

My ZonMw manual

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Introduction

This manual explains how the grant application process works in *My ZonMw*.

Section 1 explains how to get started in My ZonMw. This section explains how to register as a new user, how to log in and how to change your user settings.

Section 2 explains how you can apply for a grant. This section describes how to open, complete, save and submit an application form.

Some grant calls are subject to referee assessments. Section 3 explains how to submit a rebuttal in response to the referee assessments. In this phase, you will receive an email from ZonMw to inform you about the conditions of the rebuttal.

Please note: Each programme has its own application and assessment procedure. This programme-specific procedure is communicated in the grant call. Therefore, the steps in the standard procedure may vary depending on the programme you are applying to.

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1 Starting in My ZonMw

You will find the open grant calls on the ZonMw website.

After reading the grant call, you can click on this button **Apply for a subsidy** to apply for a grant. This takes you to the login page of My ZonMw.

1.1 Registering as a new user

If you have not logged into My ZonMw before, you must register first (Figure 1 & 2).

- To do so, click on the button **Register - Registerer** to register as a new user and create an account.

The screenshot shows the My ZonMw login and registration interface. At the top, the ZonMw logo is on the left, and navigation icons (home, info, help) are on the right, followed by the text 'Not logged in - Niet ingelogd'. The main content is divided into two panels. The left panel, titled 'Sign In', has a dark blue background and contains the following text: 'Welcome to the AIMS Grant and Programme Management application. To apply for a grant, please login and fill out an application form.', 'You will need an account to login. If you are a new user, you can setup an account. Please select the register option.', 'For existing users, please login using your email and password you used the last time.', and 'You can view the schemes available using the links provided. These are also available when you login.' Below this text is a blue button labeled 'See all available schemes'. The right panel, titled 'New User', has a white background and contains the following elements: a sub-header 'Setup an account', a blue button 'Register - Registerer' with a right arrow, a section 'Existing User' with the text 'Please enter your login details', a form for 'Email - E-mail' with the placeholder 'Enter your email', a form for 'Password - Wachtwoord' with the placeholder 'Enter your password', a checkbox 'Remember my login on this computer - Onthoud mijn inloggegevens op deze computer' which is checked, a blue 'Login' button, a red asterisk note '*Required..Verplicht', and a link 'Forgotten your password?'.

Figure 1: Registering with or logging in to My ZonMw.

- Please complete all required fields. You can recognise these throughout the application by the * in front of them
- Then click on the **Register - Registerer** button.

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Figure 2: Registering as a new user.

Please bear in mind that in My ZonMw, only passwords of at least **12 characters** are possible and they must include 1 number, 1 upper of lower case character and 1 special character. You can use Norton Password Creator to create a password. Remember to save your password for later sessions in your browser or in a password manager.

1.2 Logging in as an existing user

If you have logged into My ZonMw before, you can log in with your email address and password (Figure 1).

- Log in as an existing user by entering your email address and password and clicking on **Login**
- If you have forgotten your password, click on 'Forgotten your password?'

Please note If you enter your password incorrectly five times in succession, your account will be locked. In that case, you can send an email to servicedesk@zonmw.nl with the request to unlock your My ZonMw account.

1.3 Resetting your password

If you have forgotten your password, you can reset your password (Figure 3):

- Enter your email address at 'Email'.
- Then click on the button **Doorgaan / Continue**.

You will receive an email with a link to create a new password.

Please note: if you do not receive an email, please check whether the email has ended up in your junk email / spam folder.

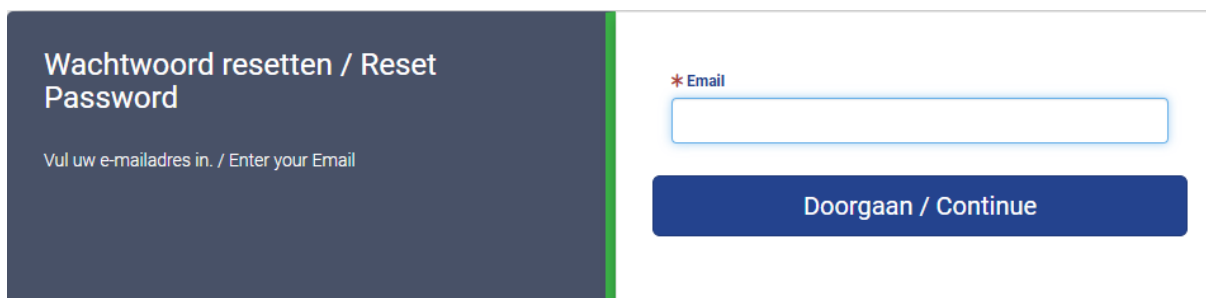


Figure 3: Resetting your password.

