Professional Higher Education Admission Rules for the 2026/2027 Academic Year

1. General Provisions

1.1. The Estonian Aviation Academy (EAVA, hereinafter also "Academy") Admission Rules regulate the admission of student candidates (hereinafter "applicant") to the professional higher education study programmes in the 2026/2027 academic year.

1.2. Admission is organised by the admission board approved by the Rector's directive.

1.3. The number of students admitted per study programme is established by the Council of the Academy based on the Minister of Education and Research directive on the allocation of activity support, and the training needs and resources of the Academy.

1.4. Admission is based on a ranking list formed on the basis of points scored at the admission competition. The maximum number of competition points is 100. For the results of national examinations and each entrance examination, the maximum number of competition points is assigned.

1.5. To apply for a study place at the Academy, an applicant must: 1.5.1. have secondary education or equivalent foreign qualifications; 1.5.2. submit an admission application within the prescribed time limit;

  1.5.1. submit supplementary documents if required to certify compliance with admission requirements;

  1.5.2. meet the language proficiency requirements;

  1.5.3. meet the admission requirements (described in annexes to these rules).

1.6. An applicant must be able to pass a background check. When submitting an application, the applicant confirms that there are no circumstances with regard to them that impede passing the background check described in § 469 of the Republic of Estonia Aviation Act.

1.7. All issues not regulated in these rules are resolved by the admission board.

1.8. Any amendments and supplements to the admission rules may be made by the EAVA Council.

2. Submission of documents

2.1. Within the period specified in the admission timeframe, applicants applying for Estonian-taught curricula submit an application through the Study Admission Information System (SAIS), and for English-taught curricula through the admission system for international students (DreamApply).

2.2. An applicant may submit an application for up to two competitions of Estonian-taught curricula and up to two competitions of English-taught curricula. An applicant can accept an admission offer for only one study programme.

2.3. All documents submitted are to be in Estonian or English. To the documents that are not in Estonian or English, an applicant adds, where necessary, a translation into Estonian or English certified by the issuing institution, a sworn translator, or notary.

2.4. A document certifying secondary education issued in a foreign state must be supplemented by the evaluation of the Estonian ENIC/NARIC.

2.5. When necessary, an applicant submits a document certifying the change of name, or a certified copy of such document.

2.6. For the purpose of meeting the admission requirements, the Academy converts, where necessary, the scores of the mathematics examination taken in a foreign state, the IB (International Baccalaureate) and EB (European Baccalaureate) mathematics examinations.

2.7. Applicants applying to Estonian-taught curricula have to prove their proficiency in Estonian at least at level B2. Level B2 proficiency in Estonian is proven by:

  2.7.1. basic, secondary, vocational or higher education acquired in Estonian;

  2.7.2. a certificate of Estonian language proficiency at level B2 or C1, or the result of the national examination in Estonian as a second language at least at level B2;

2.7.3. the result of the final exam in the Estonian language within the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IB) or the European Baccalaureate programme of the upper secondary cycle of the European School (EB).

2.8. The Admissions Committee may also consider the results of an Estonian language B2 level test taken within the admission process of Estonian higher education institutions.

2.9. If an applicant has submitted false and/or outdated personal or contact details, the admission board is not responsible for the provision of information.

3. Entrance examinations

3.1. Entrance examinations are:

3.1.1. an interview – a conversation with the board members on topics listed in clause 3.2. The interview may be conducted in English;

3.1.2. professional aptitude tests – online personality questionnaires for assessing the suitability of a person, personal data form, and written aptitude tests;

3.1.3. theoretical tests – online tests for assessing the applicant's knowledge and skills in mathematics, physics, logics, and using spreadsheet software (MS Excel);

3.1.4. First European Air Traffic Controller Selection Test (FEAST) – an English-language web-based aptitude test consisting of two parts (FEAST I and FEAST II);

3.1.5. medical fitness examination – applicants for the Aircraft Piloting and Air Traffic Services study programmes undergo the health checks described in § 241 of the Republic of Estonia Aviation Act.

3.2. The interview covers the following topics:

3.2.1. knowledge related to the speciality chosen;

3.2.2. organisation and content of academic speciality studies;

3.2.3. correspondence of the applicant's motivation with the aims and requirements of the study programme;

3.2.4. prior learning and work experience;

3.2.5. analysing postulated situations and solving tasks.

