the academic year, the term of enrolment runs from your entry date until 31 August 2027 and a proportional amount (number of months of enrolment x 1/12 of the annual rate) is due, with part of the month counting as a full month. This provision also applies to contract students who enrol as students during the academic year. Students who have been in an intermediate vocational education (mbo) institution who start during the academic year and have already paid school fees elsewhere may, under certain circumstances, be eligible for a reduction or set-off when paying tuition fees (WHW Article 7.48(2)).

## 3.5 Payment of tuition fees

A student pays tuition fees via a continuous online direct debit mandate in either one or nine instalments from September up to and including May. The continuous online direct debit mandate can also be issued by parents/guardians. If a student has his tuition fees reimbursed by his or her employer, that student must issue the continuous online direct debit mandate under his own name and bank account number, via Studielink. For the expense claim for the employer, Avans University of Applied Sciences provides a pro forma invoice via AvansOne.

The payment mandate is issued via Studielink. If the student chooses to pay in instalments, the one-off administration costs (€24) will be charged for each academic year in which this payment option is chosen. If the student enrolls after September, the tuition fee payable will be spread over the remaining instalments up to and including the month of May.

### 3.5.1 Non-EEA nationality

Applicants with a non-EEA nationality must ensure that the full tuition fee amount has been credited to Avans' bank account **no later than 15 June**.

Once it has been established that the applicant is admissible on the basis of prior education, language proficiency requirements and the study choice advice, and the tuition fee payment has been received by Avans, the visa procedure will be initiated.

If the tuition fee due has not been received by 15 June, the request for enrolment will be cancelled by Avans.

## 3.6 Failure to meet payment obligation

The moment a payment or instalment cannot be collected, the student will be given the opportunity to rectify this oversight. The student will receive reminders about the outstanding debt, sent to the email address he/she provided in Studielink. The debt must be paid by the student within 28 days of receipt of the reminder.

If payment is subsequently not made, the student will receive an ultimatum letter, sent to the email address he/she provided in Studielink. This letter states that the outstanding debt must be paid within 16 days from the date of the letter. The moment the ultimatum letter is sent, the student's account will be suspended. This means the student will be (temporarily) excluded from participating in educational activities and making use of educational support facilities.

If the student remains in default by failing to meet his/her payment obligation after this deadline, the enrolment will be terminated by order of the Executive Board. The termination will take effect on the first day of the second month following the date of dispatch of the ultimatum letter.

This does not relieve the student of his payment obligations or remove the rule that collection is transferred to third parties, in which case, in addition to the principal sum, the student will bear all extrajudicial costs (and any judicial costs) to be incurred, statutory interest from the moment of default, and damages.

A request for re-enrolment will be refused if, at the start of the academic year, the full tuition fees from previous years have not been paid. The diploma will not be issued until the tuition fees due for all years of enrolment have been paid in full and all other financial obligations have also been met.

### 3.7 Right to a refund of tuition fees

#### Revoking enrolment before start

If enrolment for an academic year is revoked before 1 September of that academic year (or before the agreed start date of education), the student is entitled to a full refund of any tuition fees already paid. The academic year starts on 1 September for most students.

#### Termination of enrolment during the academic year

Students are entitled to a refund of one-twelfth of the tuition fees owed by them for each month of the academic year following the termination of their enrolment, unless a request for deregistration is received in June, July or August. If you paid in instalments, no more direct debits will follow.

An external student is not entitled to a refund of examination fees.

#### Two or more enrolments

A Proof of Tuition Fee Payment (Dutch abbreviation 'BBC') is a supporting document showing that you have paid your tuition fees at another government funded higher education institute in the Netherlands (with the exception of the Open University of the Netherlands).

If, in addition to your study programme at Avans University of Applied Sciences, you are going to be taking a minor or other study programme at another university of applied sciences or research university in the Netherlands, you can apply for an online BBC in [Studielink](#). You then only have to pay tuition fees at one institution.

If you receive a notification in Studielink that the education(al) institution where you want to study does not offer an online BBC, follow the steps on this Student Support [page](#).

## 4. Successful enrolment

### 4.1 Certificate of enrolment

Students who meet the conditions for enrolment and the corresponding financial obligations will receive a certificate of enrolment (available via AvansOne).

### 4.2 Communication

Students who have met all terms of enrolment will be given an Avans email address. Avans uses this email address as its primary means of communication with its students. This means that decisions taken by or on behalf of Avans bodies will be communicated to the student via this email address. For communications or decisions applicable to the obligation to pay tuition fees, the personal email address provided by the student in Studielink will be used.

Students should use the Avans email address with due care in their relationship with Avans University of Applied Sciences. In this context, students should check their inbox daily during term-time to take prompt note of relevant information about their study programme and/or Avans. Students are personally responsible at all times for being and staying informed.

