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1. Introduction

These Regulations outline the legal rights and obligations regarding the tuition fees and examination fees for the government-funded programmes of Saxion University of Applied Sciences (hereafter referred to as Saxion). They specify the tuition rates and procedural provisions applied by Saxion and form an integral part of the Student Charter 2026–2027.

These Regulations do not apply to the unfunded programme 'Tweedegraads lerarenopleiding' (second-level teacher training) offered by Saxion Next, nor to courses. The Saxion General Terms and Conditions (GTC) of apply.

2. General provisions

2.1 Definitions and terms

In these Regulations, the following definitions apply:

- AD: Associate Degree programme
- BRP: The BRP (Personal Records Database) records personal data of both residents and non-residents.
- Tuition fee: The contribution the student is required to pay in order to be enrolled in a study programme. This includes both the statutory tuition fee and the institutional tuition fee.
- Executive Board (CvB) The board of the Saxion Foundation, acting as institutional board (Article 1.1 of the Higher Education and research Act - WHW).
- CBHO: Board of Appeal for Higher Education.
- Direct debit mandate: A one-off direct debit authorisation, valid as long as the student remains enrolled at Saxion.
- EU/EEA student: A student who holds the nationality of a European Union (EU) or European Economic Area (EEA) country, including Switzerland.
- Examination fee: The amount owed by an external candidate (Article 7.44 of the WHW).
- External candidate: A person who is registered to take examinations but does not participate in education (Article 7.36 of the WHW).
- Institutional tuition fee: Tuition fees determined on the basis of Article 7.46 of the WHW.
- Non-EU/EEA student: A student not covered by the EU/EEA definition.
- Programme(s): All Saxion government-funded bachelor's degree, associate degree and master's degree programmes.
- Package fee: Tuition fees including additional costs such as visa, insurance and accommodation.
- SEPA: Single Euro Payments Area – standard for European payments.
- Student: A person enrolled in a study programme as a student
- Year of study: The period from 1 September to 31 August of the following year.
- WHW: Wet op het hoger onderwijs en wetenschappelijk onderzoek (Higher Education and Research Act).
- Statutory tuition fee: The tuition fee established by ministerial regulation (Article 7.45 of the WHW).

2.2 Scope and validity

- 1) These Regulations apply to the enrolment as a regular student or external candidate at Saxion for a government-funded associate degree, bachelor's degree or master's degree programme.
- 2) These Regulations only apply to the academic year 2026-2027. These Regulations are adjusted annually. No appeal can be made to previous regulations.
- 3) These Regulations are established subject to changes in the WHW and related legislation. Changes are legally valid from the moment they are brought into effect.

3. Types of Tuition and Examination Fees

Payment of tuition fees is mandatory for enrolment in a government-funded bachelor's, associate degree (AD) or master's degree programme's programme. Depending on the situation, either the statutory tuition fee or the institutional tuition fee applies. Examination fees are payable for enrolment as an external candidate.

3.1 Statutory Tuition Fees

(Based on Articles 7.43, 7.45 and 7.45a of the WHW and Section 2 of the Implementation Decree WHW)

1. The statutory tuition fees apply to students who meet the following conditions:
 - **Nationality requirement:** The student either holds the nationality of an EEA country, Switzerland, or Suriname, or possesses a residence permit that qualifies them for a student grant, as determined by DUO.
 - **Degree requirement:** The student has not yet obtained a qualification at the same or higher level within the funded education:
 - No prior bachelor's degree at the time of enrolment in a bachelor's degree programme;
 - No prior master's degree at the time of enrolment in a master's degree programme;
 - No prior associate degree, bachelor's or master's degree at the time of enrolment in an associate degree programme;
2. Students pursuing a second study programme in the fields of **healthcare** or **education**, after completing a first programme outside these sectors, may also be eligible to pay the statutory tuition fee.
3. For part-time programmes or degree apprenticeships, a portion of the statutory tuition fee is determined by the Executive Board. See Article 4.1 of this regulation.
4. For current rates and additional regulations, see **Chapter 4** of this regulation.

3.2 Institutional tuition fee

(Based on Article 7.46 WHW)

1. Students who do not meet the conditions for statutory tuition fees (as mentioned in Article 3.1, paragraph 1) and who are not registered as an external candidate are required to pay **institutional tuition fees**. This amount is determined by the Executive Board.
2. Refer to **Chapter 5** of these regulations for details on the rates and conditions applicable to the institutional tuition fee.

