

## APPLICATIONS 2026/2027 OVER 23 YEARS OLD

### RECIPIENTS

It can apply to the evaluation exams for ability to attend higher education courses regarding candidates over 23 years old, those who are over 23 years old or who complete it until 31<sup>st</sup> December of the year previous to the completion of the exams, as long as, cumulatively, gathering the following conditions:

1. Do not hold access qualifications for the intended course, being the access qualification to have a high school graduation diploma or equivalent and the approval on national entrance examinations which are access exams for the intended course, in the year of the application or the two immediately previous years;
  
2. Not having Portuguese or other European Union State Member citizenship, those who reside legally in Portugal uninterrupted for over two years, on the 31<sup>st</sup> of August of the year which they intend to attend a higher education course. The candidates that don't gather this condition and have a high school graduation diploma or equivalent on their origin country, must apply exclusively through the Special Call for Access and Admission of International Students.

### EXAMS

COURSES	THEORETICAL EXAMINATION	PRACTICAL EXAMINATION
Architecture – Integrated Master	Critical analysis of an art history text	Drawing exam for representation of an object
Fine Arts and Intermedia	Written essay on the practical component of the exam	Drawing exam
Visual Arts - Photography	Critical essay about photography	Images' analysis
Comics & Graphic Storytelling	-	Development of two comic book pages (boards), original, showing at least one human or anthropomorphic character, performing an action
Cinema and Audiovisual	Films' analysis	Writing of a small narrative
Communication Design	-	Critical analysis of a website or an audiovisual or a poster
Theater	Critical Analysis of a text	-

## SERIATION CRITERIA

1. Final grades of the exams destined to evaluate the ability to attend over 23 years old, by descending order;
2. In case of a final grade's tie, it has precedence the candidate who, after confirmation on the interview, has a more suitable profile to attend the chosen course;
3. If the tie still maintains, it has precedence the candidate with more age.

## DEADLINES

### 1<sup>st</sup> PHASE

Applications .....	May 31 to 15, 2026
Interviews and exams' period .....	May 28 to June 5, 2026
Publication of results.....	June 9, 2026
Enrollment.....	June 11 to 30, 2026

### 2<sup>nd</sup> PHASE (if vacancies are available)

Applications .....	May 25 to July 1, 2026
Interviews and exams' period .....	July 6 to 17, 2026
Publication of results.....	July 21, 2026
Enrollment.....	July 22 to 31, 2026

### 3<sup>rd</sup> PHASE (if vacancies are available)

If there are remaining vacancies after the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase, ESAP may make vacancies available for a 3<sup>rd</sup> phase, with deadlines to be defined by ESAP.

All selection processes and enrollments must be completed by October 2, 2026.

## VACANCIES

Architecture.....	5
Fine Arts and Intermedia .....	1
Visual Arts - Photography .....	2
Comics & Graphic Storytelling .....	2
Cinema and Audiovisual .....	3
Communication Design .....	2
Theater .....	2

## DOCUMENTS

1. Application form (<http://candidaturas.esap.pt/>);
2. ID Card (for legal purposes);
3. Synthetic explanation of the candidate's motivations;
4. Academic and professional curriculum (accompanied by supporting documents, including diplomas and qualifications certificates).

## PRICE

Consult ESAP's Tuition and School Fees in: <https://cesap.pt/>.

## APPLICABLE LEGISLATION

[Decree Law nº 64/2006, March 21](#), as amended by [Decree Law nº 113/2014, July 16](#): It regulates the exams specially destined to evaluate the ability to attend higher education for over 23 years old, changed by [Decree Law nº 63/2016, September 13](#).

## INFORMATIONS

Reading this webpage doesn't exempt from ESAP's [over 23 years old Regulation](#) and the detailed information provided by [Directorate-General for Higher Education](#).