Students must personally ensure that any change in a correspondence and email address is communicated promptly and in writing via Studielink or the BRP following the applicable procedures. Avans University of Applied Sciences accepts no liability whatsoever as a result of the student's failure to give prompt written notice of any change in correspondence and email address.

## 5. Termination of enrolment

Both the student and Avans University of Applied Sciences have the option to terminate an enrolment.

### 5.1 Termination of enrolment at the student's request

#### 5.1.1 Termination without a leaving certificate being issued

Students may terminate their enrolment at any time during the year and study programme. Termination of enrolment without a leaving certificate being issued for the study programme can have far-reaching consequences for the student. Students considering deregistration are therefore advised to check in advance with the study programme, a student counsellor and/or DUO about the consequences of deregistration in terms of financial aid for studying, course units taken, possible arrangements regarding a restart, etc.

Deregistration during the academic year is arranged by the student through a request for deregistration via Studielink. The student must make a timely report himself via Studielink stating that he wishes to terminate his enrolment and the date on which he wants this to take effect (termination of enrolment with retroactive effect is not possible).

The enrolment will be terminated with effect from the first of the month following the month in which the request is received. DFS will inform the individual concerned of the termination of the enrolment.

#### 5.1.2 Termination after a leaving certificate is issued

If you graduate and the Examination Board has established that you have passed, Avans University of Applied Sciences will terminate your enrolment with effect from the month following the graduation date determined by the Examination Board.

It is possible to request a correction to this date using [this form](#).

## 5.2 Termination of enrolment by order of the Executive Board

### 5.2.1 Immediate termination

The Executive Board has the option to terminate a student's enrolment, with effect from the next month after the date of the decision, in the following cases<sup>12</sup>:

- a. after receiving a binding negative study recommendation<sup>13</sup> (WHW Article 7.8b paragraph 5). Each student will receive a study recommendation<sup>14</sup> no later than the end of the first year of enrolment. However, from the 2025/2026 academic year, the binding nature of the study recommendation has been abandoned. Instead, an ISAT-dependent transition norm will be introduced for all Avans study programmes. This means that a student's enrolment will no longer be terminated on the basis of a binding negative study recommendation, but that progression to the next academic year depends on the ISAT score. It is also possible that the issuance of a study recommendation may be delayed. In that case, a transition recommendation can also be given at a later stage. The [Education and Examination \(EER\)](#) rules apply.
- b. as part of a measure following serious fraud. If the examination board has determined that serious fraud has taken place, the examination board may request the Executive Board to terminate a student's enrolment (WHW Article 7.12b(2));
- c. failure to respect the foundation and aims and objectives of the institution, provided there is an opportunity to follow the study programme at another institution (WHW Article 7.37(5) and (6));
- d. if the student, by his behaviour and statements, has shown himself to be unsuitable for the practice of one or more professions for which the study programme he is following is training him, or for the practical preparation for professional practice, the Executive Board may, after advice from the examination board and careful consideration of the interests involved, terminate the student's enrolment (WHW Article 7.42a);
- e. violating Avans' rules & regulations and disciplinary measures (WHW Article 7.57h). If a student has violated Avans' rules & regulations, a measure may be imposed as a sanction. This measure may include termination of enrolment with Avans. See [Rules & Regulations](#) and [Students' Charter](#).

### 5.2.2 Termination after notice

If the student does not fulfil his payment obligations (WHW Article 7.42(2) and (5)), the student will receive a reminder giving the student the opportunity to still make the overdue payment. If payment is not made after this reminder, the enrolment will be terminated with effect from the second month after the date of the reminder/ultimatum letter.

## 5.3 Consequences of termination enrolment

Any student who is not enrolled has no right to participate in education, no right to sit tests, preliminary examinations and final examinations, no right to use Avans' facilities and student facilities, and no right to study counselling. A student who is not enrolled is also not entitled to financial aid for studying. If the student terminates his enrolment, he himself should stop his financial aid for studying with DUO in time and stop his student travel product (public transport chip card).

### 5.3.1 Tuition fees refund

For each month that the student is not enrolled, he does not owe statutory tuition fees, see section 3.8 above. Refunds of any overpaid/collected tuition fees will be made only where there are no further claims outstanding. If there is a request for termination of enrolment for the months of June, July and August, no reduction will take place and enrolment will be terminated on 31 August. As a result, an entitlement to any financial aid for studying and the travel product will continue until the end of the academic year.

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<sup>12</sup> The refund rules as included under 3.8 also apply in full in the cases of termination of enrolment referred to under 5.2, subject to the waiting time (in months) mentioned in this article.

