

APPLICATIONS 2026/2027 INSTITUTION/COURSE CHANGE

Institution/Course Change is applied when a student enrolls and/registers in a different institution/course from the one(s) in which, in previous academic years, he has registered. Change of institution/course may take place with or without enrollment interruption and inscription in a higher education institution.

RECIPIENTS

1. It can apply to institution/course change students who:

- i) Have been enrolled and registered in another institution/course without having completed it;
- ii) Have performed high school national exams correspondent to the access examinations determined for the general regime's institution/course, in that year;
- iii) In those exams, have the minimal grade demanded by ESAP, in that year, within the entrance general regime.

2. The mentioned national exams may have been made in any given academic year.

3. The institution/course change also applies to students who have been enrolled and registered in foreign higher education institutions, in a course defined by its country as being higher education, without having completed it.

4. It isn't allowed institution/course change in professional technical course of higher education level, or foreign course of corresponding level, for bachelor degrees or integrated masters study cycles.

5. It isn't allowed institution/course change on the academic year in which the student has been placed in a higher education institution/course within any access and entrance regime and which have been enrolled and registered.

6. Students who have entered higher education within the international students' special call, regulated by [Decree-Law no. 62/2018, of August 6](#), which amends and republishes the International Student Statute published by [Decree-Law no. 36/2014, of March 10](#) and amended by [Decree-Law no. 113/2014, of July 16](#), maintain the international student statute until the end of the study cycle in which they were initially registered or to which they go to. The international students who've acquired a European Union State Member citizenship constitute an exception (the application's ending of international students' statute in consequence of the previously stated takes effect in the following academic year of the citizenship's acquisition).

Students holding non-Portuguese high school graduation diplomas

For students holding non-Portuguese courses legally equivalent to Portuguese high school graduation diploma, who haven't got approval in the determined entrance exams, the said examinations can be

replaced, under the article 20^o-A of [Decree Law 296-A/98, 25 September](#), by final exams of disciplines of those courses which gather cumulatively the following conditions:

1. Having national scope;
2. Refer to homologous disciplines of entrance examinations.

It's considered homologous the disciplines which, even though with different denominations, have identical level and purposes and similar syllabus to the entrance examinations that are aimed to be replaced. For further details, namely consultation of the correspondence table of foreign disciplines considered homologous in the entrance examinations demanded for access to ESAP's study cycles, it is recommended to visit the Directorate-General for Higher Education website.

(<http://www.dges.gov.pt/pt/pagina/substituicao-de-provas-de-ingresso-por-exames-estrangeiros>).

Examinations considered homologous may have been performed in any given academic year.

The equivalencies attribution to foreign secondary studies completion diploma's to a Portuguese high school course falls within the Directorate-General Education's jurisdiction.

Students who've entered Higher Education through special entrance calls

1. For students who've entered higher education through exams especially suitable, destined to evaluate the ability to attend over 23 years old higher education, approval in national high school entrance examinations corresponding to entrance exams can be replaced, by requirement, for evaluation tests destined to access this call, performed in the same or other higher education institution. This exam will be validated by the Entrance Applications' Juri and it must fulfill the necessary exam for the ESAP's course.

2. For international students, approval in Portuguese high school national entrance examinations corresponding to entrance exams can be replaced, by requirement, by the verification of the access and entrance conditions of the original institution of the international students' special call. This verification will be validated by the Entrance Applications' Juri and it must fulfill the necessary exam for the ESAP's course.

3. Students who've entered higher education through the special call for holders of a technological specialization diploma, regulated by [Decree Law n.º 113/2014, 16 July](#), as amended by [Decree Law n.º 63/2016, 13 September](#), may enter through this regime as long as they've performed high school national entrance examinations corresponding to access exams demanded for the cycle studies through the general regime and in those exams have obtained a grade not under the minimal grade determined by ESAP.

4. Students who've entered higher education through the special call for holders of a higher technical professional diploma, regulated [Decree Law n.º 113/2014, 16 July](#), as amended by [Decree Law n.º 63/2016, 13 September](#), may enter through this regime as long as they've performed high school national entrance examinations corresponding to access exams demanded for the cycle studies through the general regime and in those exams have obtained a grade not under the minimal grade determined by ESAP.

