

What might you be eligible for?

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(But it covers a lot quite well)

## Extra year of student finance

What is it?

An extra year of performance grant. Whether your delay is 1 month or 6 years, you get 12 months extra entitlement to performance grant. Exception for associate degree: then 6 months. This means: (retroactively) if applicable, basic grant and/or supplementary grant. Student travel product extended by 12 months, but not retroactively. All this can only be granted once (HBO/university).

Follow-up steps

Has the delay occurred during the performance grant phase of your HBO/university student finance?\*

No

The measure does not apply

Yes

Does this result from your own physical or psychological problems?

No

The measure does not apply

Yes

Can a BIG-registered healthcare professional confirm your circumstances? (e.g. GP, psychologist, physiotherapist)

No

The measure does not apply

Yes

Have you taken at least one month longer to complete your studies because of this?

No

The measure does not apply

Yes

You might be eligible. The student counsellor must be able to establish a clear connection between your circumstances and the delay. For this you must provide substantive documents from experts or organisations outside your educational institution and possibly documents/emails from your studies.

## Extension of diploma period?

What is it?

More time than the original 10-year diploma period to obtain your degree after starting your first HBO or university student finance. With this you can (still) get conversion of your performance grant into a gift. You must complete your studies to qualify for this.

Follow-up steps

Has the delay in your studies occurred as a result of special circumstances (not corona measures) or have you not studied for an extended period because of this?

Yes

Were these circumstances not your choice? Working or not studying without a special reason does not count. Serious problems in your immediate environment, informal care or medical circumstances do count.

Yes

Did you start your current programme at a time when you could still complete it within the diploma period without diploma period extension?\*

Yes

You might be eligible. The student counsellor must be able to make the connection between slower or inability to study and the circumstances. For this you must provide substantive documents from experts or organisations outside your educational institution and possibly documents/emails from your studies.

No

The measure does not apply

No

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Unless there were circumstances that prevented you from starting on time

No

The measure does not apply

## Conversion of performance grant?

What is it?

Despite not being able to complete your studies, DUO can still convert your performance grant (basic grant, supplementary grant, student travel product, single parent allowance) into a gift. If you have borrowed money, that amount remains a debt.

Note: debt cancellation\* is something completely different.

Follow-up steps

Were you unable to complete your studies due to permanent physical, psychological or other circumstances beyond your control? Or even if you could have completed your studies, would you never be able to do the work for which you were trained?

No

The measure does not apply

Yes

Can a relevant expert confirm your permanent circumstances? (e.g. GP, psychologist, physiotherapist, recognised institution)

No

The measure does not apply

Yes

Do these circumstances also prevent you from pursuing another HBO or university programme?

Yes

You might be eligible. The student counsellor must be able to make the connection to not being able to study (successfully anymore) and the circumstances. For this you must provide substantive documents from experts or organisations outside your educational institution and possibly documents/emails from your studies.

## New rights?

What is it?

DUO acts as if you have never used student finance and cancels the entire student debt. You start a new HBO or university programme that you can complete despite your circumstances. This provision is granted by DUO only in exceptional cases.

Follow-up steps

Are you unable or were you unable to complete your specific studies due to physical or psychological circumstances? Or even if you could complete your studies, would you never be able to do the work for which you were trained?

Yes

Can a relevant expert confirm your permanent circumstances? (e.g. GP, psychologist, physiotherapist, recognised institution)

Yes

Do you want to pursue another HBO or university programme that you can successfully complete despite the circumstances?

Yes

Do you have good arguments for why you can complete that programme despite your circumstances?

Yes

You might be eligible. The student counsellor must be able to make the connection to not being able to study (successfully anymore) and the circumstances, and being able to follow the other programme. For this you must provide substantive documents from experts or organisations outside your educational institution and possibly documents/emails from your studies.

No

The measure does not apply

No

The measure does not apply

Statements from external experts or organisations preferably contain:  
· Name, date, position, organisation, signature.  
· Your name and other personal data.  
· Period of the situation, symptoms or diagnosis

DUO link about these provisions:

<https://duo.nl/particulier/study-delay/>

Contact the student counselling service of the institution where you are/were studying to see how the procedure continues with them.

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