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Student version of the Binding Study Advice Scheme

Part of the law 'early registration date and right of admission to mbo' is the Binding Study Advice (BSA). This means that every student in the 1st year (from the start of the lessons) between 9 and 12 months receives a Binding Study Advice. If a student starts the course later, he/she will receive a Binding Study Advice in the first year, just like the classmates. In the case of one-year programmes, the student receives a BSA between 3 and 4 months.

Progress calls

At Summa College, every student is given at least two progress interviews in the first year, which lead to a study advice. In the case of one-year programmes, the student receives at least one progress interview. During the progress interview, it is examined whether the student's study results are sufficient.

Positive or negative

A study advice can be positive or negative. Study advice is only given on the basis of study progress. Under strict conditions, the professional attitude may be included in the study advice. A negative professional attitude can influence the study progress. A negative recommendation may be given in the event of insufficient progress in the study progress across the board in the first year. The Education and Examination Regulations (OER) state what a student must achieve in order to receive a positive recommendation.

Personal circumstances

A negative study advice can lead to termination of the education agreement. This decision takes into account personal special circumstances such as pregnancy, illness, family circumstances or a disability (psychological or physical). Delays incurred by a student in a special situation need not necessarily lead to termination of the study programme. The decision in the run-up to a possible negative study advice must be carefully gone through, preferably involving the entire educational team.

No surprises

A negative BSA shouldn't come as a surprise to a student. He/she has then had two conversations with Preliminary Study Advice (VSA). (In the case of one-year programmes, one interview). These conversations focus on the development of the student. In case of insufficient progress, agreements and improvement actions are made. A negative Preliminary Study Advice is recorded in writing by the LOB'er or the mentor and is placed in the Student - Parent Portal. This describes which improvements he/she must show within which period of time and which support the student receives from the study programme.

Evaluate agreements and progress

After the agreed term, the agreements and the student's study progress will be evaluated. If insufficient study progress can be seen, the term can be extended (if necessary). In case of insufficient progress, a negative Binding Study Advice can be issued. This may not be given earlier than 9 months after the start of the study programme. For one-year programs, the Binding Study Advice may not be given earlier than three months after the start of the programme.

Other solutions

If the study progress is insufficient, a negative BSA is issued. If this leads to termination of the education agreement, other solutions will be sought together with the student and the care team. After a negative BSA, the student will no longer be able to enrol for the same study programme. During a period of 8 weeks, the student will be guided to another programme of study or another suitable solution will be sought.

New training

If you enrol in a new programme (also if you move up to a higher level or if you join a new programme), a BSA will be issued again in the first year of the new programme. This also applies if the student enrolls in the third year of the new programme.

Dissolution of the Education Agreement

On the advice of the education team, the education director will decide whether to dissolve the education agreement on the basis of the negative BSA, taking into account the personal circumstances of the student. The care coordinator will be involved in this. It may therefore mean that a student with a negative study advice (based on progress) may still continue with the study programme.

Age or starting qualification obtained

If the education contract is terminated, the training course contacts the compulsory education or RMC official. If the student is younger than 18, the education agreement can only be terminated after it has been demonstrated that 8 weeks of unsuccessful search for another course of study have taken place. When giving a BSA, no distinction is made in age. Nor is it checked whether the student has already obtained a starting qualification.

Appeals

The student may lodge an appeal with the Examination Appeals Board against the decision to issue a negative BSA. Within two weeks, the student must submit the appeal via the complaints form on the website of Summa College. The Examination Appeals Committee will take a decision on the appeal within four weeks.

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