Regulations numerus fixus and decentralized selection for International Bachelor Economics and Business Economics 2027-2028

Article 1 Applicability

These regulations govern the numerus fixus and decentralized selection procedure for the study programme International Bachelor Economics and Business Economics. This is the English-taught variant of the Dutch-taught bachelor programme Economics and Business Economics, registered in RIO under number 50950. These regulations apply to and govern all applicants who apply during academic year 2026-2027, for enrolment in 2027-2028. The study programme is offered by Erasmus School of Economics, Erasmus University Rotterdam. The numerus fixus is introduced because of the high inflow of international students and the (limited) capacity within the School, with the goal of assuring the high quality of education which Erasmus School of Economics stands for.

Article 2 Definitions

In these regulations the following definitions apply:

a. Academic year:
   The period of time that commences on 01 September and ends on 31 August in the following year.
b. Act:
   Higher Education and Research Act (in Dutch: Wet op Hoger onderwijs en Wetenschappelijk onderzoek).
c. Applicant:
   The person who wants to enrol in IBEB as a student and therefore registers in Studielink and submits an application in the EUR Admission Portal.
d. Conditional offer:
   A confirmation made out in the applicant's name, which serves as proof of admission within the meaning of the RATHO. It proves that the applicant has gone through the selection procedure and has been allocated a place within the set teaching capacity. It is a conditional proof of admission that becomes final once the applicant accepts it and proves that the previous education requirements are met.
e. Dean:
   The Dean of the Erasmus School of Economics.
f. Examination Board:
   The Examination Board for the bachelor programme Economics and Business Economics, established and appointed by the Dean in accordance with Article 7.12a of the Act.
g. Executive Board:
   The Executive Board (in Dutch: College van Bestuur) of Erasmus University Rotterdam.
h. EUR Admission Portal:
   The admissions portal of Erasmus University in which candidates answer questions and upload the required documents to finalise and submit their application and participate in the selection procedure.
i. GAS:
   The Student Objection Advisory Committee of Erasmus University (in Dutch: Geschillenadviescommissie voor Studenten, GAS) which advises the Executive Board, among other things, regarding appeals to decisions about enrolment for bachelor studies, deregistration and tuition fees.
j. IBEB:
   The study programme International Bachelor Economics and Business Economics.
k. School:
   Erasmus School of Economics (Erasmus University Rotterdam).

l. Studielink:
The Dutch national online platform for application and enrolment to any higher education institution in the Netherlands.
m. Numerus fixus:
A limitation of the capacity of a (track within the) bachelor's degree programme as referred to in article 7.53 of the Act.
n. TER:
The School's Teaching and Examination Regulations for the bachelor programme Economics and Business Economics.
o. Selection procedure:
Decentralized selection procedure as described in article 7.53 of the Act.
p. Ranking list:
A document in which the applicants who participated in the selection are placed in sequential numerical order based on the results they obtained in the selection procedure, in descending order from a high result to a lower result.
q. Ranking number:
Unique number allocated by the School to an individual applicant who participated in the selection procedure, which indicates the applicant's overall position on the ranking list in comparison to the other applicants.
r. RATHO:
The (Ministerial) Regulation on Higher Education Applications and Selection (in Dutch: Regeling Aanmelding en Toelating Hoger Onderwijs).

Article 3 Ability to apply decentralized selection

1. The authority for selection and placement conferred on the Executive Board by virtue of Article 7.53 of the Act has been mandated by the Executive Board to the Dean of the School according to Article 11.17 of the Management and Administration Regulations Erasmus University Rotterdam (in Dutch: Bestuurs- en Beheersreglement)
2. The Dean of Erasmus School of Economics has sub-mandated the task of selecting prospective bachelor students to the Programme Director. The Admission Officers advise the Programme Director on whether or not to select and place an applicant. The Programme Director establishes a definitive ranking list of applicants.
3. The selection procedure is evaluated on annual basis to ensure and improve its quality, in relation to the number of enrolled students, diversity, results per selection criterion, allocation of ranking numbers and corresponding study results throughout the first year of the study programme. Staff members representing multiple disciplines such as programme management, academic staff and professional support are responsible for the implementation and evaluation of the selection procedure.

