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Two references are required from persons of high academic or professional standing who are well acquainted with you, your work and your studies.

Reference letters should not be older than 2 years, must be signed, on letterhead and include the email address of the referee.

Referees can send the reference form and/or a separate reference letter directly to: admission@iss.nl

# Reference Form

**MA in Development Studies**

*Section to be filled out by applicant before passing it on to referee:*

Name of applicant:

Last First Middle

Student number / ERNA number:…………………………

*Section to be filled out by referee:*

**NOTE**: It would be much appreciated if you can complete the questions below. Your report will be treated confidentially.

**1. Ability to undertake study at this post-graduate level:**

**2. Applicant’s potential for contributing to the work and discussions in study groups:**

**3. Any aspect of personality and character, you consider pertinent, especially regarding the seriousness of purpose of the applicant:**

**4. Special remarks (if any):**

**5. Please rate the applicant in comparison with other students known to you who have applied for admission to graduate schools**

Excellent Above average Average Below average Low

Intellectual ability     

Ability in: oral expression     

Ability in: written expression     

Motivation for proposed

programme of study     

Background for proposed

programme of study     

**6. How do you rate the applicant in overall ability and promise in comparison with other students at the same level of training?**

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| **** | **** | **** | **** | **** | **** |
| Equal to the best in any department. | Will perform at a superior level wherever admitted. | Performance should be up to average of most graduate students. | Qualifications marginal, but warrants consideration. | Questionable whether admission to further study is warranted. | Not able to judge. |

Date: Place: Signature:

Name:

Title or position:

Email:

Address:

Please return this reference form to:

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