

**Amendments to the
Rules and Regulations
of the University of Duisburg-Essen
Governing the Levy of Tuition Fees and Higher Education Charges
(Tuition Fees Rules and Regulations)
of 28 March 2007**

In virtue of § 2 Subparagraph 4 of the Higher Education Act in North Rhine-Westphalia (German abbreviation: HG) of 31 October 2006 (GV. NRW p. 474) in conjunction with § 2 Subparagraph 1 Clause 1 of the Law on the Levy of Tuition Fees and Higher Education Charges (Tuition Fees and Higher Education Charges Act—StBAG) of 21 March 2006 (GV. NRW p. 119) and the Regulation on the Levy of Tuition Fees and Higher Education Charges at universities, universities of applied science, and art colleges in North Rhine-Westphalia (StBAG-VO) (GV. NRW p. 157), the University of Duisburg-Essen has passed the following rules and regulations:

Article I

The Rules and Regulations of the University of Duisburg-Essen Governing the Levy of Tuition Fees and Higher Education Charges (Tuition Fees Rules and Regulations) of 23 June 2006 (*Gazette*, p. 379) are hereby amended as follows:

1. § 1 Subparagraph 2 Clause 1 is amended as follows:

"Students whose siblings are registered at the University for a course of study leading to a professional qualification or are enrolled at the University for a further course of study pursuant to § 52 Subparagraph 2 HG are allowed a fee reduction as defined by Subparagraph 1 for each semester of their registration or enrolment. This reduction shall be equal to the amount of tuition set out in Subparagraph 1 divided by the number of siblings."

2. § 7 Subparagraph 1 is amended as follows:

a) "d)" shall be worded as follows:

"d) for semesters extending beyond the normal period of study insofar as they are attributable to a disability or to a serious or chronic illness. In such a case, a certificate from a qualified physician must be presented to demonstrate that the additional semesters were in fact made necessary by the disability or illness."

During the normal period of study an application for reduction of the tuition fee is permissible if the degree of disability is at least 50%. The amount of the reduction shall be calculated as follows:

- disability between 50% and 59%,
50% of the amount
- disability between 60 and 100%
100% of the amount.

The degree of disability is to be demonstrated by an official Disabled Person's Identity Card. The exemption shall be valid for the term of validity of the Disabled Person's Identity Card. The exemption is effective only as long as the Disabled Person's Identity Card is valid."

b) The following revised "f)" shall be inserted after "e)":

"f) to sit only one more examination provided that it is taken prior to the beginning of classes in the semester in question. For a last examination to be taken before the beginning of classes, it is possible to obtain an exemption upon application provided that the student is not responsible for the late examination date and a date prior to the beginning of classes is in fact possible. A certificate attesting to the satisfaction of both of these requirements is to be obtained from the faculty."

3. In § 7 Subparagraph 3 the following text is to be inserted after Clause 2:

"For a limited period of time up to and including the WS 08/09, *financial need* will be deemed to exist particularly when the party providing financial support to a student has limited it to the highest monthly amount stipulated under the Federal Education and Training Assistance Act (Bafög) plus 1/6 of the €500 tuition fee (=at present a total of €668) and when the student does not possess additional earnings so as to exceed the €668-maximum per month. A financial statement on the part of the student's benefactor must document the financial support. Applications made within the normal period of study plus four semesters are also valid."

Article II

These Rules and Regulations shall be in force on their publication in the *Gazette of the University of Duisburg-Essen – Official Bulletin*.

Issued by virtue of resolutions passed by the University Senate on 2 March and 23 March 2007.

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