Article 4 General requirements

1. Any applicant applying to IBEB needs to be aware of the Regulations numerus fixus and decentralized selection for International Bachelor Economics and Business Economics (this document) and by submitting the application agrees to these regulations.
2. Only those applicants who meet the general admission requirements are eligible to participate in the selection procedure. Applicants who do not meet the admission requirements, and are therefore not admissible, will be sent a reasoned decision regarding this. A statement on general admission requirements is included in the Teaching and Examination Regulations. In addition, the Admissions Officers of the School have created a list of most common (international) diplomas that meet the minimum admission requirements. Where relevant, curriculum specifics, minimum grades and language test (or exemption) criteria are included. This list is available through the School's website and updated on annual basis.

3. In addition to meeting the general admission requirements, a selection procedure will take place, based on the criteria listed in Article 5.
4. Applicants can participate in the selection procedure once per academic year and a maximum of three times, insofar as previous participation has not resulted in enrolment for the study programme, and regardless of the selection criteria previously used in the applicant's case.
5. Applicants who wish to participate in the selection of the study programme are obliged to submit their application between 01 October 2026 and 15 January 2027 at 23.59 hours CET by registering for IBEB in Studielink and submitting all obligatory documents and answering all questions in the EUR Admission Portal.
6. If an applicant does not submit its complete application in due time, up to and including 15 January 2027 at 23.59 hours CET, they will receive a message "enrolment application rejected" via Studielink. If the applicant so wishes, they can generate an e-mail showing the time of their application, after 15 January 2027.
7. Submitting documents in the EUR Admission Portal which do not meet the instructions listed on the admissions website will result in a cancellation of the application. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that all application documents are prepared well in advance and submitted correctly.
8. For completing the application in the EUR Admission Portal each applicant receives an automatically generated link and login details within 1 hour after registering in Studielink. Applicants are responsible for reaching out to the School, well in time and at least 48 hours prior to the deadline, should the link or login details be missing. Failure of the above will result in the cancellation of the Studielink registration on 18 January 2027.
9. An applicant who wishes to cancel the application is to arrange this via Studielink and will receive an automatically generated e-mail as confirmation. An application that has been withdrawn by the applicant via Studielink no later than 15 January 2027 at 23.59 hours CET will be regarded as cancelled within the meaning of the RATHO.
10. A cancellation of the Studielink application after 15 January 2027 at 23.59 hours CET will count as one application attempt (chance of participation) towards the maximum of three attempts to participate in the selection procedure.
11. Applicants who are offered a seat in IBEB but cannot supply the School with the required documents in order to be unconditionally admitted to the study programme prior to 01 August 2027 (e.g. certified copies of the diploma on which admission is based), have used up one attempt. An extended deadline applies to applicants seeking admission on basis of the Irish Leaving Certificate and (I)GCE A-level examinations of 21 August 2027.
12. An applicant who does not meet the previous education requirements as referred to in the RATHO can submit a request to have the application cancelled up to and including 31 August 2027 via programme.director@ese.eur.nl. The request must be accompanied by an item of documentary evidence showing that the candidate has failed their examination(s), or does not meet the previous education requirements in another way. The request will be handled by Programme Director by 01 October 2027.
13. Correspondence concerning all aspects of the application, selection and placement procedure is done via e-mail, for which the contact details are used which the applicant has confirmed in Studielink. The applicant must ensure that the correct postal address and the current and functioning e-mail address are held by Studielink at all times.
14. Applicants are responsible for checking their inbox and spam folder on a regular basis. The School, University and Studielink use different e-mail accounts to inform all applicants. The School and University disclaim any liability for potential adverse effects caused by unread e-mails and the consequences arising from this. Applicants are personally responsible for complying promptly with instructions and information sent by the School via Studielink and the EUR Admission Portal.
15. The outcome of the selection procedure and the assigned ranking number are only valid for the 2027-2028 academic year. No rights can be derived from this for future applications and selection procedures. Applicants who do not accept their place and submit an application to participate in the selection procedure again the following year, will have to go through the entire procedure again.

