

## **Standard answers for the MSc programme**

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## **OPENING AND CLOSING SENTENCES**

(Note for the FAQ document user: Below you will find the answers to the questions only. Please add the opening and closing sentences yourself, as appropriate to the message you send.)

Some examples:

'Thank you for your interest in the MSc programmes at the Faculty of Architecture, Urbanism and Building Sciences of TU Delft.'

'Thank you for your message.'

'I hope this answers your question.'

'If you have any other questions, please do not hesitate to contact us again.'

## **QUESTIONS RECEIVED BEFORE A STUDENT HAS APPLIED**

### **Requirements**

#### *1. What are the MSc admission requirements for TU Delft?*

Before you apply to the MSc programme, you should check whether you meet the basic admissions requirements. Please follow this [link](#) for information on our MSc admission requirements.

#### *2. Where can I find more information about the MSc English-language requirements?*

[Here](#) you will find information on the TOEFL internet-based test (the paper-based test is not accepted), IELTS or Cambridge tests. Since TU Delft only processes complete applications, which include English-language certificates, we advise you to register for your English-language test as soon as possible.

Please click [here](#) to see how to provide TU Delft with the proof of English language proficiency

#### *3. My previous education was in English but I am not from one of the countries TU Delft lists as being exempted from submitting the English-language test results. Do I still need to take an English test?*

You will still need to provide a TOEFL iBT, IELTS or Cambridge (CPE, CAE or BEC Higher) certificate. Applications that do not include one of these English-language certificates will not be processed.

#### *4. Is the GRE test required?*

The GRE is [currently](#) only required for the MSc programme in Aerospace Engineering. Applicants for Aerospace Engineering must take the GRE revised [General Test \(institution code: 3823\)](#). Your GRE test scores are an important part of your application and you should strive to submit the best possible scores. We do not set minimum GRE scores that must be achieved to be eligible for admission, but the Aerospace Engineering Department looks for applicants who attain a minimum score of 150 for Verbal reasoning, 160 for Quantitative reasoning and 3,8 for Analytical Writing.

#### *5. I live in Suriname where the TOEFL iBT, IELTS and Cambridge tests are not available. May I take the TOEFL PBT?*

As the TOEFL iBT, IELTS and Cambridge tests are not available in Suriname we allow you to take the TOEFL PBT. The required score is 575 and your TOEFL certificate must reach TU Delft before 1 April (application deadline). Important; to be able to submit your on line application you need

to fill in that you are a national from one of the, from the English language test exempted, countries.

6. *I am not from one of the countries TU Delft lists as being exempted from the English language test but I did my bachelor in one of the countries TU Delft lists as being exempted from the English language test. Do I still need to take an English language test?*

If you obtained a university bachelor's degree in the USA, U.K., Canada, Ireland, Australia or New Zealand you are exempt from the English language test.

7. *I am a Chinese student. I graduated from a university which does not participate in 'Project 211'. Can I be admitted for the MSc programme at TU Delft?*

We regret to inform you that we only admit students who graduated from one of the universities in 'Project 211' or 'Project 985'.

8. *I have completed my BSc studies but my university has not yet issued the degree certificate. However, a provisional degree certificate has been issued. May I use this provisional degree certificate when applying for MSc admission?*

Yes, we accept a provisional degree certificate.

Please note that you should bring your provisional degree certificate or a document from your university stating that you have fulfilled all BSc study requirements including the thesis, when coming to Delft.

If you are not able to provide such a document, you cannot start your studies in Delft.

9. *Is the GMAT test required?*

No, the GMAT is not required. You are not required to send the GMAT test as part of your application to TU Delft.

10. *I have obtained my bachelor's degree. Can I be admitted to TU Delft's MSc programme?*

We are not able to assess your eligibility for admission on your diploma or university name alone. You need to provide us with a complete application for the selection committee to assess. For the admission requirements and application procedure we refer to our [website](#).

## **Application**

1. *How can I apply for an MSc programme?*

Please follow this [link](#) for information on how to apply for one of our MSc programmes.

2. *I was admitted to last year's MSc programme but was not able to attend. How can I re-apply?*

If you wish to be considered for the MSc programme 2016-2018 you need to re-apply. You can do this by filling in and submitting the 2016-2018 [on-line application](#) form. To log into the on-line application, you need to use your existing log-in name and password.