3.3. Entrance examinations can be taken within the timeframes specified in the annexes.

3.4. Applicants applying for more than one study programme pass the entrance examinations required for respective programmes within the timeframes described in the annexes.

3.5. The admission board has a right to exclude from the subsequent competition any applicants who have not followed the timeframes described in the annexes.

3.6. The admission board has a right to exclude from the entrance examinations any applicants who fail to abide by the organisation of work.

3.7. Each applicant may take entrance examinations only once per calendar year. The FEAST tests can be taken only one time and if the applicant applies again the following year(s), the result achieved earlier is taken into account.

3.8. The threshold is the minimum score received for compliance with the admission requirements of the curriculum ensuring that the applicant can continue the competition.

4. Filling student places

4.1. The Academy admits applicants who meet all the admission requirements of the respective curriculum and whose place in the ranking list is within the number of student places.

4.2. The Academy informs admitted applicants of the decision on admission within the timeframes specified in the annexes.

4.3. Admitted applicants are required to accept or reject the offer of admission through SAIS or DreamApply or by sending an email to vastuvott@eava.ee within the timeframes specified in the annexes.

4.4. Failure to notify within the given period is considered a renouncement of the student place. In this case, the vacant student place is offered to the next applicant in the ranking list.

4.5. When submitting applications to the Academy, the applicants indicate whether they wish to study part-time or full-time, except for the study programmes where only full-time study is possible.

4.6. Students who, without valid reasons, fail to appear for the studies within two weeks after the

start of studies and have not confirmed their declaration of subjects in the Study Information System are deleted from the matriculation register. The vacant student place may be offered to the next applicant in the ranking list of the same year.

4.7. Applicants who do not agree with the results of the admission competition may submit a written appeal to the chair of the admission board within 3 (three) working days after announcing the contested decision. The chair along with the members of the admission board resolve the appeal at the earliest opportunity, but not later than within 5 (five) working days, and the reply to the appeal is communicated to the applicant.

4.8. The Academy may revoke the decision on admission to the Academy if it becomes apparent that the applicant's prior education does not enable them access to studies at the desired level of higher education or the applicant has submitted forged documents or false information.

4.9. The Academy is not liable for any possible patrimonial or non-patrimonial damage that may arise from the revocation of the admission decision or from the decision not to open a study group/programme.

4.10. The details of the applicants are automatically archived by SAIS when two months have passed from the due date for performing the applicant's operations.

4.11. Based on the decision of the admission board, the applicant is matriculated by the Rector's directive on 22 August 2026 at latest.

ANNEX 1. Admission requirements and timeframes for the Aeronautical Engineering (IKT/TECH)[1] curriculum

ADMISSION REQUIREMENT/ENTRANCE EXAMINATION	DESCRIPTION AND TIMEFRAME	GRADING
Proficiency in the language of instruction	Estonian language proficiency at least at level B2 according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages.	**Eligible/Non-eligible** Applicants with a lower language proficiency level are excluded from the competition of the curriculum.
English language proficiency	English language proficiency at least at level B2 according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages certified by: ● the result of the national examination in English corresponding at least to level B1; ● at least 50 points scored in the national examination in English taken before 2014; ● the result of an international language test corresponding to at least level B1 (see Riigi Teataja § 27 (15)); ● Aviation English proficiency at least at level 4 (ICAO)	**Eligible/Non-eligible** Applicants with a lower language proficiency level are excluded from the competition of the curriculum.
National examination in exact sciences	National examination in narrow or extensive mathematics, or national examination in mathematics or physics taken before 2014. To the score of the national examination in mathematics, and mathematics or physics taken before 2014, 16 points are added.	**Up to 25 points**, calculated by multiplying the score of the national examination in exact sciences by 25 and dividing the result by 100, with the threshold value of 10 competition points.
SUBMITTING APPLICATIONS	**From 4 May to 28 June 2026**	
Interview	**From 1 to 3 July 2026** The interview is conducted online. Based on the general ranking list, up to 100 applicants are invited to the interview. Instructions for the participation in the interview are sent to the applicants via email to the address indicated in their application.	**Up to 75 points,** with the threshold value of 40 points. Applicants whose score remains below the interview threshold are excluded from the competition of the curriculum.
Admission board decision on admitted applicants	16 July 2026 at latest	
Accepting or rejecting admission offers in SAIS	**19 July 2026** When a vacant student place is offered later, the applicant is to accept the offer within two days. Failure to notify within the given period is considered a renouncement of the student place. In this case, the vacant student place is offered to the next applicant in the ranking list.	

