



Compensation for disadvantages according to § 20 RStPO - Application

1. Student details:

Surname, first name

matriculation no.

Email

Study programme

2. Explanation

Please describe the nature of your disability/chronic illness or personal acute and temporary impairment:

Which form of compensation for disadvantages are you applying for and for which examinations/lectures? (Please state module number, semester and type of compensation)

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Date

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Signature

Important:

Compensation for disadvantages can only be granted if its necessity is substantiated by a medical certificate from a specialist doctor. The certificate must not be older than six months.



Decision of the examination board and explanations

1. Anyone applying for compensation for disadvantages in accordance with Section 20 RStPO must use the application form provided by the Examination Board for this purpose. An application relating to examinations must be submitted two months before the start of the examination period. If compensation for disadvantages is to be extended for the following semester, the application for extension must be submitted one month before the start of the examination period.
2. The application must describe the requested compensation for disadvantages in sufficient detail. In addition to the impairment, this also concerns the affected modules (examinations) and the type and manner of the requested compensation for disadvantages.
3. Compensation for disadvantages should only be granted if its necessity is substantiated by a medical certificate from a specialist. The certificate must not be older than six months.
4. Applications for an **extension of writing time**:
 - a) These are only approved if this establishes equal participation in the examination, but not if this creates a special examination standard (see Bundesverfassungsgericht 1 BvR 2577/15 Rn. 97 f.).
 - b) An extension of the writing time therefore requires that this compensates for the candidate's difficulties in presenting their existing and demonstrable abilities (see Bundesverwaltungsgericht 6 C 35/14 Rn. 16). This is typically the case with physical impairments.
 - c) If, on the other hand, the extension of writing time is based on a permanent psychological, neurobiological or neurological impairment - such as dyslexia or AD(H)D - an extension of writing time cannot be considered if the examination as proof of performance also requires that the work is completed within a specified time budget. That this is not the case (negative certificate = time budget has no relevance) has to be confirmed either by the respective module coordinator or by the head of study programme. The examination board is responsible for obtaining this negative certificate.