

Regulations "Zachte Knip" 2022-2023

The Bachelor's-before-Master's rule ('harde knip' in Dutch) is the legal provision that states that a student must first complete their Bachelor's or Pre-Master's programme before they can move on to a Master's programme. In order to limit possible study delays and related adverse consequences due to COVID-19, the Ministry of Education, Culture and Science has allowed for another year universities to put temporary measures in place for the transition from a Bachelor's to a Master's programme.

It is stipulated that students can make use of the temporary Bachelor's-before-Master's rule ('harde knip' in Dutch) once and with a maximum duration of 1 year. It is therefore not possible to add up two of these temporary rules.

For Bachelor's students and Pre-Master's students who are enrolled at a Dutch university or a University of Applied Sciences (HBO) in the 2021-2022 academic year, the Executive Board has decided on May 24th, 2022, which principles apply for the regulation. Based on these principles the faculty of TPM outlined the following regulation:

Target group

This regulation currently applies to students who want to start one of the following three master programs offered by the Faculty Technology, Policy and Management: Engineering & Policy Analysis (EPA), Management of Technology (MoT), and Complex Systems Engineering and Management (CoSEM) and who belong to one of the following groups:

- (1) Students enrolled in the bachelor program Technische Bestuurskunde;
- (2) Students enrolled in another TU Delft bachelor programs that give direct admission for one of the master programs mentioned above;
- (3) Students currently enrolled as pre-master to fill a deficit.
- (4) Students who are enrolled in a bachelor program at a Dutch university or HBO (University of Applied Sciences).

Measures

- i. Students with a deficit of maximum 10 ECs for their regular bachelor curriculum (including the minor program) on August 31, 2022 can continue in the master programs EPA, MoT, and CoSEM, under the following conditions:
 - Students from category 1, 2 and 4 will need to have obtained 170 (out of 180 ECs), determined by official transcript with all credits on their (OSIRIS ECs) OSIRIS ECs (i.e. based on the modules). Electives that are not part of the curriculum itself do not count towards these 170 ECTS. Students from category 3 will need to have obtained 20 ECs (out of 30 ECs). Electives that are not part of the pre-master do not count towards the 20ECs.
 - Students must have completed all courses with a size of 10 ECs or more in order to be applicable for the 'Zachte Knip':

- For Bachelor students Technische Bestuurskunde this means that they must have completed their bachelor end project (course code: TB351C).
 - Students from TU Delft and other Dutch bachelor programs should have finished their bachelor end project and/or equivalent final assignment with a size of 10 ECTS or more.
 - This measure is an one-time dispensation, so only considering the status for students with their results on **August 31, 2022** (i.e. with all results obtained in the academic year 2021/2022). It does not apply after that date.
- II. Students who will start their master programme by applying the 'Zachte Knip' will be registered as bachelor students, and will be allowed to take master courses. By establishing these regulations:
- 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 program when the student formally completed their bachelor or bridging program.
- III. Students who will continue by applying the 'Zachte Knip' will have until **August 31, 2023** to complete the bachelor or bridging program in order to continue with the master program. If a student has not completed the bachelor or bridging program, the student can no longer continue in the master program until the prior education is formally completed. When the student re-starts the master program, the obtained results for master courses will still be formally registered in the master examination program.

Continue with a master at another faculty or university?

Students who are planning to switch to another faculty or university for their MSc program are advised to inform themselves about the requirements that apply there.

Students who have used the 'Zachte Knip' in 2021-2022 (so the previous year)

The option to enroll in master courses without having fully completed your pre-master or bachelor program expires on 31 August 2022. Students cannot use the 'Zachte Knip' to continue with their master courses after this date if they have not yet successfully completed their bridging program or bachelor program. Once students have completed the formal requirements and they re-start the master program, the obtained results for master courses will still be formally registered in the master examination program.

Questions?

For questions about the 'Zachte Knip' regulation or about study planning, please contact the academic counsellors, via msc-ac-tpm@tudelft.nl. Please bear in mind while planning the course work for 2022-2023 that bachelor courses have the utmost priority.

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