Please note that you need to create a new account in the upload portal and upload a complete set of application documents (including proof of payment of the 2016-2018 application fee). [You need to use a different e-mail account than last year.](#)

The application for the 2017 - 2019 MSc programme will open on 1 October 2016.

We advise you to visit our [website](#) and confirm the [required documents](#) before you apply as changes in the application procedure might occur.

3. *I was denied admission to the last year's MSc programme. How can I re-apply?*

If you wish to be considered for the MSc programme 2016-2018 you need to re-apply. You can do this by filling in and submitting the 2016-2018 [on-line application](#) form. To log into the on-line application, you need to use your existing log-in name and password. Please note that you need to create a new account in the upload portal and upload a complete set of application documents (including proof of payment of the 2016-2018 application fee). [You need to use a different e-mail account than last year.](#)

The application for the 2017 - 2019 MSc programme will open on 1 October 2016.

We advise you to visit our [website](#) and confirm the [required documents](#) before you apply as changes in the application procedure might occur.

4. *What is the MSc application deadline?*

The application deadline for the First Semester (programs that start in September) is 1 April. Please note that this deadline is the last date on which the online application form and the uploaded documents can be submitted. If you need a scholarship, please find more information [here](#).

The application deadline for the Spring Semester (programs that start in February) is 1 October. Please also keep in mind that services (such as visa, help with housing, bank account) can only be offered on a first-paid, first-served basis. The official deadline for receipt of both payment and confirmation statement is 1 July, so the sooner you start, the more opportunities you will have.

5. *I am a Chinese national. Can I apply for admission without the Nuffic certificate?*

Yes you can. The Nuffic certificate is not required when applying for an MSc programme. For the required application documents we refer to our [website](#). However, if you have received notification of admission to TU Delft, this certificate will be necessary to obtain a student visa. For information on the Nuffic certificate please look at this [website](#):

### **General information**

1. *Is it possible to begin an MSc programme in the spring?*

Currently only [three MSc programmes](#) start in the spring semester. For all other MSc programmes, it is only possible to start in September.

2. *Where can I find more detailed information on the study programme / curriculum I am interested in?*

At [www.studyguide.tudelft.nl](http://www.studyguide.tudelft.nl) we provide TU Delft students with all the course information they need. Although specifically designed for students who are already enrolled, we think it will answer your question.

After opening the [online study guide](#), click on the Tab 'Programme' and select the study programme you are interested in from the dropdown menu 'Education' (leave all the other settings as they are!)

The light blue box on the left side will allow you to navigate to the courses related to the programme and its tracks and/or specialisations.

3. *What language are the MSc courses taught in?*

All MSc programmes are taught in English. Our Dutch-speaking MSc students also study in English. It is not necessary to learn the Dutch language to survive in the Netherlands since most people can communicate in English. However, the university does offer some opportunities to learn the Dutch language for those interested. These courses are arranged by the university's [Centre for Languages and Academic Skills](#).

4. *Do I need to learn the Dutch language while doing a MSc?*

It is not necessary to learn the Dutch language to survive in the Netherlands since most people can communicate in English. However, the university does offer some opportunities to learn the Dutch language for those interested. These courses are arranged by the university's [Centre for Languages and Academic Skills](#). All MSc programmes at TU Delft are taught entirely in English.

5. *How does TU Delft guarantee the quality of its study programmes?*

TU Delft is a public university which means that it is (largely) funded by the Dutch government and that its study programmes are accredited and monitored by the Dutch government. TU Delft's position in international rankings is also an indication of the quality that we offer.

6. *How many students are enrolled in TU Delft and how is the student population composed?*

TU Delft has over 20,000 students. Some 12,000 are bachelor students, more than 8,000 are master students and there are over 2,000 PhD students. 33 % of master -students are internationals, whereas close to 70% of all PhDs are internationals.

7. *Do I need to bring a Birth Certificate to Delft?*

TU Delft doesn't require a legalised BC: not to apply for a Visa or Residence Permit (RP) and not for your enrolment. However; you may need a BC in order to collect your Visa or RP from the Dutch Embassy or Dutch Consulate General. This differs per embassy. So we advise you to contact them in advance before picking up your Visa or RP. In some Dutch municipalities however a legalised BC would be required, if you would want to bring a spouse and/or children with you or invite them to visit you. In most cases, municipalities will just ask for your passport or ID when you register.

