

Changes in the PhD Regulations 2026

The following changes have been made in the PhD Regulations 2024:

1. In Article 1 a number of definitions has been changed or added, i.a. beadle, confidential counsellor, co-supervisor, dean, faculty, graduate school, professor, supervisor, and training and supervision plan.
2. In Article 3, second paragraph, a requirement for certain PhD candidates regarding an annual financial obligation has been added.
3. Article 6, *ius promovendi* for academic staff members with the degree of Doctor or Doctor of Philosophy, is an extended version and replacement of the former appendix *ius Promovendi* for UHDs (Appendix E). Because the group of staff members that can be granted *ius promovendi* now has been further extended, we refer to these with the general term "academic staff member, within the meaning of Article 6 of these regulations".
4. Article 8, third paragraph, now refers to the General Old Age Pensions Act (*Algemene ouderdomswet*) as the relevant law.
5. The former Articles 8 (Admission to the Graduate School) and 9 (Start of the PhD track) have been merged into the new Article 9 (PhD track within the Graduate School).
6. Article 11, second paragraph, has been simplified and it now allows the appointment of three supervisors.
7. Article 11, fifth paragraph, has been transferred from the Jurisprudence.
8. Article 16, fourth paragraph, has been tightened.
9. In Article 24, third paragraph, and Article 28, fifth paragraph, the requirement has been adapted to: The committee will have a diverse composition, with representatives of at least two genders (m/f/x).
10. Article 25 has been completely revised in order to further clarify the procedure with regard to a committee meeting and the possibility of a revision proposal.
11. Article 31, seventh paragraph, has been slightly amended and the example has been transferred to the Jurisprudence.
12. Article 32, Early termination of the PhD track is a new addition.
13. In Article 34, the fourth paragraph has been edited to clarify that the consultation of the professors and academic staff members is optional.
14. In Article 46 all the relevant dates have been inserted and a paragraph has been added with information for PhD candidates who started their PhD track before 1 January 2024.
15. In addition, the text has been clarified in various places.