

Contribution Regulations

of the Student Body of Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences

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Section 1 Collection of Contributions

The Student Body of Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences shall collect a financial contribution from each of its members for each new academic term (six-month semester) in order to perform its legal tasks and duties.

Section 2 Obligation to Contribute

- (1) All members of the Student Body are obliged to contribute. Exemptions are possible only in accordance with Section 5 of these regulations.
- (2) Contributions are due upon initial enrolment, registration for a new semester and for official periods of leave.
- (3) Contributions are collected by Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences on behalf of the Student Body without surcharge.

Section 3 Contribution Amount

Effective summer semester 2018, all members of the Student Body are obliged to contribute €214.88 per semester. This contribution includes:

- (1) €10.00 towards the Student Body itself,
 - a) €7.50 towards the General Student Committee (AStA),
 - b) €2.50 towards the Faculty Student Representatives (FSR),
- (2) Regional train and bus pass (Semester Ticket): €149.28,
- (3) Additional NRW-wide bus and train pass (Semester Ticket NRW): €54.60,
- (4) Contribution to University Sports: €1.00.

(5) The amounts levied for the two Semester Tickets are derived from an existing agreement with the public transportation services provider for the Lower Rhine region, NIAG, and are subject to currently valid fare conditions, which are updated and disclosed to the Student Body every year. Due to fare increases, the amounts levied for the two Semester Tickets and, accordingly, the total contribution defined in Section 3, will increase automatically each year unless the Student Body decides to terminate its agreement with NIAG by 31 December for the subsequent summer semester, or 30 June for the subsequent winter semester. Students will be notified immediately of any increases to fares and contribution amounts. Formal amendment of these regulations is not required for increases to fares and contribution amounts.

Section 4 Intended Purposes

(1) The contribution under Section 3(1) shall be used exclusively to perform the tasks and duties outlined in the Student Body Regulations. The contributions under Section 3(2) and (3) shall be collected exclusively to finance the corresponding Semester Tickets in agreement with NIAG and the Rhine-Ruhr Traffic Association (VRR). The contribution under Section 3(4) shall benefit exclusively the University Sports Department of Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences.

(2) Contributions levied in accordance with these regulations must be reported in an unabridged fashion in the annual budget of the Student Body. Reimbursement of contributions that were wrongly or unduly levied must be reported as a separate budget item.

Section 5
Exemptions from Contribution Obligations for the
Regional and NRW Semester Tickets

(1) Contributions are obligatory and can only be exempted, reduced or deferred in the cases defined in paragraph (2) below.

(2) Students can request an exemption from the Semester Ticket contributions defined under Section 3(2) and (3) if:

- a) they are entitled to free public transportation in accordance with the German Disabilities Act (*Schwerbehindertengesetz*) and are in possession of the corresponding supplementary sheet with the correct fare sticker;
- b) they are physically incapable of using public transportation due to a disability and can provide corresponding medical proof;
- c) they are or will be spending a semester abroad in accordance with the requirements of their degree programme;
- d) they are on an official semester of leave;
- e) they are entitled to free transportation through the VRR for the entire period of validity of a Semester Ticket;
- f) they will be living outside of the area of validity of the Semester Ticket while working on their thesis or for the purposes of an internship.

Exemptions are only granted on written request. Requests must be submitted before the registration deadline for the new semester in which the exemption should apply, i.e. by no later than 15 January for the summer semester and 15 June for the winter semester. If the reason for exemption within the meaning of paragraph (2)(c), (d) and (f) only becomes known after the aforementioned registration deadline, a late request may be submitted before the start of the lecture period as determined by the Ministry of Culture and Science NRW. This request must be submitted in writing, with clear reference to the reason for exemption and all necessary evidence, to the Central Student Advisory Service (ZSB). Reimbursement of the semester contribution invalidates the Semester Ticket.

(3) If a student is deregistered or withdraws before the official begin of the lecture period in a semester for which he or she has already paid the contribution, then the contribution will be reimbursed fully; moreover, there is no entitlement to a partial reimbursement of the contribution.

Note: These regulations entered into force on 8 February 2019.