3.3 Examination fees

A person who registers for examinations and who does not take part in classes is referred to as an external candidate (Article 7.36 WHW). An external candidate must pay an examination fee as set by the Executive Board for each academic year that they are enrolled as an external candidate in a study programme. The Executive Board has set the examination fee at a level equivalent to the tuition fee applicable for full-time student enrolment under these Regulations. Pursuant to Article 4.1, Article 5.1 paragraph 1 sub c or Article 5.1 paragraph 1 sub d, this amount is equal to **€ 2,694**.

4 Statutory tuition fees

4.1 Statutory tuition fee (Article 7.45a paragraph 3 WHW)

A student as referred to in Article 3.1 paragraph 1 of these Regulations who is enrolled in a full-time degree programme must pay a statutory tuition fee of **€ 2,694**. This fee has been set at the same amount for part-time degree programmes,

4.2 Second enrolment or interim enrolment and refund of statutory tuition fees (Article 7.48 WHW)

1) Costs of a second enrolment in addition to a first enrolment

If a student has paid the statutory tuition fee for their first enrolment and wishes to enrol in a second programme in a government-funded higher education institution in the Netherlands for which a statutory tuition fee is due, the student must submit a 'Proof of Tuition Fee Paid' to the institution where they wish to enrol in a second programme. After submitting their Proof of Tuition Fee Paid, the following applies to the student:

- a) if the statutory tuition fee for the second enrolment is equal to or lower than that of the first, no additional payment is required.
- b) if the statutory tuition fee for the second enrolment is higher than for the first, the student must pay the difference.

2) Interim enrolment

In the case of an interim enrolment, a student must only pay part of the statutory tuition fees that they owe. A student who enrolls during the course of a month is formally admitted on the first day of that month with the exception of the month of October. In the case of an interim enrolment, the amount due is calculated pro rata based on the number of remaining months in the academic year in question. This means that students who enter on 1 February must pay 7/12th of the tuition fee.

3) Refund upon termination of enrolment Article 7.48 WHW

Refund of tuition fee applies only to the statutory tuition fee paid to Saxion.

- a. A student who wishes to terminate their enrolment must submit a request to terminate their enrolment through Studielink.
- b. If the student enrolled at another government-funded institution at the same time as their enrolment at Saxion, they must submit the original Proof of Tuition Fee Paid upon deregistration to be eligible for a refund of tuition fees.
- c. A deregistration request citing graduation as the reason will be approved once the Examination Board has officially confirmed that the student has graduated. Deregistration will take effect on the first day of the month following the month in which the student receives their final examination result. If the tuition fee was paid via direct debit mandate, the refund will be processed 56 days after the final debit payment to Saxion. This is due to the statutory reversal period. In all other cases, the refund will be issued on the first day of the month following the month in which the student submitted the request.
- d. The tuition fee will only be refunded to the account from which it was originally debited. An exception to this article is only possible following a decision by the Team Leader of Financial Administration at Saxion's Business Support Organisation.
- e. After termination of enrolment in a Saxion programme, the student is entitled to a pro rata refund of the statutory tuition fee paid, based on the number of remaining months in the academic year during which the student is no longer enrolled. Students are not entitled to a refund of tuition fees for the months of July and August. Therefore, a student who submits a request to terminate their enrolment in June is not entitled to repayment, as the termination of enrolment will not be effective until 1 July.
- f. The student is responsible for the timely cancellation of their student grant and public transport pass.

4) A student who has lodged an appeal against a negative and binding study advice (BSA) for a study programme in the previous academic year may re-enrol in the same programme while the appeal is pending. If the appeal is not granted, the enrolment for the following academic year will be cancelled and any tuition fees already paid will be refunded.

