

General section

***of the programme part of the student statute,
including the Course and Examination Regulations
(OER) for the***

master's degree programmes

***Applied Physics, Biomedical
Engineering, Chemical
Engineering, Nanotechnology,
Technical Medicine***

(Art. 7.13 and 7.59 WHW)

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Preamble Applicability of the regulations

1. This general section applies to the course and final examinations of the Applied Physics (Croho: 60436 Applied Physics), Biomedical Engineering (Croho: 66226 Biomedical Engineering), Chemical Engineering (Croho: 60437 Chemical Engineering), Nanotechnology (Croho: 60028 Nanotechnology) and Technical Medicine (Croho: 60033 Technical Medicine) Master's degree programmes.
2. There is a programme-specific appendix for each of the degree programmes stipulated in the first clause of this article. Examination commissions themselves stipulate rules for the purpose of the examinations without consulting other parties (WHW art.7.12). These are stipulated in a separate "Examination Commission Rules" document.
3. Per programme, the general section, the programme-specific appendix and the examination commission rules together comprise the programme-specific part of the student statute, including the course and examination regulations for the Master's degree programme concerned, henceforth referred to as: the regulations.
4. The legal jurisdiction of a programme's examination commission is applicable to all units of study which relate to a study programme. The definitions in the general section, in the programme-specific appendix and in the examination commission rules are also applicable to units of study that are taught by non-TNW Faculty or non-University of Twente lecturers (WHW art.7.12).
5. The Faculty of Science and Technology, henceforth referred to as TNW, is responsible for the programmes taught.
6. The Dean stipulates the general section and the programme-specific appendices of the course and examination regulations.
7. English translations of this general section, the programme-specific appendices and the examination commission rules are available. In the event of discrepancy, the Dutch text and not the English takes precedence.

Paragraph 1 General

Article 1 Definition of terms

The meaning of terms appearing in the regulations is the same as that of terms appearing in the Higher Education and Research Act (WHW). As follows, the terms and their definitions:

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| a. | Final project | the Master's thesis. Regarding Technical Medicine, the final project is done during the clinical specialisation internship, |
| b. | Final colloquium | closing presentation on the final project, |
| c. | Croho | Central Register of Higher Education Study Programmes; The Croho registers higher education programmes recognised by the Ministry of Education, Culture and Science, |
| d. | curriculum | see 'study programme', |
| e. | dean | head of the faculty, |
| f. | lecturer | member of staff responsible for teaching within a unit of study |
| g. | EC | European Credit, a 28-hour study point as stipulated by the Act, |
| h. | ECTS | European Credits Transfer System; agreements have been made whereby the same system to define study-load is utilised; a year's study-load totals 60 European Credit Points i.e. 1,680 hours ((WHW art. 7.4), |
| i. | examination | evaluation, whereby the board of examiners determines by means of the respective article 7.10 of the Act, whether all the requirements with regard to the Master's exam have been complied to, |
| j. | board of examiners | the programme's board of examiners, which is implemented by the Dean in compliance with article 7.12 of the Act, |
| k. | examiner | person who, in compliance with article 7.12, clause 3, is appointed by the board of examiners for the purpose of holding examinations. This can only be a member of staff who is responsible for teaching in the respective unit of study or an external expert, |
| l. | faculty | the Faculty of Science and Technology of the University of Twente, |
| m. | authorised evidence | authorised evidence is a list paraphrased by - or on behalf of - an examiner, or other document, or alternatively results published via the information system in use, |
| n. | certification | proof that the final examination has been passed in compliance with article 7.11, clause 2 of the Act. |
| o. | institution | University of Twente, |
| p. | clinical internship | in a clinical setting, students learn to apply medical-technological processes based on professional behaviour, within diagnostics and/or the treatment of patients, |
| q. | term | a semester is divided into two terms, |
| r. | unit of study | a programme unit of study as stipulated by article 7.3, clauses 2 and 3 of the Act, as well as a practical exercise, |
| s. | study programme | the programme that describes which units of study comprise the Master's degree programme (also known as curriculum), |
| t. | programme | the Master's degree programme, as stipulated in the appendix of this general section, |
| u. | programme commission | a commission consisting of lecturers and students whose tasks include making recommendations regarding the course and examination regulations and, if required or by own initiative, making recommendations to the Dean about all matters regarding educational content and teaching within their programme (WHW, art.9.18), |
| v. | programme director: | the person who is given the responsibility by the Dean of managing the programme (WHW, art. 9.17); a detailed description of the Programme Director's responsibilities can be found in the faculty regulations, |
| w. | laboratory practice | a unit of study including practical exercises in the form of conducting tests or experiments, |
| x. | practical exercises | a practical exercise as stipulated in article 7.13, clause 2d of the Act is |

