

Studying with a Functional Limitation

Do you have personal instructions?



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For foreign students who do not qualify for a Dutch study grant only sections 1, 2 and 5 apply.

1. What is a functional limitation?

According to related legislation, a functional limitation is either a temporary or chronic disorder which structurally hampers the student in participating in education and / or taking (interim) examinations.

Students who believe they qualify for one of the following regulations may contact a dean for students (Student Counselling and Health Service). See section 8 for addresses.

2. Counselling and Supervision

Students with a functional limitation have a right to specialised supervision by the Student Counselling and Health Service and the study advisors.

Students with a functional limitation can contact the following persons or groups for special services, information and counselling:

- > the student deans provide information with regard to functional limitations and help with their implementation. They can also arrange for the provision of some special materials and facilities.
- > the student physician or student deans can provide an urgency declaration for the Housing Foundation Idealis
- > study advisors can help students by providing modified scheduling and other kinds of assistance
- > For advice and declarations on learning disorders (e.g. dyslexia) students can contact a student psychologist.

Limitation

At Wageningen University, there is a Committee for Facilities for Individuals with a Functional Limitation (Dutch abbreviation: WVG), which consists of students and staff. This committee promotes the interests of WUR-students and staff with a functional limitation or chronic illness, especially with regard to policy aspects.

3. Dutch study grant

For students with a functional limitation who receive a Dutch study grant from IB-group there are a number of special regulations:

- > one year extra study grant
- > extension of the 10 years diploma deadline
- > no debt when you are not able to get your diploma
- > new Dutch study grant for a new study.

To make use of these regulations, students should contact the student deans as well as student physician or student psychologist. They can provide the required declarations.

4. Student Financial Support Regulation (FOS)

Students with a Dutch study grant from IB-group who have study delay due to illness or a functional limitation may qualify for financial assistance under the Student Financial Support Regulation ('FOS regeling') of Wageningen University if the regulations of IB-group do not cover the compensation.

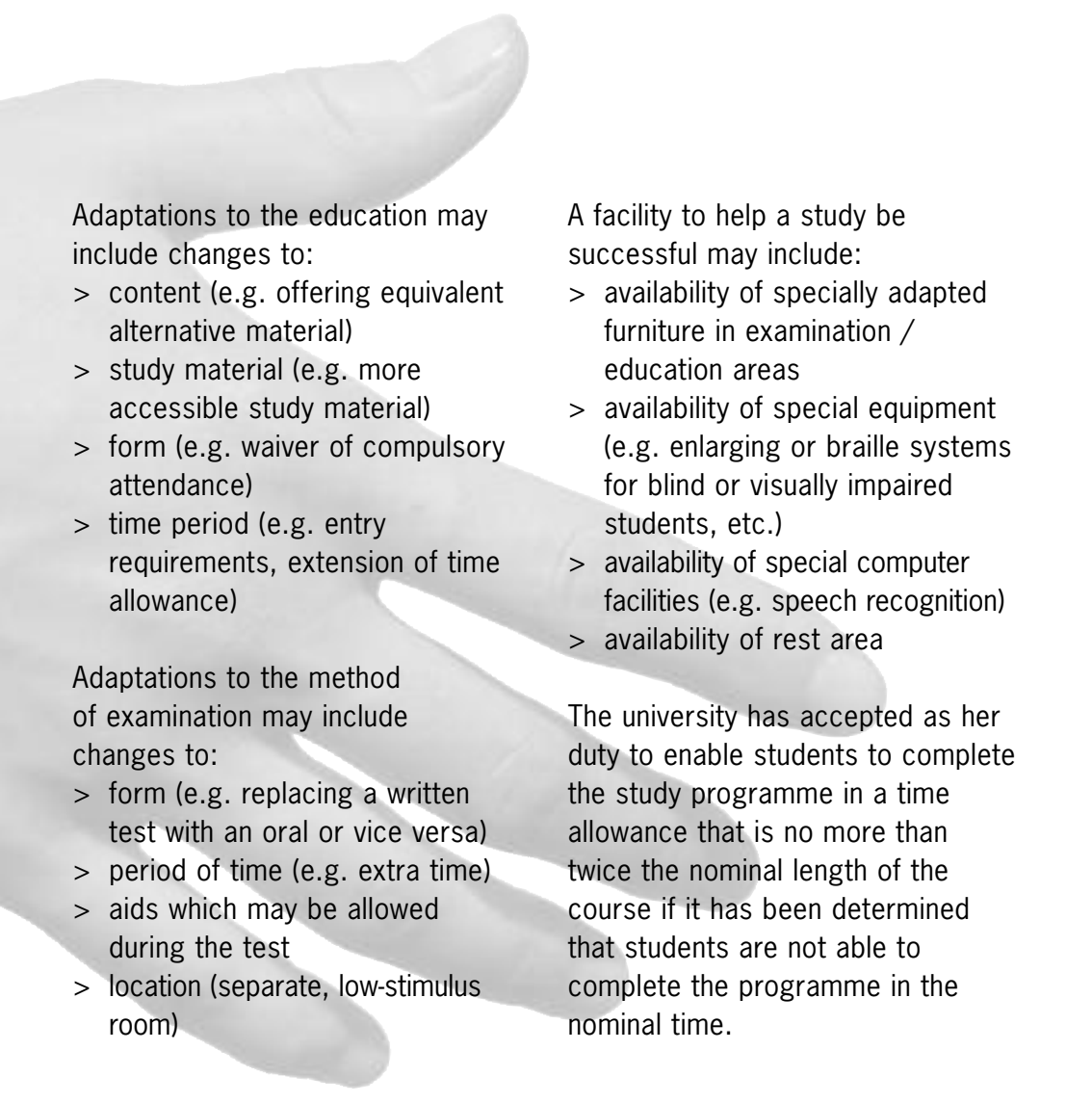
The situation must be reported to the Student Counseling Service within two months after the start of the delay.

