

ESTONIAN MILITARY ACADEMY ADMISSIONS CRITERIA for DEGREE STUDY PROGRAMMES

I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. The admission criteria for the Estonian Military Academy's (EMA) vocational studies (senior non-commissioned officers), professional higher education (basic officer training course) and master's degree (advanced officer training course) programmes are established in accordance with the Higher Education Act, the Vocational Institutions Act, the Military Service Act, the EMA's vocational and higher education study programmes, EMA Statutes and the EMA regulation on admission and exclusion from degree studies.
2. These admission criteria establish the admission requirements and admission tests for the EMA's degree study programmes.
3. The Commandant of EMA shall enact the annual admission rules outlining the detailed requirements for applying to the Academy's degree study programmes, the requisite application documents and their submission procedure and the organisation of admissions tests.

II. VOCATIONAL STUDIES

4. Admissions requirements:
 - 1) upper secondary education or equivalent foreign qualifications,¹
 - 2) active service in the Estonian Defence Forces (EDF) or the Estonian Defence League (EDL),
 - 3) completed compulsory conscript service and junior non-commissioned officer training course.
5. No admissions tests. The students are assigned to EMA's vocational studies programme by the Personnel Department of the EDF HQ.

III. PROFESSIONAL HIGHER EDUCATION²

6. Admissions requirements:
 - 1) upper secondary education or equivalent foreign qualifications,
 - 2) Estonian language proficiency (at least level B2),³
 - 3) ongoing or entry into active military service with the EDF.⁴
7. Admissions tests:
 - 1) mental aptitude test,
 - 2) professional suitability interview.
8. Admissions are based on ranking, taking into account the threshold specified in the admission rules.

¹ In accordance with the recognition of qualifications acquired abroad by the Estonian ENIC-NARIC Centre.

² Completion of compulsory conscript service is one of the preconditions for admission to EMA's professional higher education programmes.

³ Government Regulation on Estonian language proficiency requirements, and Language Act § 26 (3).

⁴ The requirements for entry into active military service are laid down in the Military Service Act, sections 83 and 86.

IV. MASTER'S STUDIES

9. Admissions requirements:

- 1) professional higher education in military leadership or higher education with 1st level of military training,⁵
- 2) valid security clearance for state secrets (at least level "SECRET"),
- 3) English language proficiency NATO STANAG 6001 at least level (2222),⁶
- 4) assignment from the Personnel Department of the EDF HQ,
- 5) letter of motivation.

10. Admission tests

- 1) mental aptitude test,
- 2) argumentative essay.

11. Admissions are based on ranking, taking into account the threshold specified in the admission rules.

V. EXTERNAL STUDIES

12. Active service members of the EDF may apply for the status of external student on the condition they meet the admission criteria for the chosen study programme and must submit their application during the period and in accordance with the conditions specified in the admission rules.

⁵“Requirements and Service Model of Military Training of Officers” confirmed by the Order No. 328 of the Commander of the Defence Forces on 14.12.2015.

⁶ Approved by the Council Decision of 18.04.2018 (Protocol 23.04.2018 No CALL-0.2-3.5/18/393).