	a unit of study or part thereof, with emphasis on the activity of the student him/herself, such as:
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. conducting a literary study, writing a paper or making an experimental design, writing an essay, an article or position paper or giving a public presentation, 2. carrying out a design or research assignment, conducting tests and experiments, participating in laboratory practice, applying skills, 3. doing an internship, participating in fieldwork or an excursion, 4. participating in other required didactic activities, with the aim of acquiring the requisite skills, for example goal-oriented training in clinical skills in a purpose-built skills laboratory,
y. professional conduct	a personal style of work manifested in verbal communication, behaviour and appearance, whereby the standards and values of the practice of one's profession are evident;
z. regulations	the programme-specific part of the student statute, including the course and examination regulations for the Master's degree programme in question, per degree programme, comprising a general section, the programme-specific appendix and the relevant board of examiners' rules;
aa. S&OA	Student and Study Administration,
bb. semester	the academic year is divided into two semesters,
cc. student	person who is enrolled in a programme, in compliance with article 7.34 and 7.36 of the Act,
dd. student information system	web application for registering all relevant student and study details,
ee. student advisor	the person appointed by the Dean who serves as a contact person between students and the department, and as such acts in the interests of the students and fulfils the role of mentor and advisor,
ff. study guide	the (printed) programme guide or (internet) description, which contains specific information with regard to the programme,
gg. study year	the period that commences on 1 st September and concludes on 31 st August of the following year. The academic year comprises 60 EC's or 1,680 hours,
hh. study point	unit of study-load, expressed in EC (European Credit), in compliance with the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS); one study point consists of a study-load of 28 hours.
ii. study speed	a figure that represents which part of the programme has been completed in a given period according to nominal planning,
jj. examination	an analysis of a student's knowledge, insight and skills with regard to a unit of study, as well as the assessment of that analysis by at least one examiner appointed for this purpose by the board of examiners,
kk. test	interim assessment of knowledge, insight and skills with regard to a part of a unit of study (also referred to as a 'preliminary examination' – 'deeltentamen' - or an 'interim test' – 'tussentoeets'),
ll. flexible programme	an board of examiners-approved programme compiled by the student and assessed by means of a final examination (WHW, art. 7.3c),
mm. workday	the days from Monday to Friday, with the exception of public holidays and the fixed staff holidays when people are not at work,
nn. act	the Higher Education and Research Act, abbreviated to WHW, Orders and Decrees 593, and subsequently amended accordingly,
oo. WHW	Higher Education and Research Act.

Article 2 Programme content

1. Regarding the programme, at least the following descriptions have been included in the programme-specific appendices:
 - a. content of the programme and the respective final examination (WHW art. 7.13, clause 2a),
 - b. content of majors (WHW art. 7.13, article 2b),
 - c. organization of practical exercises (WHW art. 7.13 clause 2d),
 - d. study-load of the programme and of each of its constituent units of study (WHW, art) 7.13 clause 2e),
 - e. number and sequence of the examinations and practical exercises (WHW art.) 7.13 clause 2h),
 - f. programme types: full-time, part-time, dual, in compliance with the Central Register of Higher Education Study Programmes (Croho), (WHW, art. 7.13 clause 2i),
 - g. assessment forms: oral, written, individual, group, etc. (WHW art. 7.13 clause 2l),
 - h. sequence requirements: whether having successfully passed examinations is a prerequisite for studying or taking other examinations; entrance requirements and obligations with regard to participating in practical exercises (WHW art. 7.13 clause 2s,t),
 - i. requirements that are established for the content of the programme's flexible component and for the choices to be made,
 - j. transitional regulations, as defined in article 27 of this general section.
2. The programme-specific appendix pertains integrally to these regulations.

