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**MEANS OF SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES  
AT THE POLYTECHNIC OF RIJEKA**



The right to support is provided to the student with disability who at the enrollment submitted the documentation by which he/she proves his/her degree of disability. Students with disabilities are considered students with:

- vision impairment,
- hearing impairment,
- motor disorders,
- multiple impairments,
- chronic diseases,
- mental health issues,
- specific learning difficulties (dyslexia, dysgraphia, dyscalculia, ADHD)
- other health conditions or difficulties which may affect the course of study, and that could be proven by appropriate documentation.

## **THE RIGHTS:**

### **PRIORITY ENROLLMENT IN THE STUDY PROGRAM**

The candidates who have a body impairment of 60% and more have the right to enroll with the full-time student status, outside the approved quota, if they are not ranked within the approved quota, provided they pass the obligatory part of the State Matura exam - B Level.

The candidates must deliver the decision on body impairment provided by the Croatian Pension Insurance Institute to Central Applications Office of the Agency for Science and Higher Education. The abovementioned pieces of evidence (original or a certified copy) have to be issued in the Republic of Croatia and are delivered exclusively by registered mail no later than the deadline given in the calendar published on the website <https://www.studij.hr/kalendar>.

### **EXEMPTION FROM PAYING STUDY COSTS**

Based on the Government of the Republic of Croatia's Decision the right for full subvention of study costs have full-time students of accredited undergraduate, graduate and integrated undergraduate and graduate university study programs, graduate university study programs,

short professional and professional undergraduate and specialist professional graduate study programs at public higher institutions in the Republic of Croatia:

1. who have enrolled for the first time in the first year of the study program in the academic year 2018/2019, 2019/2020, 2020/2021 or 2021/2022
2. who collected a minimum of 55 ECTS credits of the study program, **that is at least 30 ECTS credits in case the student has determined a disability of 60% or more** at the beginning of the academic year 2018/2019, 2019/2020, 2020/2021 and 2021/2022 in the previous academic year.

The students with a determined disability of 60% and more have the right for full subvention of study costs also at the enrollment for the second time in the first year of another study program at the same level despite their previous attending and leaving of the study program.

Based on article 17 of the Ordinance on studying of the Polytechnic of Rijeka all the students who have a body impairment of 100% are exempted from paying the tuition fee.

To all the students who have a whole body impairment of 60% and more the tuition fee is determined at the level of 30% of the full amount of tuition.

#### **DIRECT ACCESS TO STUDENT DORMITORY**

Students with disabilities from the 1st to the 5th disability category (a body impairment of 50% and more), have direct access to subvention for living in a dormitory. The status of people from this clause is proven by the Ordinance on the percentage of whole body impairment in accordance with the Decree on expertise methodology (Official Gazette, no. 67/2017.i56/2018).

Students with disabilities from the 6th to 10th disability category get additional points in accordance with the following classification:

- 6th category (body impairment of 50%) - 400 points,
- 7th category (body impairment of 40%) - 320 points,
- 8th category (body impairment of 30%) - 250 points,
- 9th category (body impairment of 20%) - 200 points,
- 10th category (body impairment of 10%) - 150 points.

More information on getting your accommodation in student dormitories "Ivan Goran Kovačić" and "Trsat" can be found on the link <https://www.scri.uniri.hr/smjestaj>.

#### **PARTLY COVERING TRAVEL EXPENSES**

Every year the Ministry of Science and Education provides financial support to partly cover travel expenses for full-time students with disabilities. The request for realizing the right for financial support is submitted to the Ministry of Science and Education, which can be downloaded on the website [www.mzo.gov.hr](http://www.mzo.gov.hr).

## POSSIBILITIES:

### TUITION FEES

The Ministry of Science and Education grants three types of state tuition fees for full-time students of higher education institutions in the Republic of Croatia: state tuition fees for STEM students, **scholarships for special student groups** and state tuition fees based on socioeconomic status. Full-time students with disabilities apply for category 2.

The tender for the following year is announced by the Minister no later than 15 October, and students submit their applications by filling the electronic form on the Ministry of Science and Education website.

### ADJUSTING THE TEACHING PROCESS AND THE MEANS OF GRADING TO THE ACQUISITION OF LEARNING OUTCOMES

The procedure of adjusting the teaching process and the means of grading to the acquisition of learning outcomes is based on the interview with students with disabilities and possible forms of support, taking into account the features of the study program (acquisition of the learning outcome) and means of support that can be provided (granted) by the Polytechnic of Rijeka. The possible means of support are the following:

- **Ensuring physical accessibility**

Physical accessibility refers to creating the conditions in the current facilities, that is building of the Polytechnic (ensured access ramp, furnished toilets for students with disabilities), and organizing classes in appropriate lecture halls (there is a tendency to organize classes in lecture halls in the lobby if students have movement disabilities).

- **Peer support in terms of involving student- assistants**

This is organized in accordance with individual needs of students with disabilities (occasional presence in class, permanent help etc.).

- **Individual adjustment of the means of grading learning outcome acquisition**

This refers to the possibility of extending the time of taking the written part of learning outcome assessment, involving a "helper", organizing the oral means of learning outcome assessment instead of the written one, organizing taking the computer-based test instead of a paper-based one, etc.

- **JAWS or "Job Access With Speech" screen reader for visually impaired people**

JAWS program is the most popular screen reader, created for users, who due to vision loss, cannot see screen content or navigate the mouse. JAWS provides output information via speech or Braille alphabet.

- **Digitalization of course reading material**

Students with disabilities may be provided with partially digitalized course reading material upon request.

## **CONTACT:**

For all the information on the means of exercising the rights and finding out the possibilities for students with disabilities contact the Head of Student Administration Office, Marica Lanča, via the e-mail [lanca@veleri.hr](mailto:lanca@veleri.hr) or phone number 051/677-211.