5 Institutional tuition fee

5.1 Institutional tuition fee rates (Article 7.46 WHW)

- 1) Pursuant to Article 7.46 paragraph 3 WHW, the following institutional tuition fees have been set:
 - a) A student who has registered via the Foundation for Refugee Students UAF (University Assistance Fund) and does not or does not yet meet the requirements of Article 3.1 of these Regulations will pay tuition fees amounting to **€ 2,694**.
 - b) Students with a Ukrainian nationality have received a reduction equal to the statutory tuition fee for the past four academic years due to the war situation in Ukraine. As of the 2023/2024 academic year, this arrangement has been discontinued for new students with a Ukrainian nationality. Ukrainian students who received a reduction equal to the statutory tuition fee in previous years will retain this reduction for the nominal duration of their study program.
 - c) A student who has obtained a bachelor's or master's degree in Dutch higher education after 1991 and meets the nationality requirement (Article 3.1, Paragraph 1, sub b) must pay tuition fees amounting to **€6,740**. An exception is the fee for the degree programme BK5 (Industrial Engineering & Management). The fee for this degree programme amounts to **€ 3,370**. A student who does not fall under sub a, b or c of paragraph 1 of this Article must pay **€ 9,360**. Institutional tuition fees for a master's degree programme amount to **€ 10,940**, with the exception of the Master Advanced Nursing Practice.
 - d) The institutional tuition fee for the Advanced Nursing Practice master's degree programme is **€ 15,280**.

- 2) Students who meet the requirements necessary to qualify for paying a statutory tuition fee (see Article 3.1) during the course of the academic year may pay a statutory tuition fee for the remaining part of the academic year upon request. The request is granted once the student has submitted evidence to Student Registration that the conditions for payment of a statutory tuition fee have been met. The rate of the statutory tuition fee is calculated from the month following the month during which the request was granted. If necessary, costs will be offset.

5.2 Reduction, exemption and refund of the institutional tuition fee

- 1) A student who pays institutional tuition fees to Saxion does not have a right to a reduction or exemption of the institutional tuition fee if they enrol at another institution.
- 2) Interim enrolment
In the case of an interim enrolment, a student must only pay part of the institutional tuition fees that they owe. A student who enrolls during the course of a month is formally admitted on the first day of that month, with the exception of the month of October, as this is not legally possible. In the case of an interim enrolment, the amount due is calculated pro rata based on the number of remaining months in the academic year in question. This means that students who are admitted on 1 February pay 7/12 of the tuition fee.
- 3) Refund after termination of enrolment Article 7.46 paragraph 5 WHW
Refund of part of the tuition fee applies only to the institutional tuition fee been paid to Saxion. This only concerns institutional tuition fees; all costs incurred by Saxion and provisions provided (e.g. Scholarships) will be deducted from the amount eligible for reimbursement. Exceptions to this are the paid administration fees in cases referred to in paragraphs 4 and 5.

- a. A student who wishes to terminate their enrolment must submit a request to terminate their enrolment through Studielink.
- b. A deregistration request citing graduation as the reason will be approved once the Examination Board has officially confirmed that the student has graduated. Deregistration will take effect on the first day of the month following the month in which the student receives their final examination result. If the tuition fee was paid via direct debit mandate, the refund will be processed 56 days after the final debit payment to Saxion. This is due to the statutory reversal period. In all other cases, the refund will be issued on the first day of the month following the month in which the student submitted the request.
- c. The tuition fee will only be refunded to the account from which it was originally debited. An exception to this Article can only be made following a decision by the team leader of Saxion's Financial Administration and Business Support Organisation.
- d. After termination of enrolment in a Saxion programme(s), the student is entitled to a pro rata refund of the institutional tuition fee paid, based on the number of remaining months in the academic year during which the student is no longer enrolled. Students are not entitled to a refund of tuition fees for the months of July and August. Therefore, a student who submits a request to terminate their enrolment in June is not entitled to repayment, as the termination of enrolment will not be effective until 1 July.
- 4) A student who has lodged an appeal against a negative and binding study advice (BSA) for a study programme in the previous academic year may re-enrol in the same programme while the appeal is pending. If the appeal is rejected, the enrolment for the academic year subsequent to the one during which the BSA was issued will be terminated and the institutional tuition fee and any administration costs for that academic year will be refunded.
- 5) If a student has enrolled or re-enrolled in a programme at Saxion and it transpires after the start of the new academic year that the student did not make enough study progress during the previous academic year to comply with the conditions specified in the 'Wet Modern Migratiebeleid' (Modern Migration Policy Act), their enrolment or re-enrolment will be terminated and the institutional tuition fee and any administration costs for that academic year will be refunded.
- 6) Refund before the start of the programme: An applicant who has enrolled in a study programme for the academic year 2026–2027 and withdraws their enrolment before the programme commences will receive a refund of the institutional tuition fees paid for that academic year, minus €250 in administrative costs, unless otherwise determined.