## **Housing**

1. *Where can I find more information about the accommodation TU Delft may help me with?*

For detailed information about accommodation, we advise you to visit our website [www.international.tudelft.nl](http://www.international.tudelft.nl) and look under Services for international students, Housing.

2. *I am worried about my accommodation in the greater Delft area.*

TU Delft tries to alleviate your worries by offering help. Although student accommodation in and around Delft is not easy to get, TU Delft has made agreements with several housing corporations to have fully furnished housing available for international students.

All rooms are within a 30-minute distance by bike and/or public transport. Both private and shared student units are available. The monthly rent ranges from € 450,00 to € 850,00 per room (inclusive of rent, water, gas, electricity, internet, and taxes).

3. These rooms are allocated on a 'first paid, first served' basis and can only be offered 'until stock lasts'. You can speed up the process by paying all relevant tuition and housing fees AND sending in your confirmation statement as soon as possible after receiving your admission letter. Via the online community DelfTulip you will get regular updates on available housing. *What kinds of accommodation do you offer?*

There are rooms provided by different corporations with private and shared facilities, small ones and large ones, in and around Delft. Rents in The Netherlands are high, and may vary between 450 to 850 euros (all inclusive) per month. All rooms are fully furnished and rented out for one full academic year (from mid August to mid August) only. TU Delft charges a EUR 228,- handling fee for help with accommodation. DelfTulip will give detailed housing information to all newly admitted students.

4. *What does 'shared facilities' mean?*

'Shared facilities' means sharing a bathroom, kitchen, toilet and washing machine, but you will have your own bedroom. Please note that sharing these facilities does not automatically imply cheaper accommodation.

5. *The costs of international student accommodation seems high; what does it include?*

All rooms are furnished (bed, chair, desk) and include curtains and a floor covering. The rent is all-inclusive so you will not have to pay any additional charges. The rent includes the following:

- Gas, water, electricity
- Access to Internet
- Municipal taxes
- Service charges for maintenance and cleaning of communal areas (such as main entrance and hallways)

Compared to the cost of furnished accommodation on the private market in Delft you will find the rates of rooms reserved by TU Delft affordable.

Warning: Please be cautious when looking for your own accommodation. Check the rental conditions carefully, calculate what net rental fee and all possible (tax) added charges and service fees you might have to pay. And if you think it is almost too good to be true it true, you better follow your instinct.

## **Financial Matters**

1. *What does it cost to study at TU Delft?*

Please follow this [link](#) for information on tuition fees and other costs.

2. *Do I need to pay an application fee when applying for MSc admission?*

TU Delft requires an application fee of € 100,- from MSc applicants. You may pay by credit card or by bank transfer. The details for payment of the application fee are provided on our [website](#). Please note that the application fee will be refunded to students who actually enrol at TU Delft. TU Delft does not require an application fee from BSc applicants.



3. *How do I pay the MSc application fee? Can I pay by credit card?*

You may pay the application fee by credit card or by bank transfer. For instructions on how to pay we refer to [our website](#).

4. *I want to apply for an MSc scholarship. Can I submit my application without the English language certificate. Can I send the score later by post or e mail? I really need the scholarship.*

You need to provide a complete application (including a (copy of) the TOEFL IBT, IELTS or Cambridge – CPE, CAE or BEC Higher - certificate). Applications from non-EU/EFTA nationals without an English-language certificate will not be processed.

5. *May I work part-time during my studies?*

Although Dutch law allows foreign students to work part-time while studying, it also stipulates that any income from employment must be 'additional'. In other words, you should be able to finance your studies without working. Non-EU/EFTA nationals may work a maximum of ten hours per week **or** three months full-time during the summer holiday period in June, July and August. They require a work permit which needs to be applied for by the employer. Jobs are generally difficult to find, especially if you do not speak the Dutch language fluently. You should also be aware of the fact that if you work, you will no longer be entitled to a student health insurance (costing approximately €40 per month) but will be required to take out a more expensive employee's health insurance (costing approximately € 85 per month).

6. *Can I apply to become a research assistant or teaching assistant?*

Finding a position as a research or teaching assistant is very rare and cannot be arranged before arriving in Delft. We advise students not to assume that they will find such a position; they should arrange sufficient funds before coming to TU Delft.