COURSES AND EXAMS

Degrees	Exams
Fine Arts and Intermedia	<p><u>One of the following entrance exams list:</u> 03 Drawing 12 History of Culture and Arts or 03 Drawing 06 Philosophy or 13 English 18 Portuguese or 12 History of Culture and Arts 18 Portuguese or 10 Descriptive Geometry 18 Portuguese or 10 Descriptive Geometry 03 Drawing</p>
Visual Arts - Photography	<p><u>One of the following entrance exams list:</u> 13 English 18 Portuguese or 12 History of Culture and Arts 18 Portuguese or 12 History of Culture and Arts 13 English or 18 Portuguese 06 Philosophy or 10 Descriptive Geometry 18 Portuguese or 10 Descriptive Geometry 12 History of Culture and the Arts</p>
Comics & Graphic Storytelling	<p><u>One of the following entrance exams list:</u> 03 Drawing 10 Descriptive Geometry or 03 Drawing 12 History of Culture and Arts or 10 Descriptive Geometry 12 History of Culture and Arts or 03 Drawing 18 Portuguese or 03 Drawing</p>

	<p>11 History or 03 Drawing 15 Portuguese Literature</p>
Cinema and Audiovisual	<p><u>One of the following entrance exams list:</u> 13 English 18 Portuguese or 11 History 18 Portuguese or 06 Philosophy 18 Portuguese or 12 History of Culture and the Arts 18 Portuguese or 12 History of Culture and the Arts 13 English or 10 Descriptive Geometry 18 Portuguese</p>
Communication Design	<p><u>One of the following entrance exams list:</u> 03 Drawing 18 Portuguese or 12 History of Culture and Arts 18 Portuguese ou 10 Descriptive Geometry 18 Portuguese or 10 Descriptive Geometry 12 History and Culture of the Arts or 03 Drawing 10 Descriptive Geometry or 13 English 18 Portuguese</p>
Theater	<p><u>One of the following entrance exams list:</u> 13 English 18 Portuguese or 12 History of Culture and Arts 18 Portuguese or 12 History of Culture and Arts 13 English or 11 History 18 Portuguese or 06 Philosophy 18 Portuguese or</p>

	06 Philosophy 12 History of Culture and the Arts
Integrated Master	Exams
Architecture	<u>One of the following entrance exams list:</u> 03 Drawing 10 Descriptive Geometry or 03 Drawing 12 History of Culture and Arts or 10 Descriptive Geometry 12 History of Culture and Arts or 18 Portuguese 12 History of Culture and the Arts or 18 Portuguese 03 Drawing or 18 Portuguese 16 Mathematics

SERIATION CRITERIA

1. Highest number of courses / units completed in the course of origin;
2. Best average of the grades obtained in the subjects / curricular units already carried out in the course of origin;
3. Being from an ESAP course.

DEADLINES

1st PHASE

Applications	April 30 to June 12, 2026
Documents Delivery	until June 12, 2026
Affixation of the provisory seriation list.....	June 25, 2026
Complaints.....	June 25 and 26, 2026
Affixation of the final seriation list.....	June 30, 2026
Enrollment.....	June 30 to July 10, 2026

2nd PHASE (if vacancies are available)

Applications	July 1 to August 28, 2026
Documents Delivery	until August 28, 2026
Affixation of the provisory seriation list.....	September 9, 2026
Complaints.....	September 10 and 11, 2026
Affixation of the final seriation list.....	September 14, 2026
Enrollment.....	September 15 to 21, 2026

3rd PHASE (if vacancies are available)

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

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

OBS: *Applications for a change of institution/course during the academic year may only be accepted on an exceptional basis, for particularly compelling reasons, and provided that conditions exist for the applicants' academic integration.*

VACANCIES

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

DOCUMENTS

1. Application form (<https://candidaturas.esap.pt>);
2. ID Card (for legal purposes);
3. Certificate of the last registration the national or foreign higher education course;
4. Detailed certificate of the completed curricular units, in national or foreign higher education course, with its grades, its curricular year and corresponding ECTS;
5. Official document issued by the origin School which proves that the course is recognized as higher education by the country's legislation (just applicable to students coming from foreign higher education institutions);
6. One of the following documents:
 - i) Approval certificate of the Portuguese higher education national entrance examination(s) corresponding to the access exam(s) determined for access to the course for which they are applying (ENES document);
 - ii) Approval certificate of national final examinations, of the homologous foreign high school disciplines of the entrance exams determined for access to the course for which they are applying;
 - iii) Approval certificate, issued by the origin institution, of the students' entrance through exams destined to evaluate the ability to attend over 23 years old higher education, with information of the syllabus evaluated and the exams grades;
 - iv) Certificate, issued by the origin institution, of the students' entrance under the international students special call, with information about the verification of the said institution's access and entrance conditions.
7. Certificate(s) of syllabus, workload and ECTS credits (if applicable) of the completed curricular units;
8. Origin's course study plan.

Nota:

- Foreign students must submit the required documents, in case it isn't issued in Portuguese, English, French or Spanish, translated by a certified translator and authenticated by the Embassy or Portuguese Consulate of the degree's home country or by Hague's Convention Apostille.
- Documents referred in no. **6** and **7** are only mandatory if the student requires crediting.

PRICE

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

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION

[Ordinance nº 181-D/2015, 19 June](#): Regulates both the Reentrance and the Institution/Course Change regimes, amended by [Ordinance nº 305/2016, 6 December](#).

INFORMATIONS

Reading this webpage doesn't exempt from ESAP's [Reentrance and Institution/Course Change regimes' Regulation](#) and the detailed information provided by [Directorate-General for Higher Education](#).