5. Participating in education and taking interim examinations

Based on the Equal Treatment Act, a student with a functional limitation may request special facilities that are required to participate in education and to take interim examinations. Students with a functional limitation are offered a reasonable opportunity to take interim examinations which are adapted as much as possible to their circumstances. Students who require special facilities in order to participate in education or take interim examinations are advised to contact the Student Counselling and Health Service.

They may request specific adaptations as follows:

- > students with an impairment may submit a written application to the Examining Board to qualify for adaptations to education, the examinations and/or extra facilities to enable them complete the education successfully
- > Any changes will be geared as much as possible to the individual but may not affect the quality or degree of difficulty of the study programme
- > The students request must to be accompanied by a recommendation from the Student Dean's Office, which is based on a recent medical statement.
- > The examining board decides on the request within a four-week period



Adaptations to the education may include changes to:

- > content (e.g. offering equivalent alternative material)
- > study material (e.g. more accessible study material)
- > form (e.g. waiver of compulsory attendance)
- > time period (e.g. entry requirements, extension of time allowance)

Adaptations to the method of examination may include changes to:

- > form (e.g. replacing a written test with an oral or vice versa)
- > period of time (e.g. extra time)
- > aids which may be allowed during the test
- > location (separate, low-stimulus room)

A facility to help a study be successful may include:

- > availability of specially adapted furniture in examination / education areas
- > availability of special equipment (e.g. enlarging or braille systems for blind or visually impaired students, etc.)
- > availability of special computer facilities (e.g. speech recognition)
- > availability of rest area

The university has accepted as her duty to enable students to complete the study programme in a time allowance that is no more than twice the nominal length of the course if it has been determined that students are not able to complete the programme in the nominal time.