6 Payment of tuition fees and examination fees

Payment of the examination fee or the applicable tuition fee must be made in the manner specified by Saxion University of Applied Sciences

6.1 Payment of tuition fees (Article 7.47 WHW) and reversal of payment

1) Payment of the tuition fees is made by or on behalf of the student in accordance with a payment scheme agreed by the Executive Board and the person who has agreed to make the payment. Tuition fees can only be debited from IBAN account numbers within the EU/EEA. This can be done by authorising a one-off direct debit or a standing order for payment in instalments. Saxion uses digital direct debit mandates and paper standing orders for bank accounts with IBAN numbers within the EU or EEA. Administration costs amounting to € 24 will be charged for payments in instalments using a digital direct debit mandate or paper standing order. Saxion also uses promissory notes in specific cases, for instance if an international student wishes to pay the first-year tuition fees in instalments (three instalments) and does not yet have an IBAN account number.

2) The tuition fee instalments will be collected approximately on: 25 September 2026 (1st instalment), 26 October 2026 (2nd instalment), 25 November 2026 (3rd instalment), 27 December 2026 (4th instalment), 25 January 2026 (5th instalment), 25 February 2027 (6th instalment), 25 March 2027 (7th instalment), 26 April 2027 (8th instalment), 25 May 2027 (9th instalment) and 25 June 2026 (10th instalment). The collection dates and the number of instalments may deviate in the event of force majeure, provided that this does not result in financial disadvantage for the debtor.

3) Tuition fees or examination fees are payable before the start of the study programme. The tuition fee is considered paid when the full amount has been transferred or a direct debit mandate or paper standing order has been submitted. Both the digital and paper direct debit authorisations are valid for collection.

4) A standing order can only be made by paying the tuition fee from a SEPA bank account number. Standing orders and digital direct debits cannot be authorised for non-EU bank accounts, even if they have IBAN account numbers.

5) The student remains responsible for the accuracy of the IBAN account number and BIC code from which Saxion can collect payments, as well as for any resulting consequences. Any authorised persons are jointly responsible for the accuracy of the bank account number.

6) The student remains responsible for ensuring that direct debit payments are fulfilled, even if an authorised representative reverses the payments.

7) No invoices are sent for tuition fees. Exceptions to this apply when the tuition fees are part of a package fee. Also on request for Saxion Part-time School students, and for part-time/degree apprentice/master's degree students.

8) The institutional tuition fees of non-EU/EEA students who are eligible for a Saxion scholarship will be offset by the Saxion scholarship.

9) A reversal of payment is when an instalment cannot be collected, the collection has been reversed by the account holder or there are insufficient funds in the account. In the event of a reversal of payment, the student will receive a reminder and a request for payment addressed to the email address listed in Studielink. In the month following the reversal of payment, the student will receive a second reminder requesting payment within 16 days (hereafter 'the 14-day letter') addressed to the email address listed in Studielink. The 14-day letter informs the student of additional costs, the possible deactivation of their Saxion network account (login account), and further consequences if payment is not made.

If the student fails to comply with the payment deadline stated in the 14-day letter, the following actions will be taken on the first day of the month after the letter was issued: the student's Saxion network account will be deactivated

the relevant school will be informed; the collection costs will be calculated in accordance with the 14-day letter; (second reminder); and the student must pay the outstanding debt to Saxion within five days. If the debt, including collection costs, is paid within five days, the remainder of the collection process will be cancelled. The student's Saxion account will be reactivated within five working days of payment of the outstanding amount, and Saxion will resume the regular procedure for collecting the tuition fee in instalments. If the aforementioned payment is not made, the student will receive a final reminder. The student is then required to pay the full outstanding tuition fee, including any applicable debt collection costs, within five working days. When the student has paid the amount owed, their Saxion account will be reactivated within five working days of Saxion receiving the payment. If the student fails to pay the outstanding tuition fee and the debt collection costs, their enrolment will be terminated. The debt collection agency will then be instructed to recover the outstanding tuition fee and the incurred collection costs. Should the student still pay their full tuition fees and collection costs after deregistration, then enrolment will only take place after written permission from the head of the school in question.

