

As a student, what do you need to know?

Why does the Netherlands have the treaty?

The UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD), hereinafter referred to as the Convention, which entered into force in the Netherlands on 14 July 2016, aims to improve the position of people with disabilities. The convention is based on inclusion so that everyone is treated equally, including in education.

Who plays an important role?

- People with disabilities
Nothing about us, without us': people with a disability have part in the formulation of policy, legislation and implementation.
- The government
The government makes laws, implements policies and ensures that others also comply with the obligations of the Treaty.
- The Board of Human Rights
The college supervises the treaty in the Netherlands and investigates individual complaints about admission and adjustments.

What does this mean for students with a disability?

The content of the Convention (Article 24) applies to all educational institutions. They are obliged to actively promote the inclusion of students with disabilities. This means that they have to make adjustments and ensure general accessibility of buildings and information systems.

Contribute to more inclusive education in 5 ways

1 Tell me about yourself

Share your personal experiences of studying with a disability with fellow students. What were your obstacles? How did you deal with this?

2 Share your experience

Let your fellow students hear from you. What possibilities do you see within your study programme to make education more accessible to students with a disability?

3 Make yourself visible

Talk to the board of your educational institution about possible improvements. This can be done, for example, via the participation council.

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