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Admission requirements

On this page, you will find important details of the application process (such as deadlines, admission requirements, required documents and application assessment) for the bachelor's programme in Circular Engineering for the *academic year 2026-2027*.

Questions about admission? Contact us via study@maastrichtuniversity.nl. For questions about the study programme? Contact us via fse-admissions@maastrichtuniversity.nl

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Application deadlines

The deadlines below are applicable for applicants who want to start their studies in September 2026.

Note: If you are viewing this webpage on your phone, we recommend that you use landscape mode.

Date	What you need to know about this date
As soon as possible from 1 October 2025	Apply via Studielink* (open for applications for the academic year 2026-2027 from 1 October)
1 April 2026, 23:59 CET	Deadline for completing the entire application process if you have a non-EU/EEA nationality (in most cases, you will need a visa and/or residence permit)
1 May 2026, 23:59 CET	Deadline for completing the entire application process if you have an EU/EEA or Swiss nationality
1 August 2026	Strongly recommended deadline for paying the tuition fee
31 August 2026, 23:59 CET	Deadline for completing all tasks in the MyApplication portal** If you need a visa or residence permit , you must complete most tasks by an earlier date.

**Studielink is the national registration system for higher education,*

***The MyApplication portal is Maastricht University's application and enrolment platform.*

Please note: In Studielink you need to **choose the starting moment**. Please make sure to select **September 2026** in the dropdown menu, so that you will apply for the start of the next academic year.

Visa/residence permit for study

Are you a non-EU/EEA national requiring a visa/residence permit for study? Click here for — more information

Please note that Maastricht University can **only** formally apply for your [visa/residence permit](#) if you have met all admission and enrolment requirements.

This means you have to have completed all admission and enrolment tasks in the MyApplication portal (except the 'visa/residence permit'-task and the 'send certified copy of diploma'-task) before we can send your application to the IND (Dutch Immigration and Naturalization Service).

We have to send the application to the IND before 1 July if you are starting your studies in September. Please note: a few pre-master and master programmes offer a start in February. If your study programme offers a start in February and you want to start your studies in February, we have to send the application to the IND before 1 December. You can find out if your study programme offers a start in February on the admission requirements web page of that programme ([pre-master's](#), [master's](#)).

Therefore, we **strongly recommend** that you reconsider applying for this study programme if you are not sure that you will meet the following requirements before 1 July/1 December (if applicable in your situation):

- ⦿ Having remedied all subject and/or language deficiencies (if applicable)
- ⦿ Having qualified for admission to your study programme, including being selected ([if applicable to your study programme](#)) AND

- ⦿ Having paid the tuition fee for your study programme
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General requirements: previous education

The admission requirements for the academic year 2026-2027 for the bachelor's programme in Circular Engineering depend on your previous education. Please check below which requirements apply to you.

Applicants with a Dutch diploma —

You qualify for admission if you have one of the following diplomas:

- ⦿ VWO Natuur en Techniek
- ⦿ VWO Natuur en Gezondheid + Wiskunde B + Natuurkunde

If you do not have one of the above-mentioned diplomas, Maastricht University will decide whether you qualify for admission.

Applicants with a non-Dutch diploma —

If you have a non-Dutch diploma that is equivalent to the Dutch VWO diploma you, in principle, qualify for admission to this programme. Check if this applies to your diploma.

➤ [List of diplomas equivalent to the Dutch VWO diploma 2026-2027](#)

Additional subject requirements

Next to the diploma equivalent, you must meet the additional subject requirements in mathematics, physics and either biology or chemistry.

You can find them here:

➤ [Additional subject requirement pertaining to non-Dutch entry qualifications 2026-2027](#)

If your curriculum is not listed, it needs to be evaluated individually upon applying to our study programme.

Applicants who do not meet the subject requirements

UM will always check whether you qualify for admission, and you will be informed if you do not meet the admission requirements.

