

## **FACTSHEET RESIT POLICY – FOR CHAIRGROUPS**

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### **INTRODUCTION**

From this academic year onwards, **students can take an interim examination for a course only twice a year** instead of the three times a year as in previous years. Each course has a resit option for the written test in one resit period.

The decision to reduce the number of resit opportunities is taken to limit the workload of teachers and to stimulate effective study behaviour.

The three resit periods are in: February (ResitA), May (ResitB), and July (ResitC1/2/3). These resit periods are indicated in the [academic calendar 2023/2024](#).

#### **Please note that the resit policy only applies to:**

- **Cursory courses.** So, not to theses, internships and research practices. For MSc-theses, MSc-internships, and MSc-Research Practices, specific resit rules are described in article 46e and 46f of the Education and Examination Regulations.
- **Written tests.** So, not to reports, essays, practicals, etc. (source: EER article 43b).
- **Scheduled resits.** Courses that do not have a written test as examination, but instead use a final report (or similar) as assessment, do not have a scheduled resit. You can decide as examiner whether and how a resit is possible (EER article 43b). See page 3 of this Factsheet for the grade registration of non-scheduled resits.

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Courses with written tests have an exam scheduled in one of the three resit periods. **In the course catalogue you can find in which resit period the written test of your course is scheduled and which days the resit period runs.**

As this is the first academic year the new resit policy is in force, **the scheduling department has already scheduled the resits** and published this on a special temporarily page:

[https://cloud.timeedit.net/wur\\_nl/web/open/ri1Q52.html](https://cloud.timeedit.net/wur_nl/web/open/ri1Q52.html)

Written tests are scheduled in a resit period based on these principles:

- Resits of courses examined in P1 (all codes) and a part of those courses examined in P2 (code 1 and 2) are scheduled in Resit A (February).
- Resits of courses examined in P3/4 and a part of the courses examined in P2 courses (code 3, 4, 5) are scheduled in Resit B (May).
- Resits of courses examined in P5 and P6 are scheduled in Resit C (July):
  - o Resits of P5-courses are scheduled in the first week of this resit period (Resit C1) .
  - o Resits of P6-courses are scheduled in the second week (Resit C2).
  - o Exceptions are possible for P6-courses that cannot be graded within 5 working days. They can be scheduled in the third week (Resit C3) if absolutely necessary, but the starting point is to schedule all July resits in the first two weeks.
- Resits of courses that are offered multiple times per year are scheduled in the first resit period after the last regular examination.
- The study handbook indicates when the resit is planned.

**For exams completed in the Resit C1/2/3 (July) period, an extended assessment/grade entry deadline of August 20 applies.**

This allows staff to grade the resits at a moment that fits best with their holiday planning.

**Only the Examining Boards are entitled to grant the student an additional resit opportunity** (see the [Education and Examination Regulations 2023/2024, article 44g and 47](#)). Students should always direct their request for an additional resit option to the Examining Board, after consulting with their study advisers. Only after approval by the Examining Board there will be an option to register the result/grade of such an additional resit option.

Unchanged is that students cannot re-sit an exam for a course once they've received a passing grade for this course. When they receive this passing grade after having registered for a future resit, the exam-registration is automatically cancelled.

## WHAT HAS CHANGED IN OSIRIS?

Several changes have been implemented in Osiris to support the new resit policy:

- Students can register for **two instead of three exams** per course per academic year.
- Each course is scheduled in **only one resit period**, this is shown including the date of the resit period in the study handbook ([courses.wur.nl](https://courses.wur.nl) or <https://studyhandbook.wur.nl/>).
- Students can register for resits from 1 September 2023 onwards. If they pass the regular exam, they will be **automatically deregistered** for any future exam of this course.
- It's no longer possible for secretaries of chairgroups to add a grade without an exam registration, nor to register a student for more than two exams for a course per academic year. Only the Examining Boards are entitled to grant the student an **additional resit opportunity** (see the [Education and Examination Regulations 2023/2024, article 44g and 47](#)).
- What has not changed is that corrections of grades should be requested at the Student Service Centre by the examiner.

### **Grade registration of non-scheduled resits (reports, assignments, etc.)**

- The resit opportunities of assignments should be mentioned in the **course guide on Brightspace**. Students cannot register for resits of assignments, only for resits of written tests.
- The examination of many courses consists of a **combination of written tests and assignments**. We recommend examiners to organize the second hand-in moment for assignments in the same resit period as the resit of the written test.  
*If this is not possible/desirable:* The courses should have a 'Resit Assignment' in Osiris for the grade registration of the resit of the assignments.
- **Courses without scheduled resits** (so, only reports or other assignments) have a 'Resit Year' in Osiris for the grade registration of the resit of the assignments.
- If your course should have a 'Resit Year' or 'Resit Assignment' in Osiris, but lacks it, please ask the course coordinator or examiner to **submit a request to the Examining Board** by email ([ebss@wur.nl](mailto:ebss@wur.nl), mentioning the course code and course name), so the option can be added.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- 1) How will be dealt with courses that run multiple times per year?  
'One resit per year' also applies to courses that are offered multiple times per year. Check the study handbook (<https://studyhandbook.wur.nl/>).
- 2) Are students allowed to take a regular exam instead of a resit?  
Yes, this was already allowed and is still allowed. Osiris ensures that students cannot register for more than two exams per course per academic year.
- 3) How does a student know in which resit period the resit is scheduled?  
This is (globally) indicated in the Study Handbook and the exact date and time of the resit are published in [TimeEdit](#).
- 4) When do examiners of the **second half P6** have to publish the results?  
**Written tests:** The aim is within 5 working days. An exception has already been granted for examiners who absolutely need 10 working days; the written tests of these courses are scheduled in Resit C3.  
**Assignments:** The shortened period for publishing the results applies only to written tests in the second half of period 6. Examiners can use the standard period of 10 working days for assignments. We recommend that examiners of assignments schedule a second submission deadline within the current academic year and communicate the dates to participating students in time. To stay within the limits of the academic year, we do expect the results of resit assignments to be published no later than 20 August 2024 (see also question 5).
- 5) When do examiners have to publish the results of the **July resits**?  
The results must be registered in Osiris by August 20. Please note that this deadline only applies to cursory courses, not to theses, internships, and research practices.
- 6) What if a student does not show up: does this count as an attempt?  
Yes, this still counts as an attempt, unless students have deregistered in time through Osiris-Student (i.e. before the registration deadline for that period).
- 7) How will be dealt with students that need an extra resit opportunity?  
Students can submit a request to the Examining Board. See the Education and Examination Regulations 2023/2024, article 44g and 47.