1.4 Select language

When you log in for the first time, My ZonMw is set to **English**. You can change the language by clicking on **AB** at the top of the menu bar after you have logged in (Figure 4).

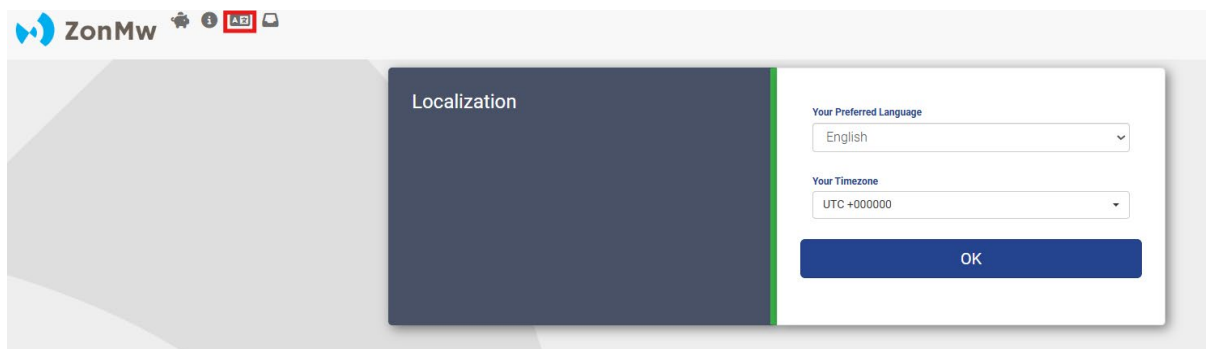


Figure 4: Selecting the language

2 Submitting a grant application

If you have clicked on the 'Apply for a subsidy' button via the open subsidy call on the ZonMw website and then logged in to My ZonMw, you will directly go to Section 1 of the application form (Figure 5).

If you log in directly to My ZonMw, you can view the calls open for proposal by clicking on  at the top of the menu bar (Figure 6). By then clicking on the 'Apply now' button (Figure 6) you will enter Section 1 of the application form (Figure 5).

Once the application form opens, you can always find it in your inbox under 'Tasks' (Figure 9). This also applies if you have not yet entered any information in the application form.

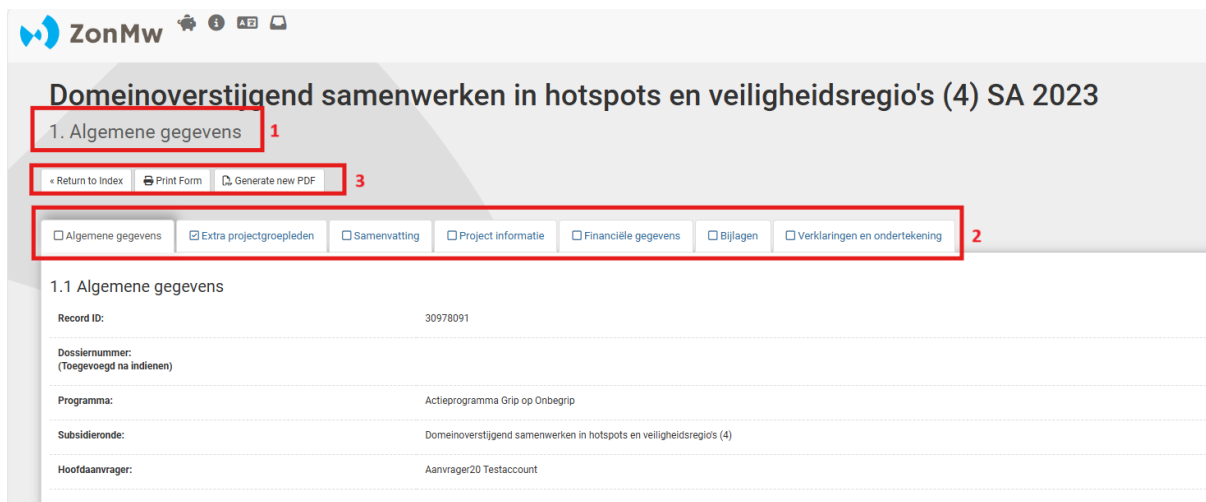


Figure 5: Opened section 1 of an application form.