16. All (personal) data in relation to the application and selection procedure are stored in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). These data will be retained for a maximum of 10 years, for the purposes of longitudinal research within the Erasmus School of Economics, and will be treated confidentially and not disclosed to any third parties.

Article 5 Maximum capacity and selection instruments

1. With reference to article 7.53 of the Act, a maximum of 500 places are available which are allocated to the applicants with a ranking number between 1-500. Ten places in the ranking are reserved for possible appeals and/or unforeseen circumstances.
2. The goal of applying a decentral selection procedure is to select:
   - Students who have an aptitude for and affinity with Mathematics and a good command of the English language;
   - Students with correct expectations of what studying Economics and Business Economics in Erasmus School of Economics entails;
   - A diverse student population, as IBEB prepares students for an international career through a curriculum which is internationally oriented.

   These goals have resulted in the following selection instruments according to Article 53(2) of the Act:
   a. Per type of diploma a minimum threshold for Mathematics and English language.
      i. VWO Mathematics A 7.0 (or equivalent, as referred to in the TER)
      ii. VWO Mathematics B 6.0 (or equivalent, as referred to in the TER)
      iii. VWO English 7.0 (or equivalent language certificate, as referred to in the TER)
   b. Mandatory participation in the online ESE-curriculum based activity judged with a pass or fail.
      i. Finishing all online modules completely.
      ii. Answering all questions during and at the end of the activity.
   c. An unweighted average of the grades obtained in the preliminary education on which admission to IBEB is based:
      i. Current secondary school students: we use the end-of-year grades from your pre-final year of secondary school.
      ii. Graduates: we use the grades on your final grade list, along with any obtained college or university grades if applicable.
3. Due to the nature of the selection procedure, all applicants are responsible for having access to a computer and/or laptop as well as a stable internet connection and microphone.

Article 6 Application procedure and timeline

1. Applicants can submit their application between 01 October 2026 and 15 January 2027 at 23.59 hours CET by registering for IBEB in Studielink and submitting all obligatory documents and answering all questions in the EUR Admission Portal.
2. All applicants are informed by e-mail no later than Friday 12 February 2027 on whether the application is complete and whether the minimum admission requirements as listed in Article 4 and minimum threshold as listed in Article 5 are met.
3. Applicants who do not receive feedback on their application by 12 February 2027 are to contact the Admissions Officers of the School no later than Monday 15 February 2027 at 23.59 hours CET using the contact form on the admissions website of the School.
4. On Monday 22 February 2027 all applicants with a complete application, meeting the admission requirements, will receive an e-mail with the invitation for the online ESE-curriculum based activity as referred to in Article 5.2b.
5. In the invitation for the online ESE-curriculum based activity the time frame for participating will be confirmed together with an explanation on the multiple modules. Applicants who fail to complete the activity by 15 March 2027 at 11:59 a.m. CET will not meet this selection criteria.

This will result in a cancellation of the application which will count towards the maximum of three attempts to participate in the selection procedure.

6. In the third week of March 2026, all applicants who registered for the ESE curriculum-based activity will be informed on whether the participation requirement has been met, as referred to in Article 5.2b.
7. The months of February and March will be used by the Admissions Officers to determine the unweighted average of the grades for each applicant, as referred to in Article 5.
8. In the first week of April, the ranking numbers will be allocated by the Programme Director as referred to in Article 7.
9. Insofar as the applicant participated in the selection procedure, they will be notified of their allotted ranking number via Studielink on 15 April 2026. Applicants with a ranking number between 1-500 are offered a place in IBEB and receive a conditional offer to confirm their enrolment. This offer is on the condition that the applicant supplies the School with the required documentation to be unconditionally admitted prior to the start of IBEB in September together with a payment of tuition fees and (depending on one's nationality) application for a student visa and/or residence permit.
10. Applicants who receive a conditional offer via Studielink must accept or decline the offer within 14 days. The two weeks start counting from the day on which it was sent via Studielink. If the applicant declines the offer, or if the applicant does not accept the offer (i.e.: does not respond in due time), the offer automatically lapses ipso jure. Consequently, the Studielink application will be cancelled.
11. When a conditional offer lapses, the seat will automatically be offered via Studielink to the next applicant on the ranking list who has not yet received a conditional offer. The rolling award of conditional offers will continue up to and including 01 August 2027 and/or until the maximum capacity has been reached. No offers will be sent after 01 August 2027 at 23.59 hours CET.

