

Dear alumnus,

Recently a new Dutch law became valid which changes the titles for graduates in higher education. Since August 31, 2015 Design Academy Eindhoven can reward graduates with the titles "Bachelor of Arts" and "Master of Arts"; until August the rewarded titled were "Bachelor of Design" and "Master of Design". The titles "Ba/Ma of Arts" are internationally recognisable and enable a better connection with international practise. There is more to be read about this new law (text only available in Dutch language); go to <https://zoek.officielebekendmakingen.nl/stcrt-2013-35337.html>
<https://zoek.officielebekendmakingen.nl/stcrt-2015-27438.html>
<https://www.nvao.net/kwaliteitszorgstelselsnederlandlijsten/maandoverzicht-nieuwe-hbo-titulatuur-70-regeling>

Good news

In completion with this legislation the new titles retrospectively can be rewarded to Bachelor and Master Graduates from the timeframe October 1st 2014 until August 31st 2015. Before these Graduates can receive a diploma with the new title, the current diploma has to be taken in by Design Academy Eindhoven. According to our files you are one of the graduates who can obtain for a diploma with the new title. How to proceed to get this?

Procedure

1. Apply for the diploma with the new title by sending an email to changediploma@designacademy.nl

Mention clearly:

- a. your name and date of birth
- b. whether you graduated at the Bachelor or Master department
- c. the date mentioned on your current diploma

2. Within a week you will receive a reply by email from the student administration. In this email the student administration will confirm if you fulfil the criteria. The data in our student administration are leading and binding.

3. If you meet the criteria, DAE will provide a new diploma with the new title. You will receive an email when the new diploma is ready for you to pick up.

4. After this you can make arrangements by email with the student administration how your current, original diploma will be taken in by DAE and how you will receive the new diploma (by means of a visit to Eindhoven or registered post or special delivery).

Important

1. Your current diploma and diploma supplement has to be taken in by DAE; once received by us, we can hand out the new diploma.

2. You need to apply for the new diploma by email before September 1st 2016; after that date applications cannot be processed anymore (as determined by law).

3. After September 1st 2016 DAE can no longer grant diploma's with new titles to former Graduates.

4. If you want to keep your current diploma/ title no action is necessary. You are not obliged to apply for a new diploma.

5. Costs for registered post and special delivery are your own responsibility. Perhaps you plan to visit the Graduation exhibition coming October? It is possible to make an appointment for collecting your diploma there and then but only if the application procedure, mentioned above has been successfully performed.

Any questions? Email Anita Pauwels, T +31 40 239 3931,
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We hope that the new international title will be of value for you.

With kind regards,
Executive Board