

Regulations on Semester Fees Issued by the Student Body of RWTH Aachen University,

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Based on § 57 (1) of the Higher Education Act of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia (Hochschulgesetz; HG) in the version of the announcement dated September 16, 2014 (Law and Official Gazette of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia p. 547), most recently amended by Article 1 of the Act on the Membership of University Hospitals in the Employers’ Association of North Rhine-Westphalia from June 30, 2022 (GV. NRW p.780b), the student body of RWTH Aachen University (RWTH) has issued the following regulations:

§ 1

Purpose of the Fees and Obligation to Contribute

- (1) The RWTH student body collects the Student Body and Mobility Fee from its members each semester to allow it to carry out its tasks and responsibilities.
- (2) Students on leave of absence are also subject to the contribution requirement. Students on leave of absence to perform civilian or basic military service are exempt from paying the Student Body and Mobility Fee.

§ 2

Composition and Amount of the Student Body Fee

- (1) The Student Body Fee is made up of partial amounts for the General Students' Committee (AStA), the student councils, student sports at the Aachen universities, childcare at RWTH Aachen University, Hochschulradio Aachen e. V., Queerreferat an den Aachener Hochschulen e. V., the student aid fund, and the semester fee hardship fund. The Student Body Fee is the sum of the following partial amounts.
- (2) The partial amount for the AStA Students' Committee started at 6.70 euros in the 2020/2021 winter semester and has since increased by 0.05 euros every winter semester.
- (3) The partial amount for the student councils will be 2.00 euros in the 2023/2024 winter semester and is scheduled to increase by 0.04 euros each winter semester after that.
- (4) The partial amount for student sports at the Aachen universities is 1.10 euros.
- (5) The partial amount for childcare at RWTH Aachen University is 1.50 euros.
- (6) The partial amount for Hochschulradio Aachen e. V. is 0.50 euros.
- (7) The partial amount for Queerreferat an den Aachener Hochschulen e. V. is 0.53 euros.
- (8) The partial amount for the student aid fund will be 1.00 euro in the 2023/2024 winter semester. If, from the 2024 summer semester onwards, the balance in the earmarked reserve for the student aid fund is less than 50,000.00 euros as of May 1 or November 1, the contribution will be 0.50 euros in the following semester; otherwise, it will be 0.01 euros.
- (9) The partial amount for the semester fee hardship fund is 0.25 euros in the 2023/2024 winter semester, 0.20 euros in the 2024 summer semester, and 0.15 euros from the 2024/2025 winter semester onwards.

§ 3

Composition and Amount of the Mobility Fee

- (1) The Mobility Fee is comprised of the partial amounts for the local transportation pass, the extension of the travel authorization to the area of validity of the entire transport system of the state of North Rhine-Westphalia, and the extension of the travel authorization to the area of validity of the Limburg add-on. The Mobility Fee is the sum of the following partial amounts.
- (2) The partial amount for the local transportation pass will be
 1. 142.24 euros from summer semester 2023,
 2. and, from summer semester 2024, it will be 0.00 euros.

- (3) The partial amount for extending the travel authorization to the area covered by the local public transport system of the state of North Rhine-Westphalia will be
 1. 59.40 euros from summer semester 2023,
 2. and, from summer semester 2024, it will be 0.00 euros.
- (4) The partial amount for extending the travel authorization to the area of validity of the Limburg add-on will be
 1. 5.29 euros from summer semester 2023,
 2. and, from summer semester 2024, it will be 0.00 euros.

§ 4 Collection and Due Date

- (1) The Student Body and Mobility Fee is collected by the University free of charge and paid to the AStA Students' Committee.
- (2) The Student Body and Mobility Fee is due
 1. upon enrollment,
 2. upon re-enrollment
 3. when embarking on a leave of absence.
- (3) The following students do not pay a mobility fee and do not receive a local transportation pass:
 1. a) Auditing students and cross-registered students,
 2. b) Individuals with disabilities holding the official ID, supplement, and token.
- (4) The Mobility Fee may be reimbursed in special cases in accordance with § 5. Once the Mobility Fee has been reimbursed, the right to travel for free in the corresponding network expires.
- (5) If a student withdraws from RWTH or their enrollment terminates before the start of the lecture period of the semester for which they have paid the Student Body and Mobility Fee, they will be refunded this fee. However, they are not entitled to a pro-rated refund any time after that point. Reimbursement will be made through the Registrar's Office.
- (6) The Student Body and Mobility Fee may be waived in whole or in part for students facing social hardship.

§ 5 Fee Waivers or Refunds

Waivers or reimbursement of the Student Body and Mobility Fee are regulated by the student body's Social Affairs Regulations.

§ 6
Use of the Funds

AStA shall use the Student Body and Mobility Fee according to the student body's Financial Regulations and be solely responsible for doing so.

§ 7
Entry Into Force

These Regulations on Semester Fees are published in the official announcements of RWTH Aachen University ("Amtliche Bekanntmachungen") and come into effect the day after publication.

Issued based on the resolutions of the Student Parliament of May 16, 2023, and the approval of the Rectorate of June 2, 2023.

It is pointed out that, in accordance with § 12 (5) NRW Higher Education Act, any claims regarding a violation of procedural or formal requirements of the regulatory or other autonomous rights of the University may no longer be asserted after one year has elapsed since the official publication of this announcement unless:

- 1) the announcement has not been properly published,
- 2) the Rectorate has objected, prior to publication, to the decision of the committee adopting the regulations,
- 3) the University has been previously notified about the defect of form or procedure in a complaint, specifying the infringed legal provision and the fact which gives rise to the defect, or
- 4) the legal consequence of the exclusion of complaints was not pointed out in the public announcement.

On behalf of the Rector
The Chancellor
of RWTH
Aachen University

Aachen, June 6, 2023,

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