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# Ad Hoc expertise in criminal cases



Since 2020, it has become easier to involve special, rare or non-forensically oriented areas of expertise in criminal cases, concerning so-called Ad Hoc experts. In this brochure, you can read how to find, select and guide an Ad Hoc expert during all phases of the criminal proceedings.

The NRGD has developed instruments to increase the quality of reports coming from these Ad Hoc areas of expertise in criminal cases. The instruments are intended for both experts and professionals working in the (criminal) justice system.

*“As a court we sometimes have to deal with special areas of expertise. That is why it is very useful having these Ad Hoc tools, such as the Appointment Questionnaire. With this questionnaire, the magistrate can more easily assess someone’s suitability for a case.”*

## INSTRUMENTS FOR PROFESSIONALS

### Overview of organisations of experts

On the NRGD website, you can easily find **individual experts** in NRGD standardized fields. They have been substantively assessed for their professional competence and are able to act as judicial experts. For Ad Hoc experts, there is an **overview of organizations of experts** that are active in addition to the NRGD.

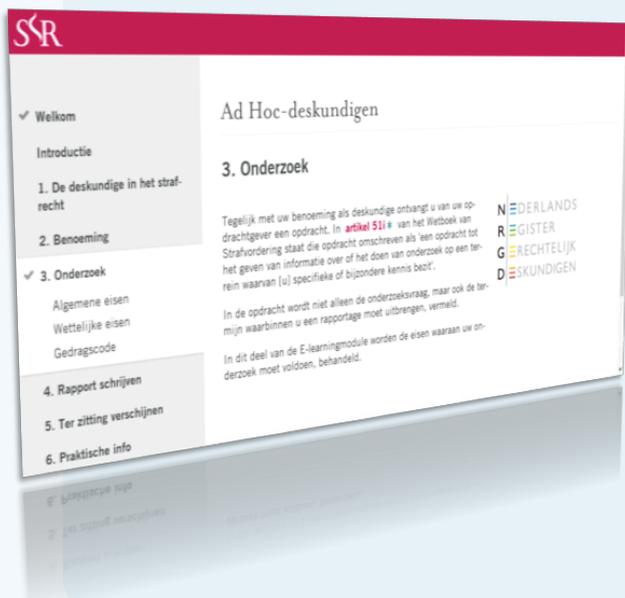
### Appointment Questionnaire

The **Appointment Questionnaire** is used as a practical tool for selecting the right Ad Hoc expert. The expert answers a number of questions and forwards the document to the commissioning party. He or she considers whether the expertise is suited for the criminal case in question and makes a decision about whether or not to use that expert.

## INSTRUMENTS FOR EXPERTS

### Criminal law e-learning module

The NRGD developed an accessible **Criminal Law E-learning module** for Ad Hoc experts. With this online teaching module, Ad Hoc experts gain insight into their role as expert and what is expected of them in the criminal proceedings. The module also contains specific information about the relevant criminal legislation and the NRGD Code of Conduct.



*“With the E-learning module, as an expert, I quickly received sufficient relevant information, without being asked too much of me.”*

*“The Forensic Reporting Guideline and the possibility of Report Feedback provide support to the appointed expert, which in turn contributes to a high-quality report!”*