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[1] The Aeronautical Engineering (IKT/TECH) curriculum consists of two majors: Aviation Information and Telecommunication Technology (IKT), and Aircraft Engineering (TECH).

ANNEX 2. Admission requirements and timeframes for the Aviation Management (AM) curriculum

ADMISSION REQUIREMENT/ENTRANCE EXAMINATION	DESCRIPTION AND TIMEFRAME	GRADING
Proficiency in the language of instruction	Estonian language proficiency at least at level B2 according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages.	**Eligible/Non-eligible** Applicants with a lower language proficiency level are excluded from the competition of the curriculum.
English language proficiency	English language proficiency at least at level B2 according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages certified by: ● the result of the national examination in English corresponding at least to level B2; ● at least 75 points scored in the national examination in English taken before 2014; ● the result of an international language test corresponding to at least level B2 (see Riigi Teataja § 27 (15)); ● Aviation English proficiency at least at level 4 (ICAO)	**Eligible/Non-eligible** Applicants with a lower language proficiency level are excluded from the competition of the curriculum.
National examination in exact sciences	National examination in narrow or extensive mathematics, or national examination in mathematics or physics taken before 2014. To the score of the national examination in mathematics, and mathematics or physics taken before 2014, 16 points are added.	**Up to 25 points,** calculated by multiplying the score of the national examination in exact sciences by 25 and dividing the result by 100.
SUBMITTING APPLICATIONS	**From 4 May to 28 June 2026**	
Interview	**From 1 to 3 July 2026** The interview is conducted online. Based on the general ranking list, up to 50 applicants are invited to the interview. Instructions for the participation in the interview are sent to the applicants via email to the address indicated in their application.	**Up to 75 points,** with the threshold value of 45 points. Applicants whose score remains below the interview threshold are excluded from the competition of the curriculum.
Admission board decision on admitted applicants	16 July 2026 at latest	
Accepting or rejecting admission offers in SAIS	**19 July 2026** When a vacant student place is offered later, the applicant is to accept the offer within two days. Failure to notify within the given period is considered a renouncement of the student place. In this case, the vacant student place is offered to the next applicant in the ranking list.	

ANNEX 3. Admission requirements and timeframes for the Aircraft Piloting (PIL) curriculum

ADMISSION REQUIREMENT/ENTRANCE EXAMINATION	DESCRIPTION AND TIMEFRAME	GRADING
Proficiency in the language of instruction	Estonian language proficiency at least at level B2 according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages.	**Eligible/Non-eligible** Applicants with a lower language proficiency level are excluded from the competition of the curriculum.
English language proficiency	English language proficiency at least at level B2 according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages certified by: ● the result of the national examination in English corresponding at least to level B2; ● at least 75 points scored in the national examination in English taken before 2014; ● the result of an international language test corresponding to at least level B2 (see Riigi Teataja § 27 (15)); ● Aviation English proficiency at least at level 4 (ICAO)	**Eligible/Non-eligible** Applicants with a lower language proficiency level are excluded from the competition of the curriculum.
National examination in exact sciences	National examination in extensive mathematics, or national examination in mathematics or physics taken before 2014.	**Up to 30 points**, calculated by multiplying the score of the national examination in exact sciences by 30 and dividing the result by 100, with the threshold value of 19.5 competition points.
SUBMITTING APPLICATIONS	**From 4 May to 28 June 2026**	
Written aptitude tests Written aptitude tests are used to evaluate the applicants' psychological ability and personality traits.	**27 May 2026 or 30 June 2026 or 1 July 2026 or 2 July 2026** Location: Estonian Aviation Academy study centre Based on the result of the national examination in exact sciences, applicants who have completed the questionnaires for evaluating personality traits by the set date and earned more than the threshold value of 19.5 points in their national examination in exact sciences are invited to take the tests.	**Up to 30 points**
Results of written aptitude tests	**3 July 2026 at latest** Based on the results of national examinations and professional aptitude tests, a preliminary selection of applicants is made, and based on the ranking list, up to 25 applicants are invited to the interview.	
Filling in online personality questionnaires	At least two calendar days before the interview date.	Candidates who fail to complete the online questionnaire by the deadline will be excluded from the admissions competition for the programme.
Interview	**7 July 2026 or 8 July 2026 or 9 July 2026** Location: Estonian Aviation Academy study centre	