7. *I have applied some time ago but the application fee has not been debited from my credit card yet. Is there a problem?*

As TU Delft receives many application fee payments we do not process them on a daily basis but rather in batches. Please note that our office processes **every** application in which a copy of the 'Credit card payment form' is included. So if you have **uploaded** a copy of this form, there is no problem; your credit card will be charged later. If there are specific problems, you will receive an e-mail at a later date.

8. *I have problems transferring the application fee from my country*

For instructions on how to pay we refer to the [website](#). Family or friends abroad may make the payment on your behalf mentioning your name and pre-application number.

9. *I have to postpone my MSc application to next year. Can you refund the application fee or can I use this for next year?*

We regret to inform you that the application fee is non-refundable. If you wish to be considered for next year's MSc programme you need to re-apply and you will need to pay a new application fee.

## Scholarships

1. *Does TU Delft grant any university MSc scholarships?*

TU Delft annually offers scholarships to students with exceptional promise and outstanding academic achievement. These scholarships are awarded by the university, its faculties, departments and industry partners. Only students who have been admitted to their MSc programme can be considered for these scholarships. [More information can be found here.](#)

2. *How can I apply for a TU Delft MSc scholarship?*

TU Delft annually offers scholarships to students with exceptional promise and outstanding academic achievement. These scholarships are awarded by the university, its faculties, departments and industry partners. Only students who have been admitted to their MSc programme can be considered for these scholarships. More information can be found [here.](#)

3. *What are the application deadlines for scholarships?*

All scholarships have their own conditions, procedures and deadlines. As most scholarships require you to have been admitted by TU Delft before starting your scholarship application we advise you to apply for admission as soon as possible. More information can be found [here.](#)

4. *Where can I find information on scholarships?*

Please consult the following websites for information on scholarships:

[Nuffic](#), [Grantfinder](#), [TU Delft](#) and [UAF](#).

You should also look into scholarships offered in your own country.

5. *How can I apply for the IDEA League grant?*

The scholarship application form for Applied Geophysics must be submitted with the regular MSc programme application. For further information on these grants, please visit the IDEA League [website](#).

6. *I am an EU-citizen? Do I also qualify for TU Delft scholarships?*

Several of the university scholarships are also open to EU-students (check [here](#) for more information). Main consideration is the student's talent, not his or her origins.

### **After graduation**

1. *What kind of job opportunities will there be after graduation?*

Our graduates begin their careers in companies in the Netherlands or abroad, start up their own companies or pursue academic careers as PhD researchers. By far the majority of our graduates find jobs relatively quickly after graduation. Although speaking English in the workplace is becoming increasingly common in the Netherlands, especially in large multinationals, you may find it appropriate to learn Dutch during your time at TU Delft to maximise your career opportunities.

2. *I heard about the so called 'Zoekjaar'. What is this exactly and how can I apply?*

You are allowed to stay in The Netherlands for one year after you graduate in order to find a job suitable to your educational background.. This is called the 'Orientation year' ('Zoekjaar' in Dutch). Please check the [Nuffic's website](#) for more information.

3. *Will I be allowed to stay in the Netherlands after graduation?*

You are allowed to stay for one year after you graduate. This is called the 'Orientation year' ('Zoekjaar' in Dutch). You can use that period to find a job suitable to your educational background. Please check [Nuffic's website](#) for more information.

4. *Does TU Delft help students to find a job after graduation? Do you offer any kind of placement services or career counselling?*

TU Delft does not offer a formal placement service, however the [Career Centre](#) offers a range of helpful services, information and training programmes.

5. *Can I legalise my TU Delft diploma and how do I do that?*

The Dienst Uitvoering Onderwijs (DUO), section Diploma-recognition & Legalisation, legalises Dutch educational documents on behalf of the Dutch Ministry of Education, Culture and Science. Information about the Legalisation procedure can be found [here](#).

### **QUESTIONS RECEIVED WHILE A STUDENT IS APPLYING**

1. *Can I submit my MSc application if I do not yet have my Bachelor's degree?*

You may apply for admission even though you do not yet have your degree. Please submit a statement from your university stating that you are on-track to complete your degree requirements before the start of the MSc programme in Delft, and also include a certified copy of your most recent transcript (a list of your courses and grades) as well as a certified translation.