6. Purchase of Technical Study Aids

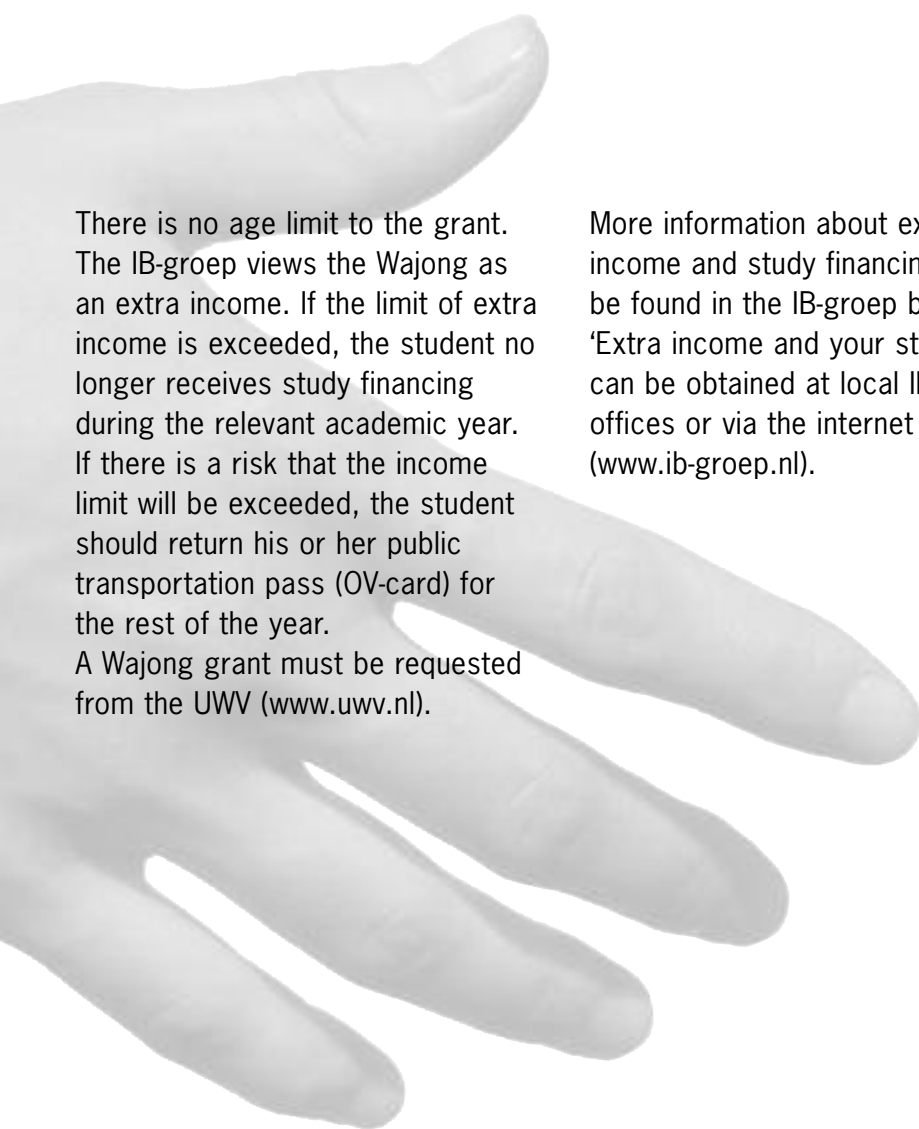
The costs of aids which facilitate disabled students to participate in education may be reimbursed via the UWV. The UWV (Employees Insurance Administration Office) is responsible for implementing the procedure for students. If a request is not granted, then special private foundations may be approached. The student dean can mediate, if necessary.

7. Wajong Grant

A student qualifies for the Wajong Act (facilities for disabled young people act) if he or she:

- > is disabled on the day that he/she reaches the age of 17;
- > becomes disabled after he/she has reached the age of 17 and studied during the previous year for a period of at least six months.

It is possible to have a Wajong grant in addition to a study grant.



There is no age limit to the grant. The IB-groep views the Wajong as an extra income. If the limit of extra income is exceeded, the student no longer receives study financing during the relevant academic year. If there is a risk that the income limit will be exceeded, the student should return his or her public transportation pass (OV-card) for the rest of the year. A Wajong grant must be requested from the UWV (www.uwv.nl).

More information about extra income and study financing can be found in the IB-groep brochure 'Extra income and your study' which can be obtained at local IB-groep's offices or via the internet (www.ib-groep.nl).

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