Article 3 Information about units of study

1. No later than two weeks prior to the start of a study period (semester or term) when a unit of study is offered, the responsible examiner publishes the following aspects of the course: size, required prior knowledge and unit of study content, study material, examination requirements, examination form, the weighting of the final grade in the case of several forms of assessment, and the teaching forms. If a book has been set as study material, the responsible examiner of the unit of study publishes this at least 10 weeks prior to the start of the lectures.
2. The information stipulated in clause 1 is in any case registered in the information system used by the UT.

Article 4 Programme learning outcomes

The target objectives and learning outcomes (WHW, art. 7.13, clause 2, sub-clause b) are stipulated in the programme appendix.

Article 5 Admission to the programme (WHW, art. 7.30), double Master's

1. Admission to a Master's programme is stipulated in the programme appendix.
2. The Dean of the TNW Faculty establishes an admissions commission, for the purpose of admitting students to the Master's programme for whom the Master's programme in question is not a follow-on Master's, as stipulated in article 7.30a of the Act. The composition of the admissions commission is stipulated in the programme appendix.
3. The commission, as stated in clause 2, has been authorised by the Executive Board (reference S&C/387.191/lk) to admit or reject applicants.
4. In the case of a student following two Master's programmes (the 'double Master's'), including at least one Master's programme at the TNW Faculty, the boards of examiners concerned determines the specific requirements which the study programme of the student in question must meet.

5. The student, the S&OA and if applicable the admissions commission, as stipulated in clause 2 of this article, are required to inform the boards of examiners concerned as soon as possible of the fact that the student is following two Master's programmes.

Article 6 Language

1. The Master's programme's language of instruction is English (Resolution 343.967 University of Twente Board of Governors 343.967).
2. The examinations and final examinations are to be held in English, unless the specific nature, the set-up or the quality of the course, or the origin of a student gives cause to hold the examination or final examination in Dutch.
3. If neither the examiner nor the examinee objects, an examination may be held in another language.
4. Programme-specific additions to the stipulations in the article have been established in the programme appendix and/or the Board of examiners Rules

Article 7 Allocation of students

1. Students are allocated to laboratory practice by the laboratory practice coordinators, taking into account as much as possible a student's previously-stated preference. Students are given timely notice of their allocation, in addition to which they are given the opportunity before a certain deadline to change the dates, in consultation with the laboratory practice coordinators.
2. It is compulsory for students to report to the laboratory practice rooms on the dates and at the times as determined on the deadline date. Non-attendance due to circumstances beyond one's control will be assessed by the laboratory practice coordinators.
3. Students who have not complied on two occasions to the registration terms for laboratory practice, will initially be barred from participating in one of the laboratory practices. They will be admitted only once they have submitted a substantiated request, which then subsequently, potentially with certain conditions, is granted by the board of examiners.

Article 8 Archiving

The examiner, who has assessed a student's written examination, ensures that the submitted examination is filed for a minimum of two years by the respective chair or group administration. After said period, the examination in question may be destroyed.

Article 9 Student counselling WHW, art. 7.13 clause 2u),

1. The Dean is responsible for student counselling.
2. One or more study advisors are appointed for each degree programme.
3. Students, who after three attempts still have not obtained a pass grade for a unit of study and still wish to do so, are required to submit a request to still be permitted to take the examination for the corresponding unit of study. This request must be accompanied by an implementation plan drawn up by the student, in consultation with the examiner of the corresponding unit of study and the study advisor. The board of examiners rules on the request.
4. The Dean is responsible for registration and timely publication of the examination results of individual students in the institution's student information system.