2. *Can I submit my MSc application if I do not yet have the result of my English-language test?*

- Non-EU/EFTA nationals must upload all required application documents before April 1<sup>st</sup>, including their proof of English language proficiency.
- For EU/EFTA nationals, our advice is to upload the proof of English language proficiency before April 1<sup>st</sup>, in order to make sure that your enrolment and access to services can be arranged on time. In case you cannot provide the proof of English language proficiency before April 1<sup>st</sup>, you may upload it until 1 July, provided that all other required application documents are uploaded before the application deadline of 1 April.

3. *Can I upload a copy of my English test results or do you need the original certificate?*

Please click [here](#) to see how to provide us with your proof of English language proficiency.

4. *How long are the results of my English test valid for TU Delft?*

Only language certificates obtained no more than two years before the application deadline (1 April) are accepted.

5. *My CGPA is slightly lower than TU Delft's requirement. Can I still apply?*

Your CGPA should meet our MSc admission requirement.

As your CGPA does not meet the requirement, it is very unlikely that you will be accepted in case you apply for one of our MSc programmes.

6. *I created an account in the online application form, but entered the wrong e-mail address. What should I do?*

To avoid confusion caused by multiple accounts; do not create a new account but send an email to [internationaloffice@tudelft.nl](mailto:internationaloffice@tudelft.nl) with the correct email address. We will make sure the correct email address is put into the system.

7. *I created an account in the online application form, but entered the wrong surname, wrong initials and/or wrong date of birth and now I can't change them anymore. What should I do?*

The fields Surname, Initials and Date of birth cannot be changed by the applicant after creating the account. Please do not create a new account; we will make the necessary changes once we start reviewing your uploaded documents.

8. *I am not able to submit my application (error message: 'Your application is incomplete. Please fill in all obligatory fields before submitting your online application').*

The online application has not been filled in completely. Information is missing on the page that doesn't have a green tick in the navigational frame on the left of the application form.

9. *Is a specific format required for the MSc recommendation letters?*

There is no specific format for the MSc recommendation letters. We request you to provide two recommendation letters; one from a professor or an assistant professor from the faculty from which you graduated and one from your employer, if you already have work experience. If you have not yet graduated or don't have work experience, please provide two letters from professors or assistant professors from the faculty at which you are studying.

10. *Can my professor(s)/employer send the MSc recommendation letter(s) directly to TU Delft?*

The recommendation letters need to be signed by your referees, but scanned and uploaded by yourself on My Upload. If your referee is hesitant to provide you with the letter, please ask him/her to contact us at [internationaloffice@tudelft.nl](mailto:internationaloffice@tudelft.nl).

11. *Can I apply for more than one BSc or MSc programme?*

Unfortunately you can't. Students may only apply for one BSc / MSc programme per year.

12. *You require a clear and relevant essay in which a brief summary of the thesis or the final BSc assignment is provided. I haven't done my thesis / final assignment yet. What should I write about?*

Please explain in your essay that you have not yet completed your thesis or final assignment. Instead describe what your final assignment or thesis will be about, what exactly you will be researching and how you will conduct your research, why you have chosen this topic, and what you are expecting to find.

13. *I do not have a passport. Do you accept a copy of my ID card?*

If you cannot upload a copy of your passport at the time of your application, you may alternatively upload a certified copy of your Identity card as well as an official English translation of this document. Non EU/EFTA nationals requiring a visa must make sure TU Delft receives a copy of their passport before 1 June. You can email the copy of your passport to [internationaloffice@tudelft.nl](mailto:internationaloffice@tudelft.nl), with reference to your MSc application number.

14. *Do you accept the English proficiency certificate of the University of Michigan (or any other certificate other than TOEFL IBT, IELTS or Cambridge?)*

We regret to inform you that we do not accept English proficiency certificates other than the TOEFL iBT, IELTS or Cambridge (CPE, CAE or BEC Higher) certificate.

15. *What are certified copies? How can I certify documents?*

Certified copies are copies with an official stamp to verify that these are true copies of original documents. This official stamp may be from one of the following:

- a solicitor/notary
- the educational institution from which you obtained the degree(s)
- an embassy
- the local council/local authority/local government office.

