

Special feature small-scale and intensive education

With the special feature small-scale and intensive education the higher education institution can get permission of the Minister of Education, Culture and Science for selection of students and increasing the legal tuition fees.

GENERAL INFO

Dutch higher education programmes (or part of these programmes) may get permission of the Minister of Education, Culture and Science for selection of students and increasing the legal tuition fees if they meet the criteria for the special feature small-scale and intensive education.

It concerns here programmes with small-scale and intensive education directed on an above average education efficiency and where the activities inside and outside the curriculum are connected to each other. The criteria for this are included in the “Nadere uitwerking Criteria bijzonder kenmerk Kleinschalig en intensief onderwijs” of NVAO.

Cross-check with the practice

The first award of this special feature is an ex ante assessment, based on plans that provide a clear picture of the ambitions regarding small-scale and intensive education. Six years after obtaining the permission by the Minister the programme carries out a practice review, where NVAO decides to what extent the ambitions regarding small-scale and intensive education have been achieved. The “cross-check with the practice” may also take place previously if the institution believes that the results were realized sufficiently.

NVAO prefers to include the assessment of the special feature small-scale and intensive education in the context of the assessment of an existing or new programme. An application for the special feature can be submitted separately. In that case, NVAO compose a panel for a site visit.

The criteria and the procedure of the “cross-check with the practice” are described in the “Nadere uitwerking Criteria bijzonder kenmerk Kleinschalig en intensief onderwijs”. For courses or programs that have obtained the special feature on the basis of previous assessment frameworks, NVAO described the “cross-check with the practice” in a separate directive.

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STEPS



PANEL COMPOSITION

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different ways, such as in the “Nadere uitwerking Criteria bijzonder kenmerk Kleinschalig en intensief onderwijs” is described. In the application for approval of the panel composition for visitations the programme mentions that they want to obtain the special feature and underpins the experience of the panel in this area.

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APPLICATION

In the application for accreditation of an existing or new programme the institution mentions that they want to obtain the special feature and that...

In the application for accreditation of an existing or new programme the institution mentions that they want to obtain the special feature and that they explicitly seeks permission to getting the Minister of Education, Culture and Science for selection of students and increasing the legal tuition fees.

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REVIEW BY THE PANEL (6 MONTHS)

An assessment of an application for the special feature runs parallel with the assessment of the existing or the new programmes where this is inclu...

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DECISION-MAKING NVAO AND ADVICE TO THE MINISTER

NVAO decides on the basis of the advisory report to grant the special feature small-scale and intensive education. In addition, in case of a positi...

NVAO decides on the basis of the advisory report to grant the special feature small-scale and intensive education. In addition, in case of a positive decision NVAO advice the Minister of Education, Culture and Science to give permission to the programme for selection of students and increasing the legal tuition fees.

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CROSS-CHECK WITH THE PRACTICE EN EXTENDING THE FEATURE

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Six years after obtaining the permission by the Minister the programme carries out a practice review - the “cross-check with the practice” - where NVAO decides to what extent the ambitions regarding small-scale and intensive education have been achieved. This assessment is preferably integrated into a visitation procedure. The validity of the special feature small-scale and intensive education is similar to that of the accreditation of the programme. After granting the feature small-scale and intensive education the programme checks at each reassessment whether the feature still meets the criteria.

RATES

In 2021, the rate for the assessment of a special feature small-scale and intensive education outside an accreditation procedure for new programmes is EUR 19,200. The rate for an accreditation procedure for new programmes including special feature small-scale and intensive education amounts EUR 22,000.

Different rates apply for other or non-standard procedures. The costs of visits abroad, work performed by external experts, advisory work, or work associated with additional requirements will be invoiced additionally. Residual rates apply if applications for the accreditation of a new programme are withdrawn.

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