

**OFFICIAL REPORT 19-061**

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Oral decision of 17 April 2019 of the Examination Appeals Board of Leiden University in the case between:

[name], appellant

and

the Board of Leiden Law School, respondent

**Present:**

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

Dr A.M. Rademaker

Dr K. Beerden

Y.D.R. Mandel

M. Heezen, LL.B. (Members)

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

The appellant did not appear at the hearing, and had sent notice of absence.

[names] appeared at the hearing on behalf of the respondent.

**Course of the proceedings:**

The appellant requested the respondent to be admitted to the master's programme in Law, with specialisation in Public International Law (hereafter referred to as "the master's programme").

The respondent rejected the appellant's request in its decision of 6 February 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.

On 6 April 2019, the appellant submitted additional documents.

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### **Considerations**

At the hearing, the respondent explained that many students apply for this programme, in particular many foreign students. Consequently, one standard is applied to admission, which is the bachelor's diploma in Law of Leiden University, or of another Dutch university, provided that it is a "gown" variant (in Dutch: *toga-variant*). Alternatively, admission to the programme may be granted by means of another academic bachelor's degree, subject to specific conditions.

On the basis of the submitted letter of appeal, the Admissions Office looked again at the appellant's education details. The appellant is a student at [name University] in China and expects to be awarded his bachelor's diploma in June 2019. The Admissions Office does not classify this university as a so-called *national key university*. According to the Admissions Office, the diploma to be obtained by the appellant is equivalent to a diploma in law from a university of applied sciences (HBO) and not a bachelor's degree obtained at a Dutch university.

The Examination Appeals Board takes the view that the respondent considered correctly and on correct grounds that the prior education followed by the appellant does not meet the admission requirements of the master's programme, and why this is so. In its email message of 25 March 2019, the respondent also explained this in more detail to the appellant, upon his request. The diploma to be obtained by the appellant at [name University] in China is not equivalent to a diploma at the level of academic education in the Netherlands.

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

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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

I.L. Schretlen, LL.M.

Secretary

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