Article 10 Studying with a functional impairment (WHW art. 7.13 clause 2m) ,

1. A functional impairment is defined as a chronic physical, sensory or other functional disorder which may restrict a student's progress.
2.
 - a. By means of an intake interview with the study advisor and/or student dean and in consultation with the student, will be determined which modifications are considered the most effective. If modifications have been granted, achievement of the learning outcomes must be safeguarded.
 - b. Based on the interview referred to in a., the student, in consultation with the study advisor or student dean, writes a request to have the modifications granted.
 - c. The request will, if possible, be submitted to the Dean of the Faculty three months prior to participating in studies, taking examinations or doing practical exercises.
 - d. The request will be supported by documentation (such as a medical certificate from a doctor, psychologist or, in the case of dyslexia, from a BIF, NIB or NVO- registered test centre), which are deemed reasonable and required to assess it.
3.
 - a. The Dean determines within a period of 20 workdays after receipt, or sooner if deemed necessary by the urgency of the request, the appropriateness of the request as stipulated in clause 2, and informs the student and the relevant study advisor of his/her ruling.
 - b. In the event that the Dean does not grant the request, he/she informs the student on what grounds the decision has been made, and informs the student of the possibility of lodging a complaint or making an appeal.
 - c. Upon granting the request, the period for which it is valid will be indicated. Before the end of the period, an evaluation will take place between the applicant and respective study advisor. Both the effectiveness of the granted modifications as well as the necessity for its continuation will then be discussed.
4. The authority stipulated in clause 3 is conferred by the Dean to the Programme Director. All references in this article to 'Dean of the Faculty' or 'Dean' must be interpreted as 'Programme Director'. What is stipulated in art.26.3 of this general section is applicable to an appeal against a decision, as stipulated in clause 3 of this article.
5. In addition to clause 3a of this article, the Programme Director also informs S&OA of his/her ruling. S&OA informs teachers in a timely manner of modifications which are related to their unit of study.

Article 11 Facilities (WHW art. 7.59)

1. Information for and about the study and regarding administrative procedures is supplied via Internet or intranet. The University of Twente works with an electronic learning environment.
2. Students are required to have a laptop when starting their studies. Students can obtain a laptop at the Notebook Service Centre (NSC). With the laptop, students will be able to make use of the University of Twente's wireless network, providing them with access to intranet and Internet.
3. There is a limited number of project rooms available to students for carrying out activities together. Besides the project rooms, there is also a study room in the central university library.
4. The TNW Faculty provides student associations with rooms to carry out their activities.
5. An extensive collection of relevant literature for the programme is available in the university library. If required, the libraries at the Universitair Centrum in Nijmegen and at the Medisch Spectrum Twente in Enschede may be used. Furthermore, there is an extensive collection with relevant literature for the Technical Medicine programme, available in the department's study rooms.
6. Students who are allocated to a Chair during their final project have, at the very least, a table, chair and computer facilities at their disposal.

Article 12 Internal quality assurance and workload

1. The internal quality assurance system is described in the department's quality assurance manual. In this manual, there is a detailed description of the organisation, the procedures and the commissions concerned, including the programme commission.
2. When determining and devising the study programme, we endeavour to achieve as much as possible an evenly-distributed study-load for the students in every term, semester and study year. This entails a study-load of 30 ± 1 EC per semester and 15 ± 1 EC per term.

Paragraph 2 Examinations (WHW art. 7.10 clause 1)

Article 13 Enrolment, frequency, time periods (WHW art. 7.13 clause 2j) ,

1. Students are required to register for written examinations and tests.
2. Information regarding enrolment deadlines for written examinations and tests can be found on the annual timetable.
3. In the event that a student has not enrolled before the deadline, his/her right to take the test or examination in question will be lost.
4. Students may withdraw from taking an examination up to five days prior to it.
5. The opportunity to take written and oral examinations is offered at least twice a year. Practical exercises may be completed at least once a year. The rules that apply to a practical exercise will be published at the start of the unit of study.
 - The opportunity to take an examination at the end of the study period (semester or term) in which the corresponding unit of study is offered, will be provided for all units of study.
 - In exceptional cases, the student may deliberate with the examiner about the possibility of an individual examination.
6. The examination timetable for the year will be published one month prior to the start of that study year.
7. The scheduled times of examinations for the semester will be published before the start of that semester.
8. Rescheduling an examination to another time than that stated in the timetable is only permitted upon authorisation from the Dean. The student will be informed of this rescheduling.
9. The authority referred to in clause 8 is conferred by the Dean to the Programme Director. The Programme Director must inform the board of examiners of the decision to reschedule at the examination meeting directly following the decision.
10. In exceptional cases, the board of examiners can deviate from the number of and manner in which examinations can be taken.
11. Contrary to that determined in clause 5 of this article, the opportunity is provided to take an examination at least once in a given academic year for a unit of study that was not taught in that same year.