10) A student who has paid the statutory tuition fee to Saxion may, upon request, obtain a 'Proof of Tuition Fee Paid' for a second enrolment at another institution. If the 'Proof of Tuition Fee Paid' is submitted to another higher education institution in the Netherlands for enrolment in a government-funded study programme, the student is understood to have met their payment obligations at that institution (Article 7.48 paragraph 1 WHW). If the second institutional tuition fee is higher than the first fee, the student must pay the difference.

11) Saxion ensures that the level of the tuition fee and of the administration costs for the next academic year are made known to students and prospective students no later than in March preceding the next academic year. The number of instalments and the collection dates for the standing order will also be announced.

Digital direct debit mandates, paper standing orders

1) When a student has indicated that they wish to pay the tuition fee in instalments, it will be collected in ten monthly instalments. An exception to this can be made if the student enrolls mid-term, or if it is no longer administratively possible to pay in ten instalments. This is subject to assessment by the Financial Administration team of Saxion's Business Support Organisation. If the payment obligation is entered into by a third party rather than the student, the student remains jointly and severally liable in the event of non-payment. As of 1 December 2024, the payer of the tuition fees only needs to enter the payment details in Studielink once. These details will be used for as long as the student remains enrolled. Furthermore, the direct debit mandate will be terminated when the enrolment ends. Payment of the tuition fee via a direct debit mandate or paper standing order is only possible if the student does not have any outstanding debt to Saxion.

2) A student who pays the full tuition fee to Saxion before the first instalment is collected will not be charged any administration costs, and the digital direct debit mandate or paper standing order will be cancelled.

6.2 Refusal of registration

Students and prospective students who still owe debt to Saxion are not allowed to enrol or re-enrol at Saxion. An exception is made for persons who have arranged a payment scheme approved by the Financial Student Registration Service. These students will not be able to apply for the digital authorisation for the new academic year; they will be required to pay the tuition fees in full via a bank transfer.

7 Other provisions

7.1 Termination of enrolment (Article 7.42 WHW)

1) At the request of a student, the Executive Board will terminate their enrolment effective the following month. The student in question must submit this request via Studielink. An enrolment cannot be terminated with retroactive effect.

2) If the student has not paid the statutory tuition fee, institutional tuition fee or examination fee, the student will be formally reminded to make the payment.

3) The Executive Board will terminate an enrolment effective the following month under the following circumstances:

- When a student has obtained the final certificate of their degree programme. Unless the Examination Board indicates that they approve the student's request to remain enrolled for the academic year in question.
- When a negative and binding study advice has been issued.
- In the event of a violation of a Saxion code of conduct and if termination is imposed as a sanction. For more information, please refer to chapter 8 of the Saxion's Student Charter.
- If, according to the head of school, a student who holds a study-based residence permit does not comply with the residence permit's requirement to take part in the course programme.
- In the event of the death of a student, the enrolment will be terminated effective from the date on the death certificate.

4) For the other procedural rules relating to termination of the enrolment, please see Saxion.nl and the self-service portal.

5) Regarding the termination of enrolment, Saxion's Student Registration Team, part of the Business Support Organisation, informs the involved party, the Education Executive Agency (DUO), and any institutions for which a 'Proof of Tuition Fee Paid' was issued. This report to DUO will have consequences for the student's student grant.

7.2 Saxion Student Financial Support Regulations (FOSS, article 7.51 WHW)

The provisions relating to the financial support of students have been laid down in the Saxion Regulations for Financial Support of Students (see the self-service portal).

8 Final provisions

8.1 Publication

These Regulations will be published prior to the start of the relevant academic year and will enter into force on 1 September 2026. The contents of these Regulations, together with the procedural rules regarding enrolment and termination of enrolment and the payment of tuition fees by students can be found on saxion.nl and on the self-service portal.

8.2 Hardship clause

In exceptional cases the Executive Board may deviate from these Regulations to the extent that this is allowed by law and will not result in unequal treatment.

8.3 Official title

These Regulations are referred to as: Saxion Tuition Fees Regulations 2026-2027.