Certified translations may, alternatively, bear the original logo and the original stamp of the sworn translator who made the translation.

16. *Can I send in my MSc application a few days after the deadline?*

Since we receive thousands of applications, we must be very strict about deadlines. If all required application documents are not submitted by April 1, your application will not be processed.

17. *How can I check the status of my MSc application?*

You may check the status of your application by logging into the [online application](#) system.

18. *When can I expect to receive my MSc admissions decision?*

For information on the evaluation timeline, please consult our [website](#).

19. *I read on your web site that if a student meets the admissions requirements, he will be considered for the programme until the admission capacity has been reached. What does this exactly mean?*

In recent years and especially last year, the number of students in some MSc programmes at TU Delft has increased considerably. In order to maintain the high quality of our education and research, there might be a limit to the number of students in some of the MSc programmes this year.

We will closely monitor the number of applications and the number of admitted students. We advise you to check our [website](#) regularly.

#### **QUESTIONS RECEIVED AFTER ADMISSION**

1. *I was admitted to the MSc programme, but could not make it this year. How long will my admission be valid and can I defer my admission?*

We are sorry you could not accept your admission to our Master's programme

If you wish to be considered for the MSc programme 2016-2018 you need to re-apply. You can do this by filling in and submitting the 2016-2018 [on-line application](#) form. To log into the on-line application, you need to use your existing log-in name and password.

Please note that you need to create a new account in the upload portal and upload a complete set of application documents (including proof of payment of the 2016-2018 application fee). [You need to use a different e-mail account than last year.](#)

The application for the 2017 - 2019 MSc programme will open on 1 October 2016.

We advise you to visit our [website](#) and confirm the [required documents](#) before you apply as changes in the application procedure might occur.

*2. Why do I need to open a bank account through TU Delft?*

You are required to have a bank account with IBAN/ SEPAN number, because TU Delft and other organisations such as housing corporation DUWO need such bank account for your transactions. If you do not have a bank account with IBAN/SEPA number, TU Delft will assist you to open a bank account with ABN AMRO during the Registration Days of the Introduction Programme.

*3. Why is health insurance obligatory?*

All students are obliged to have sufficient medical insurance before they come to the Netherlands. This means that medical expenses should be covered up until **cost price** in the Netherlands. In addition to coverage for medical expenses, TU Delft requires you to have insurance for personal liability, also called third party insurance for private individuals. In general your insurance needs to start on the day you leave your home country.

Which health insurance you need depends on several things; where you come from (EU/ Non-EU), how long you are going to stay, if you are getting a part time job or paid internship. Please note that the cost price of medical expenses in the Netherlands may be much higher than what you are used to.

*4. When will my visa be ready?*

We will apply for your visa after we have received your Confirmation Statement and full payment. It normally takes four weeks before you receive notification that your visa is ready. We strongly advise you not to book a flight before having picked up your visa, especially if extra costs will be involved in changing or cancelling your flight.

*5. I heard that students who have a residence permit are obliged to obtain at least 30 ECTS per academic year. Is that true?*

Students who, at the end of the academic year, do not obtain at least 50% of the nominal ECTS credits annually (50%= 30ECTS in case of a full-time study program) need to be reported to the Immigration Services (IND). In case you do not obtain 50% of your nominal study points, contact your academic counsellor immediately. If the IND then withdraws the study visa, the student cannot prolong his/her study at TU Delft.

*6. Can I be exempted for MSc courses I have already taken elsewhere (credit transfer)?*

First you will have to follow the MSc application procedure. If you are admitted you can apply for exemption with our examination board, after your arrival in Delft. You can only apply for exemption from courses that were taught on a Master level. The Examinations Board will decide whether exemptions can be granted. Your TU Delft course coordinator can inform you about the procedure once you have arrived in Delft.

*7. As a non-EU/EFTA student, can I interrupt my studies in Delft temporarily?*

As a NON-EU/EFTA student you may interrupt your studies and return to Delft later on. However, you should be aware of the consequences.