Article 14 Examination forms and means of assessment

1. An examination can include the following forms:
 - a written examination,
 - an oral examination,
 - a series of tests,
 - the assessment of practical exercises, as stipulated in article 1 of this general section.
 - the assessment of an oral and/or written presentation of a practical exercise, as stipulated in article 1 of this general section,
 - a combination of the aforementioned forms.
2. Information regarding forms and types of examinations, and in the case of multiple forms of testing, the weighting for the final grade can be found in the University of Twente's subject information system (article 3 of this general section).
3. Students have the right to consult recent mock and/or old examinations and the corresponding assessment norms.

Article 15 Oral examinations (WHW art.7.13 clause 2n)

1. Oral examinations are public, unless in exceptional cases otherwise determined by the board of examiners.
2. The board of examiners formulates rules to ensure that oral examinations are held correctly.
3. The Board of Examiners Rules stipulates that the term 'public' in clause 1 entails that both the student as well as the lecturer can request the board of examiners to appoint one or more independent observers.

Article 16 Validity of examinations (WHW art.7.13 clause 2k)

1. The validity of an examination result is 6 years.
2. Students can submit a request to the board of examiners to extend the validity of an examination result. If the board of examiners rejects this request, it will support its arguments in writing.

Article 17 Registration and publication of results (WHW art.71.3 clause 2o)

1. In order to certify that an examination has been taken, an authorised verification of an obtained grade for a particular unit of study - as stipulated in art. 7.11 of the Act - is produced by the corresponding examiner on behalf of the student.
2. The examiner determines the results within one day of an oral examination having been taken and informs the student.
3. What is stipulated in clause 2 is not applicable if the oral examination is part of a series of oral examinations of the same unit of study, extending over more than one workday. In that case, the examiner determines the results of a series of oral examinations within one workday of the examinations.
4. The student receives the authorised verification as stipulated in clause 1 within 20 workdays. If the examiner is not able to do so due to extenuating circumstances, he/she justifies this to the board of examiners. The student(s) concerned is (are) informed without delay by the board of examiners, including notification of the deadline when the results will finally be published. If, according to the board of examiners, the examiner is deemed to be at fault, the commission can instruct another examiner to determine the grade.

5. If a second examination has been scheduled shortly after the first one has been set, the examination results must be available soon enough for students to have at least 10 workdays to prepare for the second examination.
6. If an assessment for a unit of study is obtained by means of taking several tests or a combination of examination forms, as stipulated in article 14, the examination date is the most recent of the following dates:
 - the date when the last of a series of tests is taken;
 - the submission date of an assignment, report or thesis;
 - the submission date of the last of several assignments;
 - the date when an oral presentation of a practical exercise is assessed.

Article 18 Right of inspection and appraisal (WHW art. 7.13 clause 2p and 2q)

1. During a period of at least 6 months after the results of a written examination have been published, students may be granted right of inspection of the assessed piece of work upon request. Upon request, students will be provided with a copy of the assessed piece of work at cost price, unless the board of examiners decides otherwise.
2. During a period of at least 6 months after the results have been published, students who have taken a written examination are entitled to an appraisal with the corresponding examiner. The appraisal will take place at a time and place determined by the examiner.
3. If a joint appraisal is organised by or due to the board of examiners, students may only submit requests, as stipulated in the previous clause, once they have been present at the joint appraisal and have underpinned the request in question, unless when they are not able to attend the joint appraisal due to circumstances beyond their control.
4. What is stipulated in clause 4 is similarly applicable, if the board of examiners or the examiner gives the student the opportunity to compare his/her answers with the model answers.
5. During a period not exceeding 20 workdays after the results of an examination have been published, an appraisal requested by a student involving the examiner and the student may take place, during which grounds for the assessment are given by the examiner.
6. The board of examiners may decide to deviate from what is stipulated in clauses 1, 2 and 5.

Article 19 Administrative errors or oversights

If it appears that a mistake in an examination result, grade sheet or a student's study progress report has been made, both the department as well as the student are required, immediately upon establishing it, to inform the other party and to cooperate in correcting the mistake made.

The administration provided by S&OA serves as conclusive evidence, with the exception of proof to the contrary. An authorised verification produced by the examiner (as stipulated in art. 17, clause 1 of this General section) is valid in all cases.

