Information about statutory tuition fees for non-EU students

In some specific cases, students with a non-EU/EEA nationality can be eligible for the statutory tuition fees. On the website (http://www.rug.nl/studenten/inuitschrijving/collegegeld/tarieven/wettelijkcollegegeld) you can find the current tuition fee rates.

To qualify for the statutory tuition fees, you have to fulfil three legal conditions:
- Nationality and residence status
- Domicile
- Previously granted degrees.

This document only relates to the requirement of nationality.

Eligibility for statutory tuition fees

In the following three cases a non-EU student may be eligible for the statutory tuition fees:

1. If you are a family member (according to the definition of European Directive 2004/38/EC) of an EU-citizen of non-Dutch nationality living in the Netherlands, and you are of a non-EU/EEA nationality:

   According to European Directive 2004/38/EC a ‘family member’ is defined exclusively as:
   a. the spouse (= husband or wife);
   b. the partner with whom the EU-citizen has contracted a registered partnership, on the basis of the legislation of that EU-state (if the legislation of the Netherlands treats this registered partnership as equivalent to marriage and in accordance with the conditions laid down in the relevant legislation of the Netherlands);
   c. the direct descendants (first degree) who are under the age of 21 or are dependants and those of the spouse or partner as defined in point (b) (= children);
   d. The dependent direct relatives (first degree) in the ascending line on those of the spouse or partner as defined in point (b) (= parents).

   Please note:
   The European Directive is not valid for non-EU family members of a Dutch national living in the Netherlands. However, our University has decided to make an exception exclusively for the spouse or registered partner of a Dutch national, both living in the Netherlands. This spouse or registered partner can be eligible for the University tuition fees I, which equals the Statutory tuition fees.

2. On the basis of your Dutch residence permit;

   Only if your residences permit states:
   a. type V, EU-verblijfsvergunning voor langdurig ingezetenen (third-country nationals who are long-term residents of the EU), (art. 45a Vreemdelingenwet 2000, also European Directive 2003/109/EC)
   b. type II, asiel voor bepaalde tijd (art. 28 Vreemdelingenwet 2000);
   c. type IV, asiel voor onbepaalde tijd (art. 33 Vreemdelingenwet 2000);
   d. type II, regulier voor onbepaalde tijd (art. 20 Vreemdelingenwet 2000)
e. only in specific cases: type I, regulier voor bepaalde tijd (art. 14 Vreemdelingenwet 2000).
   Please note:
   - If your purpose of residence as stated on your permit is (related to) study or work (‘arbeid’), you are NOT eligible for the statutory tuition fees.
   - If your purpose of residence as stated on your permit is to stay with your partner and your partner has non-EU/EEA nationality and holds a residence permit type I, which states ‘kennismigrant’ or ‘onderzoeker’, you are NOT eligible for the statutory tuition fees.

f. If you are waiting for a decision on your application for a residence permit or for a renewal of your residences permit, only if you already receive ‘Studiefinanciering’ (government grant) from the DUO according to the ‘Wet Studiefinanciering 2000’.

g. If before you have already received a government contribution on the basis of the ‘Wet tegemoetkoming onderwijsbijdrage en schoolkosten’.

h. Type EU/EER

3. If you have the Surinam nationality.

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If situation 2a, 2b, 2c, 2g or 3 applies to you (residence permit type II, III, IV, EU/EER or Surinam nationality) you do NOT have to file a request. The department Student Information & Administration will automatically process the fact that you fulfil the requirement of nationality.

If situation 1c, 1d or 2f applies to you, please contact us for a specific checklist.

If situation 1c, 1d or 2f applies to you, please complete the documents on the checklist below and submit the documents below to the International Service Desk (see contact details below).

**Checklist statutory tuition fees for non-EU students**

In order to assess whether you are eligible for the statutory tuition fees, you have to file a request to the International Service Desk of the University of Groningen, supported by the necessary documentary evidence.

**If situation 1a or 1b applies to you (spouse or registered partner)** please include the following documents:

1. Copy of residence permit of applicant (front and back);
2. Copy of passports of the applicant and the EU-partner;
3. In case of marriage: an authenticated copy of the marriage certificate;
4. In case of registered partnership: an authenticated copy of the partnership registration;
5. Extract of register from the Municipal Personal Records Database (GBA = Gemeentelijke Basis Administratie) at the City Hall regarding the home address of the partner of applicant;
6. Extract of register from the Municipal Personal Records Database (GBA = Gemeentelijke Basis Administratie) at the City Hall which verifies the marital status of both the partner and the applicant.

**If situation 2d applies to you (residence permit type I), you have to demonstrate the following with your request:**
1. Copy of passport of applicant;
2. Copy of residence permit of applicant (front and back);
3. Copy of residence permit of partner (front and back) and/or passport of partner (only if applicant’s permit states: to stay with partner). Instead of partner, this can also be: to stay with partner. In that case, please send a copy of the passport and/or residence permit (front and back) of applicant’s parent.

If situation 2e applies to you, see under 2a, 2b, 2c or 2d, plus:
1. Proof of application at the IND;
2. Proof of receiving the grant (studiefinanciering) from the DUO.

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