ADMISSION REQUIREMENT/ENTRANCE EXAMINATION	DESCRIPTION AND TIMEFRAME	GRADING
The board has a right to ask the applicants invited to the interview complete additional tasks.	If the admission board has additional questions, they have a right to invite an applicant to a supplementary web-based follow-up interview.	**Up to 40 points,** with the threshold value of 16 points. Applicants whose score remains below the interview threshold are excluded from the competition of the curriculum.
Interview results	10 July 2026 at latest Based on the ranking list, up to 13 applicants are permitted to the medical fitness examination.	
Medical fitness examination Health checks described in § 24 [1] of the Aviation Act (incl. interview with a clinical psychologist).	**13 July 2026 or 14 July 2026** Location: Tallinn	**Eligible/Non-eligible** Non-eligible applicants are excluded from the competition of the curriculum.
Decision of admission board	16 July 2026 at latest	
Accepting or rejecting admission offers	**19 July 2026** When a vacant student place is offered later, the applicant is to accept the offer within two days. Failure to notify within the given period is considered a renouncement of the student place. In this case, the vacant student place is offered to the next applicant in the ranking list.	

ANNEX 4. Admission requirements and timeframes for the Air Traffic Services (ATS) curriculum

ADMISSION REQUIREMENT/ENTRANCE EXAMINATION	DESCRIPTION	GRADING
Proficiency in the language of instruction	Estonian language proficiency at least at level B2 according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages.	**Eligible/Non-eligible** Applicants with a lower language proficiency level are excluded from the competition of the curriculum.
English language proficiency	English language proficiency at least at level B2 according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages certified by: • the result of the national examination in English corresponding at least to level B2; • at least 75 points scored in the national examination in English taken before 2014; • the result of an international language test corresponding to at least level B2 (see Riigi Teataja § 27 (15)); • Aviation English proficiency at least at level 4 (ICAO)	**Eligible/Non-eligible** Applicants with a lower language proficiency level are excluded from the competition of the curriculum.
SUBMITTING APPLICATIONS	**From 4 May to 28 June 2026**	
Computer-based test FEAST (First European Air Traffic Controller Selection Test) I Skills and abilities to be measured: decision-making, logical reasoning, visual perception, attention, multi-tasking and spatial orientation, English language proficiency.	**26 May 2026 or 18 June 2026 or 29 June 2026 or 30 June 2026** Location: Estonian Aviation Academy	**Up to 25 points**
FEAST I results	1 July 2026 Based on the ranking list, up to 40 applicants are invited to take the next computer-based aptitude test FEAST II	
Filling in online personality questionnaires	At least two calendar days before the interview date.	Candidates who fail to complete the online questionnaire by the deadline will be excluded from the admissions competition for the programme.
Computer-based aptitude test FEAST II Work sample test in a simplified air traffic control radar environment. Guiding aircraft and maintaining separation requirements, observing and processing audio messages.	**3 July 2026 or 6 July 2026** Location: Estonian Aviation Academy	**Up to 35 points**
FEAST II results	7 July 2026 Based on the ranking list, up to 24 applicants are invited to the next test.	
Interview	**9 July 2026 or 10 July 2026**	**Interview up to 40 points, with the threshold value of 25 points.**
Interview results	11 July 2026 at latest	Applicants whose score remains below the interview threshold are excluded from the competition of the curriculum.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENT/ENTRANCE EXAMINATION	DESCRIPTION	GRADING
Medical fitness examination Health checks described in § 24^1 of the Aviation Act	**15 July 2026** Location: Tallinn Up to 6 applicants assessed as suitable for the Air Traffic Controller major undergo the medical fitness examination.	
Decision of admission board	16 July 2026 at latest	
Accepting or rejecting admission offers	**19 July 2026** When a vacant student place is offered later, the applicant is to accept the offer within two days. Failure to notify within the given period is considered a renouncement of the student place. In this case, the vacant student place is offered to the next applicant in the ranking list.	

