

OFFICIAL REPORT 19-054

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Oral decision of 8 May 2019 of the Examination Appeals Board of Leiden University in the case between:

[name], appellant

and

The Board of the Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences, respondent

Present:

O. van Loon, LL.M. (Chair)

Dr A.M. Rademaker

Dr J.J. Hylkema

R.A.W. van Pelt

M.G.A. Berk, M.Sc. (Members)

I.L. Schretlen, LL.M. (Secretary)

The appellant did not appear at the hearing.

[name], was present at the hearing on behalf of the respondent.

Course of the proceedings

The appellant requested the respondent to be admitted to the bachelor's programme in Political Science, with specialisation in International Relations and Organisations (hereafter referred to as "the bachelor's programme").

The respondent rejected the appellant's request in its decision of 29 January 2019.

The appellant sent a letter on 11 March 2019 to lodge an administrative appeal against this decision.

The respondent investigated whether an amicable settlement could be reached. However, an amicable settlement between the parties was not reached. The respondent submitted a letter of defence on 9 April 2019.

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Considerations

At the hearing, it was explained on behalf of the respondent that many students apply for this programme, in particular many foreign students. Consequently, one standard is applied to admission, which is the Dutch pre-university education (VWO) diploma, or a diploma that is comparable to it.

On the basis of the submitted letter of appeal, the Admissions Office looked again at the appellant's education details. The appellant followed a programme at [name School] up to the BTEC Level 3 Extended diploma. According to the Admissions Office, this prior education is comparable to a Dutch senior general secondary education (HAVO) diploma.

The Examination Appeals Board takes the view that the Board of Admissions considered correctly and on correct grounds that the prior education followed by the appellant does not meet the admission requirements of the bachelor's programme, and why this is so. The secondary school diploma obtained by the appellant is not comparable to a Dutch pre-university education (VWO) diploma.

Therefore, the respondent was correct not to admit the appellant to the programme.

Decision

The Examination Appeals Board holds the appellant's appeal unfounded.

Of which this official report was drawn up, which has been signed by the Chair and the Secretary.

O. van Loon, LL.M.
Chair

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Secretary

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