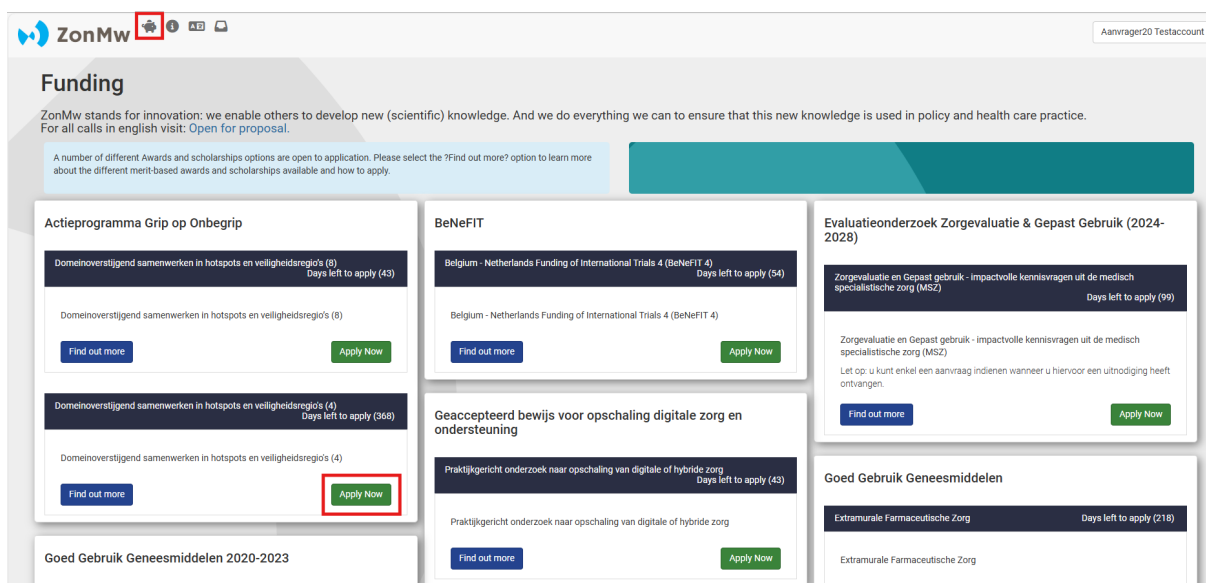


Figure 6: Calls open for proposal.

2.1 Structure of the application form

The application form consists of several sections:

- The sections in the application form are displayed as separate tabs. You can see the name of the section you are working in at the top of the screen (1 in Figure 5).
- Click on the title of a section (2 in Figure 5) to go to the questions in that section.
- The buttons 'Print Form' (this will open in Word) and 'Generate new PDF' buttons (3 in Figure 5) are tools to share the application form (with or without entered text) **offline** with your colleagues and save it for your own administration. You will ultimately need to complete and submit all information in the application form **online**.
- With the button 'Return to Index' (3 in Figure 5) you will be shown an overview of all sections that make up the application form (Figure 7). The percentage bar below the section shows whether you have answered all the compulsory questions of a section.

Please note: Make sure you always check all sections. Sections that do not contain compulsory questions, but that can be completed are directly set to 100% (such as Section 2 in Figure 7).

Figure 7: Overview of all sections of an application form.

2.2 Saving your data

You have options to save your application data at the bottom of each section (Figure 8). Your data are saved automatically every five minutes (see green bar in Figure 8), but can also be saved manually. After you have saved your data, you can continue with your application at a later time. The next time you log in you will find your application in your inbox (Figure 9).

- **Save draft:** You can use the button Save Draft to save your application data at any time. You will remain in the current section of the application form.
- **Save draft & continue:** You can use the button Save Draft & continue » to save your application data and go to the next section in the application form.
- **Saving & submit form:** You can use the button Save draft & exit to save your application data and go to the next step, 'Submit form'.

Figure 8: Saving the application data.