If and when you un-enrol from the university, the following rules apply:

- TU Delft will report to the IND that you are no longer a student and you are obliged to leave the country as soon as possible.
- You are no longer entitled to any kind of study facilities or academic guidance from TU Delft.\*
- Your (student) health insurance will no longer be valid.
- If you are renting accommodation arranged through TU Delft you have a 'one month notice' concerning your housing contract which means that you will have to pay one month extra rent.
- If applicable restitution of the tuition fee will be made for the calendar months commencing with the first month that follows the month in which you request for un-enrolment. Calculated from the moment of termination of the enrolment, 1/12th of the tuition or examination fees will be refunded for each remaining month. Starting in the 2016/2017 academic year you will not be entitled to a refund if you terminate your enrolment as of 1 July or 1 August. For the 2015/2016 academic year a transitional arrangement has been put in place, meaning you will still be entitled to a monthly proportional refund even if you terminate your enrolment as of 1 July or 1 August 2016.

If you decide to cancel/interrupt your studies, you will need to take the following steps before leaving:

- make an appointment with the academic student counsellor at your faculty to discuss whether an interruption would cause any extra delays in your studies.
- Un-enrol through your Studielink account ([www.studielink.nl](http://www.studielink.nl)).

When you want to re-enroll, please send an email to [internationaloffice@tudelft.nl](mailto:internationaloffice@tudelft.nl) about your return. Please note:

- In order to arrange a (new) visa you need to pay tuition fee and living expenses to TU Delft.
- you can resume your studies at TU Delft at the beginning of the first semester (first week of September). Resuming your studies per 1 February is sometimes possible; the faculty should agree on this.
- upon returning to TU Delft, students who have interrupted their studies are no longer entitled to accommodation arranged through TU Delft.

\* Please note that a penalty system is in place for former students who continue to use any kind of TU Delft facilities or academic guidance after having un-enrolled.

8. *As a European student, can I interrupt my studies in Delft temporarily?*

As a European student you may interrupt your studies and return to Delft later on. However, you should be aware of the consequences.

If and when you un-enrol from the university, the following rules apply:

- You are no longer entitled to any kind of study facilities or academic guidance from TU Delft.\*
- If you are renting accommodation arranged through TU Delft you have a 'one month notice' concerning your housing contract which means that you will have to pay one month extra rent.
- If applicable restitution of the tuition fee will be made for the calendar months commencing with the first month that follows the month in which you request for un-enrolment. Calculated from the moment of termination of the enrolment, 1/12th of the tuition or examination fees will be refunded for each remaining month. Starting in the 2016/2017 academic year you will not be entitled to a refund if you terminate your enrolment as of 1 July or 1 August. For the 2015/2016 academic year a transitional arrangement has been put in place, meaning you will still be entitled to a monthly proportional refund even if you terminate your enrolment as of 1 July or 1 August 2016.

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- you can resume your studies at TU Delft at the beginning of the first semester (first week of September). Resuming your studies per 1 February is sometimes possible; the faculty should agree on this.

9. upon returning to TU Delft, students who have interrupted their studies are no longer entitled to accommodation arranged through TU Delft.

\* Please note that a penalty system is in place for former students who continue to use any kind of TU Delft facilities or academic guidance after having un-enrolled. *I am a Chinese national. When do I need to apply for a Nuffic certificate (formerly known as the NESO certificate)?*

We recommend that you apply for the Nuffic Certificate (formerly known as the NESO certificate) at least four months prior to your planned departure for the Netherlands. The average processing time is four weeks, but it may take up to two months. Keep in mind that holiday periods and national holidays may extend the processing time. Read more at [Nuffic's web site](#). Please note that the Nuffic certificate is not required when applying for admission to TU Delft.



### **Bringing a partner**

1. *Can my spouse work while in the Netherlands?*

This depends on the situation. Please contact the [Dutch immigration and naturalisation](#) service.

2. *Can TU Delft apply for a visa for my partner (or other relatives)?*

We regret to inform you that TU Delft does not apply for visas for students' family members. Nor do we provide accommodation for family members. We are only able to provide accommodation for TU Delft students.

Once in the Netherlands, you can apply for a visa for your partner yourself. You will need to provide proof to the Dutch immigration authorities (IND) that you have a monthly income that is sufficient to cover the living expenses of both you and your partner. Please consult the [Dutch immigration and naturalisation](#) service for the exact amounts. The IND will only issue a visa for your partner if you have appropriate accommodation. Please note that a one-room apartment provided by TU Delft is not considered appropriate accommodation. Please also note that it can be difficult to find appropriate and affordable accommodation in Delft.