Article 20 Exemption from an examination or practical exercise (WHW art.7.13 clause 2)

1. If necessary, having obtained advice from the examiner in question, the board of examiners may upon request from the student issue an exemption from an examination or practical exercise.
2. The grounds upon which the board of examiners can grant an exemption from a particular examination, relate exclusively to the level, content and quality of the examinations or final examinations previously passed by the student, or otherwise to non-higher education-acquired knowledge, insight and skills.

3. Exemption from the requirement to participate in practical exercises can be granted to students who can prove that they believe that they will experience a moral dilemma, as a result of having to carry out a particular assignment or practical exercise. In that case, the board of examiners will establish whether the practical exercise may be carried out in another manner to be determined by them.

Paragraph 3 Final examinations

Article 21 Programme-related final examination (WHW, art. 7.10 and 7.13 clause 2a)

1. The Master's programme is assessed by means of the Master's final examination. The Master's final examination for the Applied Physics, Biomedical Engineering, Chemical Engineering and Nanotechnology programmes comprises a study-load of 120 EC's. The Technical Medicine Master's final examination comprises a study-load of 180 EC's.
2. If the examinations of the Master's programme-related units of study have been passed, then the Master's final examination is taken.

Article 22 The board of examiners (WHW, art. 7.12)

1. The Dean of the TNW Faculty establishes a board of examiners for the purpose of holding the Master's final examination and for the purpose of organising and coordinating the examinations in the Master's programme. In several Master's programmes, the board of examiners for the Master's programme is the same as the board of examiners for the corresponding Bachelor's programme.
2. Boards of examiners themselves stipulate rules for the purpose of the final examinations, without consulting other parties (WHW art.7.12 clause 4). These are stipulated in a separate "Board of Examiners Rules" document.
3. The Dean appoints the members of the board of examiners from current staff members who are responsible for teaching in the department (WHW art. 7.12 clause 2).
4. The board of examiners consists of at least two professors.

Article 23 Time periods, final examination frequency (WHW, art. 7.13 clause 2j)

1. The board of examiners convenes twice a year. During these meetings, it is determined whether those students who have enrolled for the Master's final examination have passed.
2. The times when the board of examiners meetings are held are published before the start of the academic year. The precise dates are published no later than ten weeks prior to their confirmation.
3. Students who wish to enrol for the Master's final examination, must submit a request for this purpose no later than 4 weeks prior to the board of examiners meeting. This must be done by means of the corresponding form that must be submitted to S&OA.

Article 24 Certificate and registration (WHW, art. 7.11)

1. To certify that the Master's final examination has been passed, the board of examiners issues a certificate. The certificate is signed by the chairperson of the board of examiners. In his/her absence, it can also be signed by one of the commission members.
2. If a student has passed all the components of the programme, with the exception of the final thesis, then the board of examiners may decide that the certificate will be issued once the final project has been passed.
3. The certificate will state the following (WHW art.7.11):
 - which programme it concerns;
 - which final examination it concerns;
 - which degree has been conferred (WHW art. 7.10a);
 - if applicable, which qualification it relates to (WHW art.7.6 clause 1);
 - when the programme was last accredited or otherwise when the programme passed the 'new programme assessment' (WHW art. 5a.11).
4. The final examination-related components and their assessment are stated on the appendix attached to the certificate (WHW art.7.11). The non-final examination-related components, which at the request of the student have been assessed before the result of the final examination has been determined, are also stated, (provided that those components have been passed).
5. A diploma supplement is attached to the Master's final examination certificate, obtained for passing the Master's final examination (WHW art.7.11 clause 3). Its purpose is to provide an insight into the type and content of the completed programme, also bearing in mind the international recognizability of the programmes. The supplement contains in any case the following:
 - the name of the programme and the name of the university;
 - that it concerns a scientific education programme;
 - a description of the programme's content;
 - the followed master's programme track;
 - the programme's study-load;
6. If the board of examiners has awarded the classification of 'with distinction' to the student, this will be stated on the certificate.
7. Students who have passed more than one examination and who cannot be issued with a certificate as stipulated in clause 1 of this article, will upon request receive a board of examiners-issued declaration, in any case stating the examinations which they have passed (WHW art.7.11 clause 4).
8. S&OA is responsible for keeping records of final examination results. This office also keeps a record of which certificates have been issued to students.

