Name Change Programme

A higher education programme can request a name change via NVAO (Wet kwaliteit in verscheidenheid hoger onderwijs).

GENERAL INFO

NVAO assesses whether the content of the programme change substantially in addition to the name change. In this case, the institution apply for an accreditation procedure of a new programme. NVAO checks if the Commissie Doelmatigheid Hoger Onderwijs (CDHO) must be enabled.

STEPS

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APPLICATION

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CROHO

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The name change should not lead to another classification of the programme in the governmental register for higher education programmes (in Dutch: Centraal Register Opleidingen Hoger Onderwijs - CROHO). If this is the case, there is a reordering and the Commissie Doelmatigheid Hoger Onderwijs (CDHO) must give an advice to the Minister of Education, Culture and Science.

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The NVAO treats the request for a name change within three months, depending on the advice of any external expert. When the content of the programme change not substantially and the proposed name is in line with that which is customary in the sector or visitation group NVAO will decide on the basis of the application dossier and desk research. If there is a change in the programme NVAO asks external experts for a site visit and an advisory report.

RATES

In 2026, the rate set by the NVAO for interim advice relating to a change in the name of a programme amounts to €1,850. When advice on a name change is requested in combination with the accreditation of an existing programme, a rate of €533 applies in 2026. This rate is separate from the costs associated with the accreditation of an existing programme.

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