Eliminating deficiencies

If you have a [VWO diploma or international equivalent](#), but do not meet the [subject requirements](#), you can take additional courses and/or exams at the following institutes:

Mathematics

- ⦿ [CCVX \(Wiskunde B\)](#)
- ⦿ [Boswell-Beta \(Wiskunde B\)](#)
- ⦿ [OMPT](#) (OMPT-B min. score 70% or OMPT-D min. score 60%)

Physics, Chemistry and / or Biology

- ⦿ CCVX
- ⦿ Boswell-Beta
- ⦿ [German students can also opt to complete the so-called Vorsemaster at the Rheinische Bildungszentrum in Cologne for deficiencies in Biology, Physics or Chemistry.](#)

For students proficient in Dutch, deficiencies can also be lifted by obtaining 'vwo-deelcertificaten'.

Please note that Maastricht University does not have a corporate agreement with external institutes and therefore cannot help you with applying for courses or exams offered by external parties.

Additional requirements

Language requirements for English-language programmes

As English is the language of instruction in this study programme, it is essential that your English language skills are good enough for you to undertake intensive and challenging academic courses that are taught and examined in English.

Answer the questions below to find out if you meet the language requirements.

Do you hold a Dutch pre-university education (VWO) diploma?

Yes

No

Applicants whose diploma is based on a non-EU-EEA curriculum (handling fee)

Applicants for this study programme whose diploma is based on a non-EU/EEA curriculum are required to pay a handling fee. This applies even if the educational institution is located within the EU/EEA, as the fee is based on the curriculum, not the location of the institution. More information on this handling fee and how to arrange this payment can be found on the [handling fee page](#).

Documents required for the application process

During the application process for this study programme you will need to complete a number of tasks for which you will often have to upload documents. The list below gives you an insight into what documents you will (and might) need to prepare.

Required documents for all applicants to this study programme

- ⦿ **A recent passport picture**

This picture must satisfy certain requirements. You can find these requirements in the task description 'Upload portrait photo' in the MyApplication portal.

- ⦿ **A copy of your valid passport or your EU/EEA identity card**

Make a copy of the page with your personal details. Save this copy as 'passport copy' and not as 'passport picture'

- ⦿ **A copy of your most recent grades transcript and/or a copy of your diploma** if you have already obtained it.

Documents that might be required depending _ on your academic background

- ⦿ **Proof of proficiency in subjects with evidence of additional courses or tests in the required subjects** (if applicable)

- ⦿ **Document(s) that demonstrate your proficiency in English** (if applicable)

Answer the questions concerning language requirements under 'Language requirements for this English-language bachelor's programme' on this webpage to find out if you need to provide additional documentation. The outcome of your answers will indicate which documents you can use to prove your proficiency.

- ⦿ **Permission for document verification form** (if applicable)

If your diploma is not verified by DUO (Dienst Uitvoering Onderwijs, the Dutch government agency responsible for education-related matters), you will need to upload the form 'Permission for document verification' in the MyApplication portal. This form allows Maastricht University to verify your diploma, grades transcript or other required documents directly with the issuing institution or relevant qualification registry.

How do we assess your application? Matching survey

Maastricht University finds it most important that you choose a study programme and learning environment that suits you well and in which you can be successful. This is why a matching survey is an optional part of the application process. This survey will help you determine whether your expectations match the requirements of the programme. You will receive an invitation to complete the questionnaire in the application portal once you have completed your application.

- [Read more about the variety of application processes within Maastricht University.](#)
- [View the privacy statement for the matching procedure](#)

Binding Study Advice

This study programme has a Binding Study Advice. This means that in your first year of the programme, you must obtain a minimum of 45 out of 60 ECTS credits. Students who fail to meet these criteria will receive a negative Binding Study Advice that leads to exclusion from the programme for a period of six years. All students who are at risk of receiving a negative Binding Study Advice will receive a warning after the first semester.

Credit transfer

If you have studied at a university (of applied sciences) before, you may qualify for exemptions up to a maximum of 30 ECTS. This means you can use the results you obtained elsewhere for your study programme at Maastricht University.

The Board of Examiners will determine whether this is possible in your case. They will compare the content and level of your previous education with the course or subject for which you are requesting exemption. To make use of this possibility, you must submit an exemption request to the study programme's Board of Examiners. The Board of Examiners will only consider a request for exemption when you are enrolled in the study programme in question.

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