<sup>13</sup> If enrolment is interrupted in a particular academic year and the student subsequently re-enrols in the same academic year, all results obtained in that academic year will count towards the determination of the norm for binding rejection.

<sup>14</sup> The Education and Examination Regulations (EER) may stipulate that in a part-time programme, the study recommendation is given at a later point in time

### 5.3.2 Non-EEA students

By enrolling as a student at Avans University of Applied Sciences, and in accordance with the Code of Conduct for International Students in Higher Education, the non-EEA student agrees that upon termination of enrolment, or earlier if it has been determined by the institution that the student is no longer delivering a reasonable study performance, the institution will notify the Immigration and Naturalisation Service by return.

### 5.3.3 Termination and financial aid for studying

A student receiving financial aid for studying should take two actions:

1. terminate his enrolment via Studielink, and
2. stop his financial aid for studying/student travel product through DUO. *Stopping the financial aid for studying does not lead to the termination of the enrolment!*

## 6. Other Provisions

### 6.1 Insurance

The student/external student is responsible for taking out third-party and accident insurance during the period of his/her enrolment. Avans University of Applied Sciences has taken out collective liability and accident insurance for its students. This insurance provides only secondary, limited coverage.

### 6.2 Indemnification

The student/external student indemnifies the Avans Foundation against claims from third parties on the grounds of copyright and patent rights. These are claims that may arise in connection with the use of items such as software, recordings, books and journals that are the property of Avans University of Applied Sciences or under the management of Avans University of Applied Sciences and made available by Avans University of Applied Sciences, or of which the student/external student has otherwise had the opportunity to become aware.

Any costs, judicial and extrajudicial, associated with the aforementioned claims against the university of applied sciences, as well as the interest, will be borne in full by the student/external student who violates the rights referred to in this article.

### 6.3 Personal data protection

Avans University of Applied Sciences follows the General Data Protection Regulation ("AVG") when processing personal data (i.e. all data that can be traced back to a person) and the [Avans Privacy statement](#).

### 6.4 Compensation/Fines

#### 6.4.1 Infringement of intellectual property

If the rights are owned by Avans University of Applied Sciences or the Avans Foundation, the student or external student will forfeit a fine of €225 for each violation, immediately payable to Avans University of Applied Sciences, without prejudice to Avans University of Applied Sciences' right to recover the full damages from him.

#### 6.4.2 Non-eligible participation in education

Anyone who is not enrolled but still makes use of the educational support facilities will owe Avans University of Applied Sciences compensation not exceeding the tuition fees payable (WHW Article 15.2). Avans may also report an offence and this offence may be punished with a fine of the second category in accordance with WHW Article 15.3 in conjunction with Article 23 of the Criminal Code.

Any test and preliminary examination results will not be valid unless all enrolment obligations have been met.

#### 6.4.3 Information and ID requirements

Providing incomplete or inaccurate information at enrolment may result in termination of the enrolment.

If there is any pecuniary disadvantage, the student or external student is fully liable for it. If Avans University of Applied Sciences has to take collection measures, all associated costs will be borne by the student or external student.

Anyone who fails to provide their name and address and certificate of enrolment or student pass on demand to persons designated by the Executive Board may be denied access to the buildings and sites of Avans University of Applied Sciences. He can also be punished with a fine as per WHW Article 15.4 in conjunction with Article 23 of the Criminal Code.

#### 6.5 Liability

The Executive Board bears no responsibility whatsoever for loss, theft or damage to personal property in the buildings and sites of Avans University of Applied Sciences or in buildings and sites it uses.

#### 6.6 Objection

Any student/external student who feels that his/her interests regarding enrolment and termination of enrolment (or any request to that end) have been harmed may submit a written objection, within 6 weeks after the date of the decision, to the Disputes Advisory Committee of the Executive Board in accordance with the provisions in the Student Appeals Procedure. The Executive Board's decision on the objection can be appealed to the Appeals Tribunal for Higher Education.

The rules of procedure for objections are set out in the Appeals Procedure Regulations, which can be found on [this page](#).

#### 6.7 Hardship clause

The student administration coordinator is, within the framework of the WHW and insofar as it does not fall within the powers of the Admissions Committee, authorised to deal with serious inequities that may arise in the application of these regulations, as well as to take decisions that are not provided for in these regulations. To this end, the student must send a substantiated written request to: Avans Hogeschool, DFS, Team Coordinator Student Domain DFS, Postbus 90.116 4800 RA Breda.

#### 6.8 Entry into force and official title

These regulations apply to applications and enrolments for the academic year 2026/2027. The regulations may be cited as 'Terms of Enrolment of Avans University of Applied Sciences 2026/2027'.