Article 7 Ranking method

1. The ranking numbers are allocated as follows:
    a) Numbers 1-250 are allocated to those applicants who have obtained a pass in the online ESE-curriculum based activity and have the best average grade.
    b) Numbers 251 and higher are allocated through a weighted lottery among all other applicants who obtained a pass in the online ESE-curriculum based activity. In which the weight of the average grade is 50% and of the random score 50% as well. A random score is generated and assigned to each application by a notary. The notary generates the random score, records it in a ruling, and sends this back to the School. This random score is uniformly distributed. Based on this, the School determines the final ranking numbers by calculating the average of the z-scores of both the average grade and the random score.
    c) Ten ranking numbers are reserved for possible appeals and/or other external circumstances.
2. With regards to ranking number 1-250, should the situation occur where multiple applicants show the exact same average grade, the individual Mathematics grade will be pivotal. Should the Mathematics grade be equal, then the English grade will become pivotal.
3. All applicants who successfully complete the selection procedure are informed of the individual ranking number on 15 April 2027 via Studielink. In case an applicant disagrees with the allocated ranking number, the applicant is to contact the Admissions Officers of the School for additional information.
4. Communication regarding participation in, the result of, and an appeal against the selection procedure will only take place with the respective applicant and not with parents or any other representative, unless authorized by the applicant.

Article 8 Objections and appeals

1. Decisions on the selection criteria and/or allocation of ranking numbers are open to formal objection through the Student Objection Advisory Committee of Erasmus University (in Dutch: Geschillenadviescommissie voor Studenten, GAS) within six weeks after the decision has been sent to the applicant. The notice of objection should be submitted through gas@eur.nl
2. The objection must be lodged by means of a letter of objection, stating the reasons and accompanied by a copy of the contested decision. The Programme Director will be contacted regarding the letter of objection. After receiving the advice of the GAS, the Executive Board will take a decision about the objection as soon as possible.

Article 9 Fraud

Fraud does not align with the professional conduct expected of applicants when applying for and of students during their study programme. In the case of detected fraud, the applicant will be immediately excluded from the selection procedure. The application will count towards the maximum number of three times one can participate. The definition of fraud is based on the definition as formulated in the general Rules and Guidelines of the School, established by the School's Examination Board.

Article 10 Publication and amendments

1. On the basis of the mandate laid down in Article 11.17 of the BBR, the Dean is responsible for the publication (via the University website) of the Regulations numerus fixus and decentralized selection for International Bachelor Economics and Business economics (this document), as well as for any amendments.
2. Amendments to these regulations are adopted by a separate decision of the Executive Board, with the prior advice of the University Council.
3. Amendments to these regulations which apply to a particular academic year must be adopted before the start of that year and published in the prescribed manner, unless earlier implementation of an amendment to the regulations is strictly necessary and, in all reasonableness, does not harm the applicants' or students' interests.
4. Amendments to these regulations may not adversely affect any prior decision pertaining to applicants or students taken by the Examination Board or the Programme Director on the basis of these regulations.

Article 11 Disclaimer

1. If situations arise which are not covered by this regulation, the Programme Director will make the decision. In such a situation, the standardized School's rules and regulations will serve as the starting point.
2. In the event of a widely recognized force majeure situation, the Programme Director will issue a recommendation to the Executive Board on the execution of the selection procedure. The Executive Board will decide on the execution of the selection procedure. The chosen format may impact the selection criteria and/or ranking method. In such a situation, the School will strive to inform all applicants as soon as possible.

Article 12 Final provisions, term of application and entry into force

1. The Regulations numerus fixus and decentralized selection for the International Bachelor Economics and Business Economics apply for the duration of one academic year.
2. These regulations were established on 22 September 2026 by the Executive Board of Erasmus University Rotterdam.
3. The University Council have issued a positive advice on these regulations and specifically on the selection criteria and the selection procedure as referred to in Article 7.
4. These regulations enter into force on 01 October 2026.