

**Regulations to temporarily amend the General Examination Regulations for Bachelor's and Master's Degree Programmes at Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences (Official Notices 7/2018) to ensure a smooth transition of academic operations at Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences in Winter Semester 2021-22 ("Coronavirus Transitional Regulations")**

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**Section 1**

**Scope**

Amending the General Examination Regulations for Bachelor's and Master's Degree Programmes at Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences from 3 January 2018 (RPO), the following temporary regulations will be enacted for winter semester 2021-22 to ease the transition to regular academic operations.

**Section 2**

**Amendments to the RPO**

(1) Supplementing Section 12 (1) sent. 1 RPO, in the case of a failed examination (excluding thesis and colloquium) every examination candidate is awarded one free attempt per module through winter semester 2021-22; this does not apply for failed attempts due to cheating and/or a cheating attempt within the meaning of Section 13 (3) RPO. A maximum of one free attempt per module is permitted.

(2) Amending Section 15 (9) RPO, all provisions in examination regulations concerning mandatory examination regulation, whether for a first attempt or in the case of a repeat attempt, are temporarily suspended.

(3) Deviating from Section 13 (1) sent. 1 RPO, students may withdraw from an examination for any reason before the examination has commenced and missing an examination will not result in any negative consequences for students.

(4) Deviating from Section 26 (1) sent. 1 and 2 RPO, the thesis can be submitted online before the deadline using the University's thesis application manager in *Sharepoint*. The two required hard copies may be submitted after digital submission. Students may also submit a request to their Examination Board for an exemption from the hard copy requirement where justified. This is considered the case, for example, when mail services have been significantly impaired by the pandemic. The Examination Board will decide on exemptions based on the suggestion of the supervisor.

### **Section 3**

#### **Entry into force and expiration**

These Regulations enter into force on 1 October 2021 and shall expire at the end of 28 February 2022.