

Temporary measure on Bachelor/Master transition 2022 – 2023 because of COVID-19

Position Ministry of Education

Because of the COVID-19 crisis, the Ministry of Education has decided that master programmes can deviate from the formal entry requirement of completion of the bachelor programme, before starting a master programme ('Harde Knip' or 'Bachelor-before-Master'). This results in a 'Zachte Knip' between bachelor and master programmes. This is an exceptional and temporary measure to prevent, or limit, unnecessary study delay due to the COVID-19 crisis.

Position TU Delft

The TU Delft wants to limit potential detrimental effects of the Corona measures for students' study progress. Although much of the education continues, students have been confronted – more than usual – with exceptional circumstances. Therefore, the TU Delft has decided to adopt a university-wide regulation with limited variance between programmes.

Target group

This regulation applies to the following students that want to start the master programmes at the faculty of Mechanical, Maritime and Materials Engineering

- (1) Students from the bachelor programmes Mechanical Engineering, Marine Technology and Clinical Technology;
- (2) Students from other TU Delft bachelor programmes (that have direct admission to a master programme of the faculty 3mE);
- (3) Students from the bridging programmes giving admission to the master programmes Technical Medicine, Biomedical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Materials Science and Engineering, Marine Technology, Offshore and Dredging Engineering, Robotics, Systems and Control.
- (4) Students from other Dutch bachelor programmes (that have direct admission to the master programmes of the faculty of 3mE)
- (5) Students from other non-Dutch bachelor programmes (that have direct admission to a master programme of the faculty of 3mE)

Measures Faculty of Mechanical, Maritime and Materials Engineering (3mE)

These measures are a dispensation applying only to bachelor's and bridging students who are registered at a Dutch university or HBO institution in the 2021-2022 academic year, considering their current programme and results on August 31, 2022. It does not apply for results obtained after that date.

Measures Bachelor Students of any Dutch university

- Bachelor students who have a maximum deficit of 10 EC on 31 August 2022 in their bachelor programme (including their minor courses) can take master's courses and exams in the 2022-2023 academic year.
- An additional requirement for the masterprogrammes at the faculty of 3mE is that the bachelor thesis (BEP or KTO at the faculty of 3mE) must be completed, in order to be eligible for the temporary measure. The option to take master's courses without a bachelor's degree will expire on August 31, 2023.

Measures Bridging Students 3mE

- First-year bridging students who have a deficit of a maximum of 10 EC on 31 August 2022 in their bridging programme can take master's courses and exams for in the 2022-2023 academic year.
- Second-year bridging students who have a deficit of a maximum of 10 EC on 31 August 2022 in their bridging programme can take master's courses and exams in the 2022-2023 academic year only after permission for a third-year from the Admissions Committee 3mE.
- The option to take master's courses without a completed bridging programme will expire on August 31, 2023.

Measures Bachelor students of a Dutch HBO institution:

- HBO Bachelor students who lack a maximum of 10 EC in the Bachelor's courses from their examination programme on 31 August 2022, may take courses of the appropriate bridging programme *or* master's courses in the 2022-2023 academic year and participate in interim examinations of bridging *or* master's courses.
- An additional requirement for the master programmes at the faculty of 3mE is that the HBO bachelor thesis must be completed, in order to be eligible for the temporary measure.
- The option to take bridging and/or master courses without a HBO bachelor's degree will expire on August 31, 2023.

Registration TU Delft students

Students who want to make use of the temporary measure on Bachelor/Master transition because of COVID-19 (“Zachte knip”) must re-register for their current bachelor's or bridging program via Studielink. A request for registration for the intended master's degree program must also be submitted. Enrollment for this master's degree program will be a provisional enrollment until the bachelor's or bridging program has been completed. Conditional admission is assessed by the dean of the faculty to which the master's program concerned belongs.

Registration students from other institutions

Students who want to make use of the temporary measure on Bachelor/Master transition because of COVID-19 (“Zachte knip”) must register for the intended TU Delft study program via Studielink. They must also re-register for the admissions program at the current university or HBO.

Official enrollment regulations

By establishing the temporary measure on Bachelor/Master transition 2022-2023 (“Zachte knip”):

- the Dean formally allows students to take the master courses (incl. the course assessment);
- the Board of Examiners approves that obtained results (i.e. pass grades) for the master courses will be registered for the master examination programme when the student formally completes their bachelor or bridging programme.

Students who have not completed their bachelor's or pre-master programme by 31 August 2023, their temporary enrolment in the master's programme will be terminated with effect from 1 September 2023 and they will no longer be allowed to take master's courses or exams without

having completed their bachelor's or pre-master programme. Courses achieved in the 2022-2023 academic year for a master's programme will continue to be registered in Osiris, but will only be added to the master's examination programme once there is a valid enrolment for the master's programme concerned.

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