ANNEX 5. Admission requirements and timeframes for the Commercial Air Transport Pilot (CATP) curriculum

ADMISSION REQUIREMENT/ENTRANCE EXAMINATION	DESCRIPTION	GRADING
Proficiency in the language of instruction	English language proficiency at least at level B2 according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages.	**Eligible/Non-eligible** Applicants with a lower language proficiency level are excluded from the competition of the curriculum.
Medical fitness	The applicant certifies a valid EASA Class 1 medical examination in accordance with Commission Regulation (EU) No. 1178/2011, or completion of pilot training[2].	**Eligible/Non-eligible**
SUBMITTING APPLICATIONS	**From 5 January 2026 to 17 May 2026**	
Supplementary documents submitted with the application	- Documents certifying secondary education or equivalent qualification - Copy of identity document - Document certifying English language proficiency at least at level B2 according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages[3]: - Result of the Estonian national examination in English corresponding at least to level B2; - At least 75 points achieved in the Estonian national examination in English taken before 2014; - TOEFL iBT score at least 75; - IELTS Academic (International English Language Testing Service) score at least 5.5 in each band; - Cambridge tests B2 First (FCE), C1 Advanced (CAE) and C2 Proficiency (CPE), score at least 169; - Pearson Test of English (PTE) Academic and Academic online, score at least 59; - Aviation English proficiency at least at level 4 (ICAO);	
Fee for processing admission documents 50 € (including VAT)	The applicant is to pay a fee of 50 euros (incl. VAT) per person for processing admission documents. Information needed to pay the processing fee is sent to the email address indicated in the application. The fee is to be paid by the due date indicated on the invoice. The fee for processing admission documents is non-refundable, except in cases where an applicant has accepted an admission offer but no study group is formed for a given curriculum.	
Theoretical test (online)	**From 3 February 2026 to 25 May 2026** Instructions for taking the theoretical test are sent to the applicants via email to the address indicated in their application.	**Pass / fail** Applicants whose score remains below the theoretical test threshold of 50% are excluded from the competition of the curriculum.
Aptitude tests (online)	**From 3 February 2026 to 25 May 2026**	**Up to 50 points**

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[2] The applicant holds a CPL(A) or CPL(H) pilot licence with a note on ATPL theoretical knowledge, or an ATPL(A) or ATPL(H) pilot licence issued in accordance with Commission Regulation (EU) No. 1178/2011; or The applicant holds a CPL(A) or CPL(H) pilot licence with a note on ATPL theoretical knowledge, or an ATPL(A) or ATPL(H) pilot licence issued in accordance with ICAO standards; or 3.   The applicant holds training documents certifying that the applicant has passed a CPL(A) or CPL(H) training course with ATPL theoretical knowledge.

[3] Exemptions for proving English language proficiency are described in Annex 6.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENT/ENTRANCE EXAMINATION	DESCRIPTION	GRADING
Written aptitude tests are used to evaluate the applicants' psychological ability and personality traits.	Instructions for taking the aptitude tests are sent via email to the address indicated in their application. Applicants who prove that they have passed pilot training are not required to take aptitude tests and receive automatically 50 competition points for the aptitude test.	
Interview	**From 27 April 2026 to 8 May 2026, from 27 May 2026 to 29 May 2026** The interview is conducted online. Instructions for the participation in the interview are sent to the applicants via email to the address indicated in their application.	**Up to 50 points,** with the threshold value of 25 points Applicants whose score remains below the interview threshold are excluded from the competition of the curriculum.
Decision of admission board	**1 June 2026 at latest**	
Accepting or rejecting admission offers	**12 June 2026** If a vacant student place is offered later, the applicant is to accept the offer within five days. Failure to notify within the given period is considered a renouncement of the student place. In this case, the vacant student place is offered to the next applicant in the ranking list.	
Signing study contracts	**From 1 June 2026 to 19 June 2026**	
Matriculation of admitted applicants	22 August 2026 at latest	

Annex 6. English language proficiency exemptions

The English language proficiency requirement may be waived if an applicant meets one of the following criteria:

1. has acquired secondary education in English in one of the following countries: any of the U/EEA member states, UK, USA, Canada, Australia, or New Zealand. If the applicant has studied in an offshore campus of any of the above countries, a recognised English proficiency certificate is still required;
2. has studied in English (with English as medium of instruction) in full-time student status for at least one academic year at a higher education institution in one of the following countries: UK, USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, or any of the EU/EEA member states. The transcript of records must include information that the applicant was enrolled in the programme taught in English. If the applicant has studied in an offshore campus of any of the above countries, a recognised English proficiency certificate is still required;
3. has completed the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IB DP) or European Baccalaureate (EB) Diploma Programme in English;
4. holds a Cambridge general certificate of education (GCE or IGCSE).