2.3 Inbox

If you are not logging in to My ZonMw via an open grant call or if you click on  in the menu bar at the top of the page, you will be directed to your inbox (Figure 9). You will find all the activities you are working on for a grant application in your inbox, where you will see the following parts:

- **Tasks:** A document number is available for each application. The task description shows which task you still need to complete for an application. This may be any of the following tasks 'Submit an application', 'Submit a rebuttal' or 'Submit a progress report'.
- **My Applications:** Once you have completed the tasks associated with your application, it will appear in this section of your inbox.
- **Edit My Details:** Click on the button Edit My Details to modify your name and address details and to view your current applications.
Please note: you cannot change your middle name, last name and email address yourself. Send an email to servicedesk@zonmw.nl.

- **Create New Application:** Click on the button [See all available schemes >>](#) if you would like to submit a new grant application. You will be directed to a new screen where you can find all open grant calls.

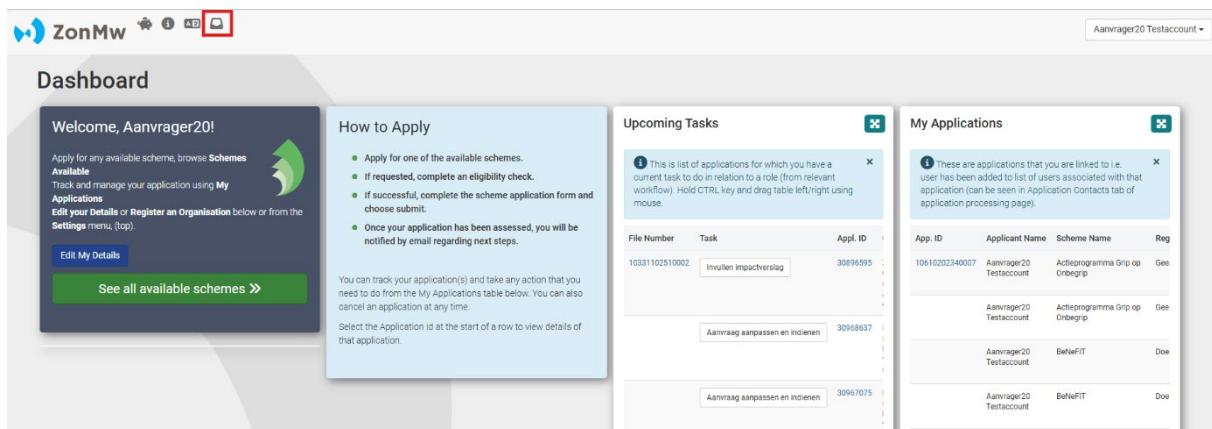


Figure 9: Inbox.

2.4 Submitting the application form

Once you have completed all the sections, you can submit the form by clicking on the 'Yes, submit entire form now!' button (Figure 10). If the compulsory questions have not yet been answered, a red block indicates which section and question still need to be completed.

- Click on the red text on the section number to go directly to the question to be answered or click on [« No, enter more details first](#) to go back to the section overview of the application form.

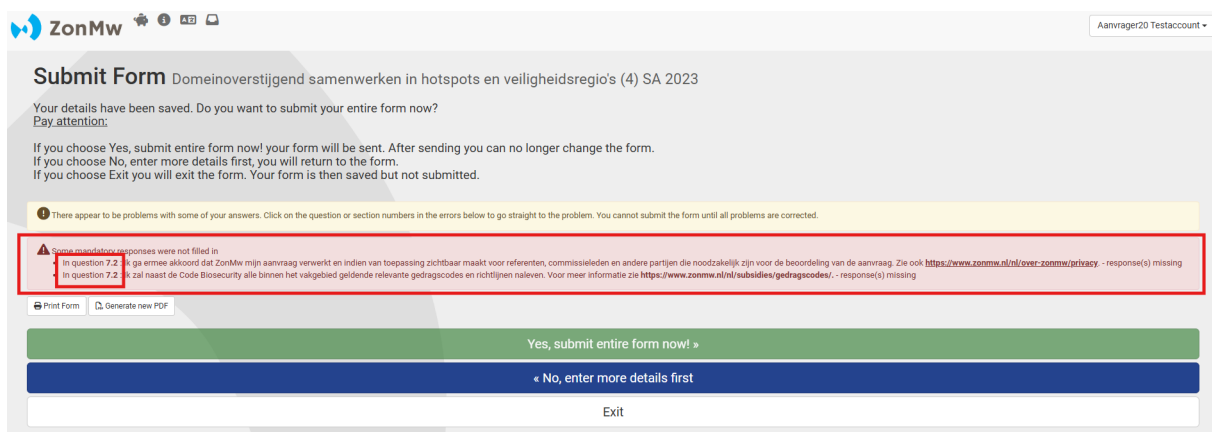


Figure 10: Form with uncompleted, compulsory fields.