Article 25 Degree and title (WHW art.7.10a, 7.19a and 7.20)

1. The degree of Master of Science (MSc) is conferred on those who have passed the final examination.
2. Applied Physics, Biomedical Engineering, Chemical Engineering and Nanotechnology programme students, who have passed the corresponding programme's Master's final examination, are entitled on the grounds of article 7.20 of the Act to use the title of 'ingénieur'.

Paragraph 4 Appeals and complaints

Article 26 Individual appeals and complaints (WHW, art. 7.61)

1. A complaint may be lodged to the board of examiners against an examiner's decision within 4 weeks of the student having been informed of this decision. The deadline, as stated in the following clause, for submitting an appeal against an examiner's decision to the Examination Board of Appeals remains unaltered.
2. An appeal may be lodged to the Examination Board of Appeals against the decision of the board of examiners or an examiner, within 4 weeks of the student having been informed of this decision (WHW art.7.61).
3. On the grounds of this regulation, a complaint may be lodged to the Dean against the ruling of the Dean, within 6 weeks of the student having been informed of this ruling.

Paragraph 5 Discrepancies, amendments and implementation

Article 27 Regulation discrepancies

If there are discrepancies between a study guide and/or other regulations concerning the study programme, and this general section or the accompanying appendices, then what is stipulated in these regulations, including in the appendices, takes precedence.

Article 28 Amendments to the regulations

1. Amendments to the content of the regulations are enacted by the Dean by means of special decree.
 - a. For amendments to the general section of the course and examination regulations, the corresponding programme commissions are required to provide recommendations and the Faculty Council is required to give their assent.
 - b. Amendments to the programme-specific appendix of a programme's course and examination regulations are enacted, after receipt of recommendations from the corresponding programme commission and Faculty Board, by the Dean by means of special decree.
 - c. Amendments to board of examiners rules are enacted by the board of examiners itself, by means of special decree.
2. Amendments to the content of these regulations can only be valid for the current academic year, provided that the interests of the students are not unreasonably prejudiced or if it is a matter of circumstances beyond one's control.
3. A decision made by the board of examiners cannot retroactively be affected by content amendments to these regulations, to the detriment of a student.

Article 29 Transitional regulations

1. If amendments to the composition of the study programme are made or if these regulations are amended, the Programme Director stipulates and publishes transitional regulations.
2. The period of validity is included in the transitional regulations.
3. The transitional regulations are published on the programme's website.
4. Premises of the transitional regulations, in the event that the study programme is amended, are:
 - a) Amendments to the study programme are, if possible, stipulated prior to the year in which the amendments are to be implemented. The aim of amendments to the study programme is to improve the programme and they are valid for all student generations.
 - b) It cannot be guaranteed that all the programme's units of study, which existed when a student enrolled for the programme, will still be included in the study programme. The study programme that has most recently been authorised by the Dean forms the basis for determining the results of the Master's final examination.
5. Included in the transitional regulations in any case are:
 - a) which of the eliminated units of study, for which examinations have been previously passed, are equivalent to the units of study from the current study programme - as included in the programme appendix;
 - b) that, if a unit of study without practical exercises is eliminated from the programme, the opportunity to take the final examination twice in the subsequent academic year or to receive an alternative means of assessment is offered.
 - c) that, if a unit of study with practical exercises is eliminated from the programme, at least one unit of study is indicated to be done instead of the eliminated unit of study.

In exceptional cases, the board of examiners can permit deviations from the number of and manner in which examinations of eliminated units of study can be taken.
6. What is stipulated in art.26.3 of this general section is applicable to an appeal against a decision, as stipulated in clause 1 of this article.
7. The transitional regulations require the approval from the board of examiners of the definitions, as stipulated in clause 5a and 5c, and of the period of validity as stipulated in clause 2 of this article.

Article 30 Publication

The Course and Examination Regulations (OER) and the corresponding appendices are published on the programme's website.

Article 31 Inception date

1. These regulations will be effective as of 1st April 2010 and replace the regulations dated 13th September 2007.
2. The OER is applicable to all students who are enrolled in the programme

Enacted by the Dean of the TNW Faculty,
in accordance with articles 9.15 clause 1a, 7.13 clauses 1 and 2, 9.38b, 9.18 clause 1a and 7.59 of
the Higher Education and Research Act,
having taken into account the recommendations of the programme commission and after approval
from the Faculty Council.

Enschede, dated 26th March 2010