

DECISION 17 - 154

of the Examination Appeals Board of Leiden University

in the matter of

the appeal by [name], appellant

against

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

1. Origin and course of the proceedings

The appellant sent a letter on 7 June 2017 which was received on 14 June 2017, to lodge an appeal against the decision of the respondent of 13 April 2017, by which the appellant was provisionally admitted to the Master's programme in Psychology, specialising in Child and Adolescent Psychology.

In short, the appellant argued that it must be apparent from the documents he submitted that he possesses the required level of academic skills.

Moreover, the appellant pointed out that he has to sit the admission exam seven days before the start of the academic year and that he has to pass the exam to be admitted. Based on the decision, the appellant had assumed that he could start the programme in September 2017 and, consequently, he resigned from his position and accepted a scholarship.

The respondent investigated whether an amicable settlement could be reached and informed the appellant accordingly on 26 June 2017. This did not result in withdrawal of the appeal.

2. Considerations with regard to admissibility

Article 6:7 of the General Administrative Law Act (*Algemene wet bestuursrecht*) stipulates that the term for filing a letter of appeal is six weeks.

An appeal could be filed against the decision of 13 April 2017 up to and including 23 May 2017. The notice of appeal dated 7 June 2017 was received by the

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Examination Appeals Board on 14 June 2017. This date exceeds the term in which an appeal could be filed.

The Examination Appeals Board sent a registered letter on 19 June 2017, also by email, to inform the appellant that the term for filing an appeal had been exceeded. The appellant was allowed an opportunity to respond to this message before 10 July 2017.

The Examination Appeals Board did not receive a response.

Since the appellant has filed an administrative appeal well outside the appeal term and no facts or circumstances have arisen based on which exceeding the term could be deemed excusable, the Examination Appeals Board will hold the appeal inadmissible.

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3. The decision

In view of article 7.61 of the Higher Education and Academic Research Act

the Examination Appeals Board of Leiden University

holds the appeal **inadmissible**.

Established by a chamber of the Examination Appeals Board, comprised of M.M. Bosma (Chair), LL.M., Dr J.J.G.B. de Frankrijker, C. de Groot, LL.M., D.E. Mulder, BA, LLB, (members), in the presence of the Secretary of the Examination Appeals Board, W.J. de Wit, LL.M.

M.M. Bosma, LL.M.
Chair

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Secretary

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