### Forensic Report Guideline

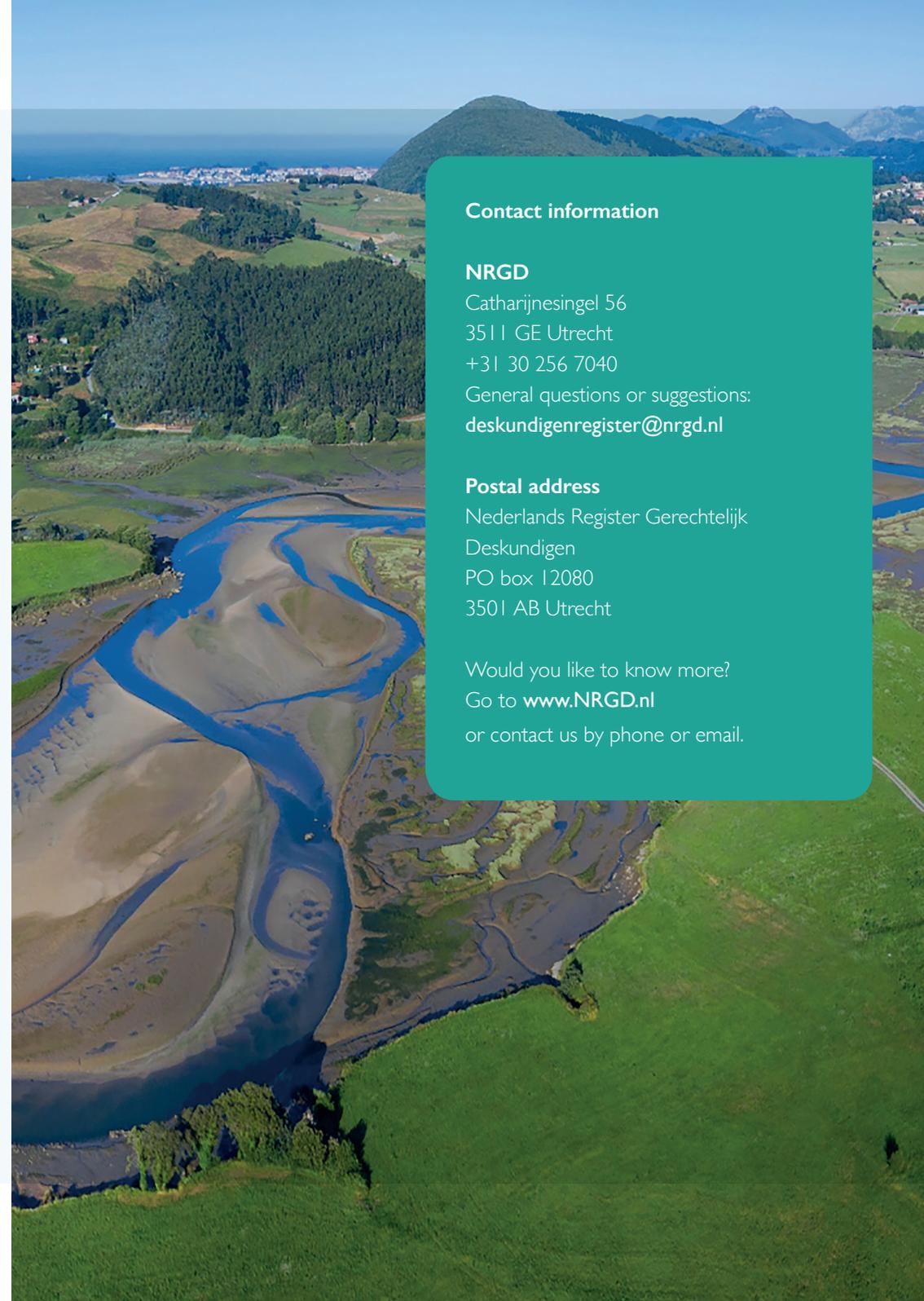
Ad Hoc experts are asked to prepare a report of their findings. A template is available for this in the form of a **Forensic Report Guideline**.

### Report feedback

With the **Report Feedback**, an experienced NRGD assessor who acts as Feedback Provider reviews the Ad Hoc report. Attention is paid to clarity, logical consistency and whether the substantiation of conclusions is transparent. This is not a professional review, but an extra pair of eyes that read the report, for example to help prevent unnecessary professional jargon and legal pitfalls.

## PROJECT AD HOC Expertise

The Ad Hoc Expertise Project was started on behalf of the Ministry of Justice and Security to find a way to safeguard the quality of reports from non-forensic experts in the court of law. In consultation with the Public Prosecution Service, the judiciary, the National Expertise Agency (LDM, Police), forensic institutes and academic institutions, the project has focused on finding a solution to increase the quality and findability of both the experts who represent small areas of expertise and the specialized experts.



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