- Click on [Exit](#) if you do not want to submit the application yet and wish to continue working on it at a later time. The application will be saved in your inbox.
- To export the entire application form with completed text to PDF, click on 'Generate new PDF'.
Please note: uploaded attachments are not visible in this PDF.

After submitting your application, you will be directed to your inbox, where you will see the message 'Your form was submitted successfully' (Figure 11). You will receive an automatic email as confirmation of receipt after submitting your application.

Please note: if you submitted your application after the submission deadline, the confirmation of receipt will indicate that your application was submitted after the deadline and will not be processed.

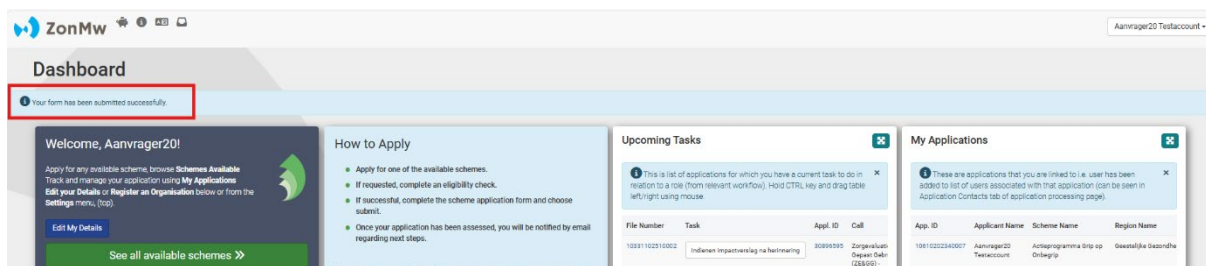


Figure 11: Notification in your inbox of successful submission of your application.

You can find your submitted applications in 'My Applications' (Figure 12).

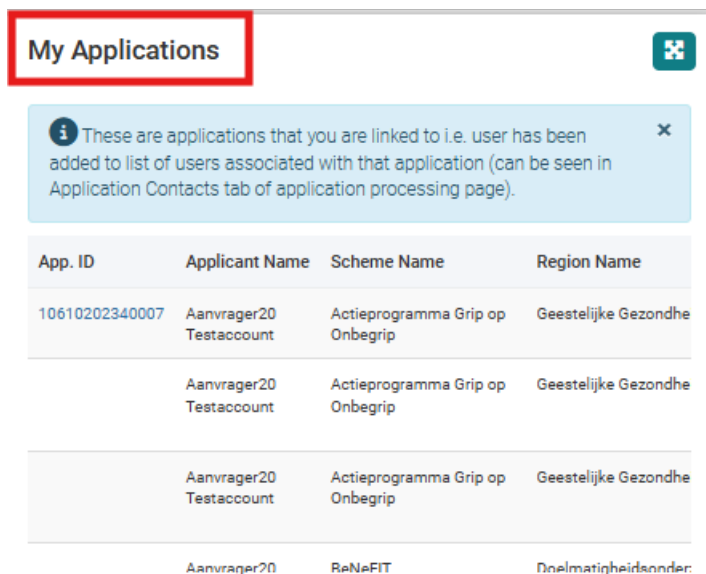


Figure 12: My Applications.

After the submission deadline, all applications will be examined by ZonMw.

- If your project idea or grant application is temporarily declared inadmissible, you will receive an email with information as to why the application does not meet the submission requirements as indicated in the grant call. For this purpose, the application in My ZonMw will be reopened. When you log in, the following task will be ready in your inbox 'Prepare project idea/application'.
- If this concerns a project idea, you will receive positive or negative advice by email at the end of the assessment process. If the advice is positive, the next task will be ready in your inbox: 'Prepare application'.
- If this already concerns a grant application, the next step is 'Prepare rebuttal'. You can read more about this in the next chapter.

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